



All change! Well, not quite...

Train services from Mottisfont & Dunbridge Station will be re-timed later this month.

From 23rd May most Monday to Saturday services to Romsey and Southampton Central will call at Mottisfont & Dunbridge at 14 minutes past the hour instead of the current times. Check the timetable included with this edition of the Acorn for full details.

South West Trains are making the changes to reduce the time trains stand idle at Southampton Central. Services to Salisbury remain unaffected by the changes and will still call at Mottisfont & Dunbridge at times printed in the current timetable.

New passenger information points are now operating at Mottisfont & Dunbridge Station and by the time you read this, digital passenger information screens should be up and running at Romsey Station.

Decorators have also given our station a fresh lick of paint.

Andy Simmonds - Three Rivers Community Rail Partnership volunteer

Village Hall Car Park Re-surfacing

After a long time in the planning, the re-surfacing of the car park and access road at the village hall has recently been completed.

All that remains is for grass to grow up to the new smart edges!



SMALL ADS

◆ **Required:** someone to mow lawns weekly throughout summer, in Mottisfont. Takes approx. 1 hour. Hourly rate £10, suit student? Phone 341905 or mobile 07545 139153.

Village Supper at the Hall

Friday, 13th May, 7.30pm for 8pm

Come and spend an evening with neighbours and friends and enjoy a 3-course meal followed by tea/coffee.



£12 per person – Please bring your own wine.

Choose from:

Broccoli and Stilton Soup
Prawn Cocktail



Chicken with a White Wine and Mushroom Sauce
Roast Beef with all the Trimmings
Caramelised Cheese & Onion Tartlets

all served with a selection of vegetables



Raspberry Pavlova
Austrian Coffee Cake
Sticky Toffee Pudding

To book contact Margaret on 341922
(Payment when booking please)

Last day for bookings: 9th May

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Highways

A number of potholes in the parish reported to Hampshire County Council have been repaired. Please continue to report any new holes to HCC on their website.

Hedge cutting along Hatt Hill and Millennium Walk has been done, and we have contacted TVBC to clear the cuttings again which are still falling onto the pathway.

We have reported the Kimbridge Crossing again to Network Rail and HCC; the parish council agree with the complaints received from parishioners that the repair completed last year has still left the crossing with a dangerously high bump in the middle of the track.

National Trust

The new art gallery at the Abbey opened on 16th April.

A number of ash trees are to be felled over the next few weeks and a diseased beech tree has been felled.

A site next to the visitor car park is being considered for the new visitor facilities. As this is on the flood plain, the building would need to be on stilts. Architects are drawing up preliminary plans, and newt and water vole activity is being monitored. The village will be consulted further at the pre-application stage.

Date of the next meeting: 18th May at 7.30pm

Sue Holder, Clerk, 340130

Rural Policing Event, Sparsholt College, Winchester

Friday, 6th May, 12 – 8pm

Come and find out how you can influence the future of rural policing in Hampshire.

Representatives from the Hampshire Constabulary Country Watch teams, and local and national rural organisations and businesses, will be available to provide information and advice relating to rural policing and crime prevention. There is also an opportunity to hear Hampshire Constabulary Assistant Chief Constable Laura Nicholson speak on the force's plans for rural policing.

The event seeks to encourage members of the rural community and rural businesses to support the Country Watch scheme. The involvement of rural communities is vital to the successful future of rural policing in Hampshire.

This is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about what Hampshire Constabulary and rural businesses and organisations are doing to keep your communities safe, meet local contacts and find out how you can get involved.

For more details and an up to date list of exhibitors and presentations visit <http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/rural/>

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

At our April meeting, members and guests welcomed Irene Bowron, who gave an interesting talk on the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. She explained that Edwin Hillier moved from London to Winchester in 1864, and started Hilliers Nurseries. In 1953, his grandson Sir Harold Hillier moved to Jermyn House and started planting the gardens. In 1977-8 the gardens, now comprising 180 acres, were gifted to the Hampshire County Council under a Trust Deed.

Irene then showed slides of the gardens throughout the seasons and explained how visitors' attention is drawn to current plants of interest and, at the moment, to the magnificent magnolias and

camellias.

A visit to the gardens at any time of the year will provide a wide variety of flowering interest.

At our next meeting on Tuesday, 10th May, members will be voting on the Resolutions followed by food and drink and "A Game". We are also looking forward to various activities during the summer - why not join us? We meet at 8pm on the second Tuesday of each month at Mottisfont Village Hall.

Audrey Atchison, 301156



Are you in housing need?

Are you in housing need or do you know anyone that is? Parish councillors know that this is a serious issue for some people in the parish, but we also think there is a good deal of hidden need. If we can understand how much need there is and what sort of homes might be required in the future, then we have an opportunity, working closely with Test Valley BC and using the Government's new localism agenda to try to change things. This may take time but it's important to make a start.

