



Mottisfont Fete 2011 - another great success!

Mottisfont's annual fete took place on Sunday, 14th August. Writing this a week after the fete with rain lashing down, aren't we all glad of the fantastic weather we had yet again!

A big thank you from the Village Hall Committee must go to everyone who contributed in very many ways, making for a hugely successful and happy occasion.

A lot of people helped in the set up, running games, manning stalls, selling teas and ice creams, beer and burgers, etc. There was a wonderful community spirit and a lot of people came.



The Birnie Boozle Band enjoying playing to the crowds at the annual Mottisfont Fete

Along with many, I really enjoy the Birnie Boozle Band, and they themselves enjoy playing - they commented on how many people sat and listened. (I've already booked them again for next year!)

Everyone took a little more money than previously, the Village Hall coming away with a profit of around £2700. The W.I gained about £450, the Church £200, and Toys & Games for the Children's Christmas party raised about £200. Others, like the roundabout man and people selling jewellery, seemed to go home happy.

Perhaps I shouldn't mention individuals, but we can't not thank Tony Stemp for all his hard work running the draw and obtaining all the prizes for it. Also Alan Lawrence for his efforts with purchasing a lot of the supplies beforehand, and the Jenkins family: without the use of their field we couldn't have a fete. Thanks to Christine Shepherd for standing in at the eleventh hour to judge the pets, and thanks to everyone who made cakes, scones and supported us with bottles and various other prizes.

It was a really good day. Thank you!

Gordon, 340129

And we'd like to add our thanks to Gordon and Cathie for the amazing amount of work they put in to the annual fete and so many other activities. You're absolute stars! - Eds.

FOR SALE

REEBOK MINI SIDE STEPPER with Resistance Tubes. Resistance tubes for upper body workout. Can also be used without the tubes. Max. user weight 110kg. Has digital LCD display which track strides, strides per minute and calories. See it in the current Argos catalogue/website. Bargain, only £25 ono. Phone 341301.

The deadline for inclusion of items in the November edition of the Acorn is 16th October. Please e-mail to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

Howzat!!

The end of summer brings down the curtain on a relatively successful season for Mottisfont Cricket Club. The Saturday Team, led by Dave Barnes, won 11 out of their 15 matches in their Hampshire League Division and narrowly missed out on promotion, finishing 3rd out of 18 teams. On Tuesday evenings the Club entered a second team in the Holt and Haskell Border League with a number of younger players being introduced to the Club.

Hopefully some of these new players will migrate to the Saturday Team over the coming seasons to ensure the 200 year history of the Club is continued.

In danger of folding last season, Tony Stemp, Graham Collins, Pete Holmes, Terry Byrne, Ian Bradwell, Dave Barnes and other members rallied around to ensure that the Club survived to bat and bowl another day. Behind the scenes David Lawrence worked tirelessly to produce one of the best wickets in the area, whilst others such as Linda Holmes and Bob Peach ensured that those playing were ably fed and watered on a match day.

The Club is always looking for new players, helpers, supporters or benefactors, so feel free to pop along on a Tuesday or a Saturday to support your local team next summer.



*Members of the Mottisfont Cricket Club
Team 2011*

Remember, practice nets start next April!!!

STEPHEN GODWIN
Secretary, MCC



Mottisfont at autumn time

Come along to Mottisfont and enjoy the turning autumnal colour of the leaves, collect fallen conkers from the grounds and warm up in the Café with a bowl of seasonal soup.

The current exhibition, Flower Fairies and Dark Tales is running until Sunday 2nd October, come along and view this wonderful exhibition. We are exhibiting original Flower Fairy illustrations alongside a contemporary collection of fairy folklore inspired art work.

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who came along to a meeting to share memories about Mottisfont. The day was a great success and it was wonderful to learn more about Mottisfont.

Events

Halloween: Frightful half term
24 – 30 October

Take part in a gruesome trail, activities and scary story sessions. Don't miss the spooky zoo on Friday, 28th October, come along and test your self with bug boxes, spiders and a 7ft snake!

Coming soon...

A festive season with a twist – Mottisfont is playing host to a flight of angels, an amazing exhibition featuring work by Rob Ryan and extended winter opening times! Find out more in November's issue!

Helen Potts, 344017

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



Our September meeting was a social evening with members bringing a plate of food, such as pate, quiche, cakes and desserts, which were very much enjoyed, together with a glass of wine.

We then had a competition in which members brought a childhood photograph which then had to be identified. It was quite amusing looking at 40 and 50 year old photos, and finding the present day owner. A very enjoyable evening.

We were very pleased to gain the Second Prize at the Romsey Show for the WI competition for Humorous Poems. "Albert and the Lion" by Marriott Edgar, and immortalised by Stanley Holloway, was chosen, and three forms of craft were used in the display: doughcraft, painting and a fabulous knitted Lion, together with crocheted "poo"!

On Tuesday, 11th October, we will welcome Mrs. McMonnies, demonstrating Christmas Table Decorations.

Other forthcoming events include the Annual Skittles Match, a coach trip to Bath, and a trip to the theatre in December.