We want to know

- ◆ do you expect to move over the next 5 years or so and would you want to stay in the parish if you could? Will you be looking for affordable rented housing or something to buy and what size home might you need?
- ◆ do you have children at home who will be looking for somewhere to rent or buy in the parish possibly in a few years time?
- ◆ do you have family or friends living outside the parish but who have had a long association with Mottisfont and Dunbridge and who would like to move back if they could?

This is **very important**. The parish council and TVBC must get a comprehensive picture of current and future housing need in order to be able to help you and your families. We want to ensure that Mottisfont and Dunbridge stay friendly and lively places in years to come, with enough homes for local people.

You can speak to Jeff Channing on 340555 or Jacquie Horne on 340105 or any parish councillor, or e-mail the parish address (which goes to Sue, our clerk) at mottisfont.clerk@tesco.net. You can speak (or e-mail) in confidence if you want to, because the information we give to Test Valley won't identify you personally.

Can you please respond by 10th June, and if you know someone who may not see or read this article, could we ask you draw their attention to it, because we need as much information as we can get.

Jeff Channing



Rose & Wine Evening
at
Mottisfont Abbey Rose Garden
on
Friday 27th May, 6.30 - 8.30 pm



Don't miss this unique opportunity to stroll amongst the early roses and flora of the walled garden at Mottisfont Abbey, glass of wine/juice in hand, whilst savouring the fragrance and evening balm of this quintessential English gem which we are privileged to have on our doorstep.

£6.50 Adult £3.25 Child
Includes first glass of wine/juice

Tickets at gate
NT Members' concession does not apply

In aid of St Andrews Church, Mottisfont

Dear Friends,



The month of April brought to us the commemoration of the most incredible happening in human history: the resurrection of Christ from the dead. This one happening changes everything for Christians, for it marks the end of fear and pointlessness to the sheer joy of continuation with God. The Easter season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's 50 days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost, marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit with power. In that period there are some special times to mark. In most years, the commemoration of certain saints falls in the Easter season: Catherine of Siena (April 29), Monica (Augustine's mother, May 4), Gregory of Nazianzos (May 9), and the gospel author, St. Mark (April 25).

As the last weeks of the Easter season come, Christians mark Ascension Day (2nd June), when Christ left us after His return, telling us to make disciples, and promising to return again to bring His Kingdom to full fruition. The last day of the Resurrection season is Day 50, or Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth'). In older English traditions, it's called Whitsunday because the traditional colour for church clothing and decor on Pentecost is white. On that day the Holy Spirit arrives to be with us, and that Spirit sends a fresh wave of joy. On that day, the question of 'what next?' is answered with power - go tell the

gospel, heal, teach, serve, love. The Holy Spirit will bring the results. And they went and did it. If they didn't, I wouldn't have anything to tell you about.

Therefore this month of May is one of great celebration, so have a spring in your step for rightly the Psalmist's cry is applied to this season: "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps 118:24). This invitation to joy, which the Easter liturgy makes its own, reflects the astonishment which came over the women who, having seen the crucifixion of Christ, found the tomb empty when they went there "very early on the first day after the Sabbath" (Mk 16:2). It is an invitation to relive in some way the experience of the two disciples of Emmaus, who felt their hearts "burn within them" as the Risen One walked with them on the road, explaining the Scriptures and revealing himself in "the breaking of the bread" (cf. Lk 24:32,35). And it echoes the joy - at first uncertain and then overwhelming - which the Apostles experienced on the evening of that same day, when they were visited by the Risen Jesus and received the gift of his peace and of his Spirit (cf. Jn 20:19-23).

Ron Corne
Rector

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR MAY

Time	1 May Easter 1/2	8 May Easter 2/3	15 May Easter 3/4	22 May Easter 4/5	29 May Rogation
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	Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton Sunday Club	
11.00	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton HC and Coffee Club	Mottisfont Family Communion	Bossington HC CW For the Benefice
6.00	Houghton Evensong	-	Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP	

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

Special service for Rogation Sunday: St James' Bossington, 29th May at 11am. We meet to ask God's blessing on our crops. Please join us for this service which will (hopefully) be out of doors. It is also the occasion when we present the Fairey Cup to a young person who has contributed their time and skills to benefit others in their community.

A message from Gina Livermore

Dear Friends,

It is now nearly 20 years since I was licensed as a Reader in Winchester cathedral. During that time I have had countless opportunities for getting involved in each of the four churches in our group, as well as in our village communities. This has meant that I have been able to get to know a great many of you, not only on a day to day basis but also at particular times of joy and sadness.

At the recent annual church meeting at St. Andrew's I spoke of my intention to step down from full-time ministry. It has not been an easy decision but I feel the moment has come for others who have different skills, fresh ideas and greater energy to take a lead. My hope is to continue as a Reader but in a less prominent role.

There have been many changes in our group of parishes during the last 20 years but one thing is certain: that the tremendous support and encouragement offered to me in that time has been appreciated more than I can say.

With my love and grateful thanks to you all.

Gina
Your Reader

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

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

5th May: Members Meeting
12th May: Mrs. Margaret Pickett
19th May: URC Anniversary Service (Hythe)
26th May: Miss Barbara Hillier

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

Extracts from the Visitors' Book

Recently I was replacing the Church's Visitors' book and it occurred to me that some of the entries might be of interest.

- ◆ July 2006: Paul & Rosa Nutt (Baker). The Bakers resided in Spearywell in the 1800s. Arthur Baker married Martha Pragnell
- ◆ 27.8.06: Brian & Eileen Emmence, S. Africa. My father was Alfred Southwell. I lived opposite the church 65 years ago.
- ◆ 9.11.06: Alfred Cleverley. Preparing EFFAMY family tree.
- ◆ 4.6.07: Sid & Brenda Kenward. The church in which my parents were married in 1905.
- ◆ 20.6.07: John Exelby. Happy memories of church and village where my parents ran the school 1946-53.
- ◆ 28.7.07: Mary Villiers (Green). My parents married here in 1917. I was christened here in 1919.
- ◆ 1.8.07: Hunt family, Bournemouth. My husband's great grandfather worked as head gardener for the Humberts and lived at Mill Cottage, Kimbridge.
- ◆ 7.3.08: Joan Moody, New Milton. Married here 59 years ago. Aged 81 today. Note: Joan Moody also lived at Mill Cottage, Kimbridge.

If you have any information you can add to any of these entries, please contact me.

Valda White

Poet in Residence

Mark Rutter, who has recently moved into Barley Hill, teaches creative writing at Winchester University. He is a regular walker and from time to time is inspired by our wonderful countryside to produce some verse.

He has offered this:

MAY

Caterpillars abseil down from oaks
on threads thin
as an angel's hair.

The galleons have returned
after their long voyage
laden with green bullion –

first birch, with its thin masts
carpentered for swiftness,
then ash, beech, and oak in its turn,

and sycamore flying its pennants,
the flagship breasting
a swell of bluebells.

The cuckoo's cry echoes
off great masts where a press-gang
of crows squabbles in the high nests.

Apple blossom, whitethorn, were the foaming
bow-wave. Now marsh marigolds,
unlocked from treasure-chests, spill

onto the sides of paths, where bees
fill their pockets with soft coinage.
This they will melt down

and from its ingots fashion
the perfect city,
the city of wings.

WALKING GROUP

Our next walks are:

- ◆ Friday, 13th May, we will catch the 9.57am train to Dean/Salisbury, and have a pub lunch on the way.
- ◆ Friday, 10th June, 10am from the Mill Arms.

Gordon 340129



What's on at the Mill Arms

Take part in our mystery envelope promotion and we could well be buying you lunch or dinner!



You cannot lose! Seriously...here's how to play:

Step 1: When you sit down, you pay £5 cash per four diners*.

Step 2: At the time your bill is presented pick an envelope, one of which contains a voucher for us to pick up your food bill.

Step 3: Go home happy!

*Every envelope contains at least a voucher for £5. Other envelopes will reward you with a bottle of wine, champagne, free pizza, gift vouchers, an overnight stay or assorted other prizes all worth far more than your original £5 and all well worth winning!

For more details contact Andrea on 340401 or millarms@btconnect.com.

HISTORY GROUP

We have a meeting at Mottisfont Abbey on Wednesday, 25th May at 2.30pm for anybody who has stories to share about life in the area: around farming, Mrs. Russell, fishing, the pubs that there were, etc. If you are interested, just come along. We will meet in the house; just say at the entrance that you are attending the meeting, or contact me on 340105 or e-mail hornes@btinternet.com.

After 2 years of trying to find a home for the old Bier that was used to carry coffins to St. Andrews Church, I am suggesting it is given to Cheaters Funeral Company for them to do up and display in their garden, under cover. We have been storing it in one of Gareth's barns, and we thank him for allowing us to do this.

Many thanks Michael Horne.

A Date For Your Diary

The Village Fete will be on Sunday, 14th August.

If you are able to help make it all happen, please give me a ring.

Gordon 340129

Annie's Restaurant & Tea Rooms

Open for breakfast, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea, Kimbridge Restaurant and Annie's Tearooms always has something new and exciting to tempt your taste buds.