Other activities are being planned, so why not join us?

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 8pm in Mottisfont Village Hall.

Audrey Atchison, 301156

Broughton Learning

Adults Learningwhat? September sees the "Back to School" season, and adults as well as young people may be thinking of how to get their brains back in gear after the summer. Hampshire County Council now has a helpful course finder on its website, if you have particular ideas about what you want to learn. See www3.hants.gov.uk/learningzone.

Broughton Learning is pleased to have been given a further grant by Hampshire Learning, to help create more opportunities for adult learning in the central Test Valley group of villages. Our plans include:

- ◆ as last year, the offer of **small grants** to existing clubs and societies to try out new activities or attract new members. These can be paid to clubs in any of the group of villages.
- ◆ **Drawing with a difference.** There will be a series of six drawing classes, on consecutive Thursday mornings at 10-12.30, starting on 3rd November. They will be held in the Wallops Parish Hall, on the A343 at Middle Wallop, opposite The George pub. The tutor is Julia Polonski, who is an award-winning graphic artist and experienced teacher, working in a very relaxed style. There may be some life-drawing sessions. The course is being provided by Broughton Learning and Wallop Artists, and is for any level of skill, provided you are prepared to have a go. Experienced artists may find this change of style interesting. The cost is £55 for six sessions. Large paper will be provided, but you will need your own sketch book and drawing materials. If there are spare places, individual sessions may be available for £12. Please reserve a place by email to learners@broughton-hants.net or ring 01794 301725, leave a message, and we'll get back to you. For a gallery of Julia's work, see www.juliapolonski.com
- ◆ The continuation of the "Third Wednesday" lectures in Broughton, starting on September 21st at 8pm, when by popular request Prof. Christopher Mulvey of Winchester University will return, this time with his well-received lecture (in Winchester) on the **Language of the King James Bible**. Look out for posters of these lectures, and if you would like to be included on the email reminder list, send your email address to Broughton Learning, or ring Nick Lodge on 301441.
- ◆ Tasters, classes, coaching and workshops on subjects which local people suggest. So if there's something that interests you, especially if you think that others might join in as well, let us know. **Bridge** was popular last year, and if the evening courses in Romsey do not attract enough people, we may be able to run one in Broughton. If you are interested in a **first aid** course, let us know, and we'll arrange it.

....and if you would like to join our planning group, email us or ring 301725.

Information which may help you....

- ◆ Societies have so far been sponsored for courses in beekeeping, floral art, vegetable-growing and salsa drumming, so there is scope for variety.
- ◆ Broughton Learning's email address is learners@broughton-hants.net
- ◆ The beginners' bridge course at Romsey School will be on Thursday evenings from 7-9pm, for 10 weeks from late September. See the course finder for details.
- ◆ The Test Villages branch of the University of the Third Age has a wide variety of self-help study groups, including French conversation, local history, computer skills, and art. See their website at <http://testvillagesu3a.org.uk/> for contact details of the organisers.



An example of Julia Polonski's work

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday, 22nd October
10am - 12noon at
St. Mary's Church, Broughton**

2011 is Macmillan's centenary year so here in Broughton help us make it the biggest ever coffee morning! Just pop in when you can, bring friends and enjoy refreshments. The popular Bring and Buy Table will be there again, so we would be very grateful for really nice donated items including home grown produce, jams, chutneys and of course those delicious cakes.

Macmillan Cancer Support provides high quality information, someone to talk to, health and social care specialists and financial support. £25 could pay for a Macmillan Nurse for an hour and £70 could help run a large information and support centre for an hour.

We look forward to seeing you.

Sally Josling, 301292

Dear Friends,

October brings with it the winds of change as we move into the winter and warmer clothes, log fires and dark nights. As I was driving along I was listening to the radio and apparently roll neck thick jumpers are to be the fashion this year harping back to the fashions of the 1970s and 80s. Do you remember, they were all the thing and practical and smart...some of us remember that!



Change is something none of us can do anything about. The world continues to move through its seasons which are both constantly interesting and perplexing as we try and keep up with all that informs us through the array of electronic media.

The Church can be seen as standing still in this environment of change, but although we hold fast to the great Christian teachings, the Holy Spirit is alive and active and more dynamic and youthful than the youngest child and wiser than the oldest statesman. This is why when you look into the eyes of even the most elderly of people if they are lit by the spirit of faith in Christ you can see their renewed life shining out daily.

Therefore in this month in which we celebrate on 18th October the great Feast of St. Luke who was himself both a doctor and an evangelist, we are called to remember the rich seam of wisdom and healing that is held within the Christian teachings. Called as we are to be hope and light in our communities and in the world, we will be holding a prayer and bible study group during Advent and I will give you more details of that in our November newsletter.

A date not to forget in November and for your diaries is Advent Sunday, 27th November, when we will be welcoming the Bishop of Southampton to our Benefice Service at St. Andrew's Mottisfont. At the conclusion of the service we are all invited back to the Abbey for the lighting of the Advent Candle and a theme of angels which is inspired by Mottisfont's mosaic angel. The Christmas decorations this year at the Abbey focus on their outside spaces, where a series of angels fly into and settle around the grounds and gardens throughout December!