The early summer sees a brand new menu, and it is reassuring to know that all the food is freshly prepared and homemade. Owing to the idyllic location beside the famous Kimbridge trout fishery the restaurant always has Trout on the menu. There is a specials board with numerous hot dishes to choose from, and on Sundays, the traditional lunches are a firm favourite. With an extensive wine list, local beers and a range of spirits, the restaurant will meet your every requirement.

For a different style of food and drink, the adjacent Coffee Lounge offers comfortable seating, amidst a vast and varied range of gift products. From greeting cards, to art - and even handbags - you will be inspired as you relax with a drink.

The Coffee Lounge offers an express-style takeaway, with sandwiches, crisps and snacks that are all readily available.

Even if you are office-bound and can't make it into Kimbridge, the catering side of the business has everything from sandwich platters to executive choice working lunches, all available for delivery to your place of work!

At The Kimbridge Restaurant and Annie's Tearooms, you can expect friendly service, delicious freshly prepared food, and an atmosphere that makes for an enjoyable visit.

Recipe for May: TROUT FILLETS WITH ASPARAGUS & 'EASY HOLLANDAISE'

Make the most of asparagus in May with this light and delicate dish. This recipe serves 4.

Shopping List:

- ◆ 4 trout fillets, at least 150g each, skinned & boned
- ◆ Olive oil
- ◆ Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ◆ ½ the juice of a small lemon
- ◆ 2 large egg yolks
- ◆ The other ½ of the juice of a small lemon
- ◆ ¼ tsp of smooth French mustard, eg Dijon
- ◆ 175g of salted butter
- ◆ 16 tender asparagus spears
- ◆ Lime wedges to serve

How to make it:

Brush the trout fillets with olive oil on both sides and season with salt and pepper. Squeeze the juice of half a lemon over the fillets.

Whisk the egg yolks, the other half of the lemon juice and mustard together in a bowl until pale and well combined.

Heat the butter in a pan until completely melted and foaming vigorously. Add the hot butter to the egg mixture bit by bit, whisking constantly until the sauce is combined and thickened. Season the sauce with salt and pepper to taste. Keep warm next to the stove or if making in advance, keep in a Thermos flask. Do not attempt to re-heat or the sauce will split, i.e. the butter will separate.

Place the trout fillets under a hot grill for 5 minutes until cooked. Meanwhile, heat a griddle pan coated with oil. Brush the tender part of the asparagus spears with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. (To take just the tender part of the asparagus, hold the stalk at its base and bend it over until it breaks. Discard the woody base.) Cook the asparagus on the griddle pan for 4 to 5 minutes, turning occasionally.

Place 4 asparagus spears at a diagonal on a plate, with the trout fillet on top, and then drizzle the hollandaise sauce over. Garnish with a wedge of lime.

Jersey Royals would make a welcome addition, cooked with fresh mint and smothered in butter!



*Ian Wooldridge,
Head Chef
at Kimbridge
Farm*

Willow Bank House

I would like to thank everyone for the local support I have had for my new licensed boutique style B&B and business centre at Willow Bank House, Saunders Lane.

Instead of having a grand opening I would like to carry on offering discounts to local residents. If you would like a guided tour of the premises, why not ring me on 340843 or have a look at the website www.willow-bank-house.co.uk to see what we have on offer.

Jennifer Wineberg

JUNK TELEPHONE CALLER PEST: Enterprise Cleaning Services UK Ltd

You may remember in the February Acorn I reported that this company had been illegally telephoning people who are registered with the Telephone Preference Service. As a result of this activity, they have now been formally cautioned and will be prosecuted if these offences are repeated. That *should* be the end of the matter, but after the BBC's Watchdog exposé and my personal experience of them, I have considerable doubts that they will behave themselves from now on. Therefore, if you are registered with the TPS and you receive any sales calls from this company, can you please let me know the following:

- ◆ The date and time you received the call.
- ◆ Please confirm the call was from Enterprise Cleaning ('too good to miss' carpet cleaning offer).
- ◆ Ask the name of the person who is speaking to you.

Over the last year I have noticed a considerable increase in the number of illegal Telesales calls, and Dorset Trading Standards think this could be a result of the economic downturn. Whatever the reason, telling the caller that you are registered with the TPS and ordering them to delete your number from their database seems to have little effect, as you receive yet another sales call from them a few weeks, or months later.

TPS Registered Volunteers Wanted

Since Christmas I have been operating a zero tolerance policy and allow the caller to invite themselves out to see me. When they arrive, they are given a message for their boss and a TPS leaflet. This time wasting policy has worked well, except in the case of Enterprise, who have now had two wasted trips out here!

To make this more effective, it would be far better if there were other TPS registered people doing the same thing.

So would anyone be interested in volunteering? I can provide you with a template message and TPS leaflets to hand out, and I would be pleased to discuss this with anyone who is interested.

John Millns
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