Ron Corne

Rector

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Time	2 October TRINITY 15	9 October TRINITY 16	16 October TRINITY 17	23 October TRINITY 18	30 October ALL SAINTS
8.00	Broughton HC (CW)	Broughton HC (BCP)	-	-	-
9.30	Bossington HC (BCP) Harvest	Broughton Family Service	Mottisfont HC (BCP)	Broughton HC (CW)	Houghton HC (CW) For the Benefice
		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	-
6.00	Houghton Songs of Praise for Harvest	-	Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP	-

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

Thank you from Gina Livermore

Dear Friends,

Over these last few weeks I have been overwhelmed with wonderful surprises!

The first of these took place at the end of July when St. Andrew's was filled with worshippers from across the benefice for a service of Holy Communion. A retiring collection was taken and the proceeds given to the Miriam Dean Fund, a charity very close to my heart. This amounted to an amazing £575. After the service we were all invited back to Mottisfont House for lovely refreshments which we enjoyed in the sunshine. I came home armed with a beautiful bouquet of flowers but it seems that more was to follow as I have since received an exquisite little silver owl which was crafted in Zimbabwe.

All of these gifts I understand have been presented on behalf of the people of Mottisfont and Dunbridge and I am deeply grateful for such generous reminders of my ministry among you.

Although I am now embarking on semi-retirement and an intended house-move I hope to remain in the area for the foreseeable future. So, don't be too surprised if I appear in church or at village events from time to time as well as continuing to help in various ways.

When I retire fully I shall miss you all greatly as I have enjoyed the warmth of your friendship over these past twenty years.

So, thank you again... but not quite goodbye.

With all blessings,

Gina

From Betty Pragnell

I would like to give a big thank you to everyone concerned for all my cards, good wishes, prayers and visits during my recent stay in hospital. I am sure it all contributed to getting over my operation knowing so many people cared.

Also to my family for all their help and care, especially knowing my dog was well looked after, and to my neighbours for all their help and kindness.

Sincere thanks,

Betty Pragnell

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events and speakers for October

6th October: Members Meeting.
13th October: 78th Anniversary Service in the Village Hall, 2.30pm
20th October: Mrs. Kitty Boxall (Tearcraft)
27th October: Mrs. Sally Josling.

Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

HOME COOKING SUPPORTS ST. ANDREW'S

I always have a supply of marmalades, jams, pickles and other preserves - prices from £1.50 to £3.

I will be taking orders for Xmas puddings and mince pies from October.

Please ring me.

Proceeds to St Andrew's church

Mrs. M S Clutterbuck, 340475

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 November. All applications for the November meeting must be submitted to the Secretary, Mrs Christine Hoskins, The Old Thatch, High Street, Broughton, no later than the end of October. Any application received after this date will be carried forward to the next meeting in March 2012.

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.

HOUGHTON VILLAGE HALL

Coffee morning and table top sale

Saturday, 15th October, 10am - 12.30pm

Bric-a-Brac, clothes, toys, books,
gifts, refreshments/cakes

Funds raised will be split between
Houghton Village Hall
and
Macmillan Cancer Support

For donations, to sell or to book a table,
please contact:
Clare Stephens on 0781 4094029 (mobile)
Lucy Gosse on 388617
or Nickie Furniss on 388579

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Auction of Promises

To raise funds for the
refurbishment of the Village
Hall cloakrooms, we are
pleased to announce an
Auction of Promises at the Hall
on

**Thursday, 10th November,
starting at 7.30pm**



Please add the date to your diary – an ideal
opportunity to start your Christmas Shopping!!!

We are also looking for promises or items to
auction, so we would really appreciate it if you could
donate something. Be creative - promises needn't
cost you any money! Some ideas.....

*Bake a cake ~ Half a day 'Handy Man'
Half a day's Gardening ~ Taxi driver for the evening
A weekend/week in your holiday home
Ride in a classic car ~ Etc.*

If you would like to donate a promise or an item for
us to auction, please contact Clare Stephens on
0781 4094029 (mobile) or
houghtonvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club had a good trip to
The Garden Show at Shepton Mallet.

So far, no other dates have been
booked. More information soon!

Michael Horne, 340105



LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

A date for your diary:

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Friday, 25th November, 6 - 8pm

If would like to book a table for this event
please call Julie on 340485

A different viewpoint?

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently discovered
that a new neighbour had written to the Highways
Agency to request the removal of the 'DEER
CROSSING' sign on our road.

The reason: "Too many deer are being hit by cars
on this stretch of road! I don't think this is a good
place for them to be crossing any more."

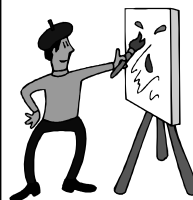
HISTORY GROUP

The History Group had a successful meeting at
The Abbey, where we reflected on the War Years.

Another meeting will be planned for December.

Michael Horne, 340105.

ART GROUP



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

All standards, from beginners to
professional, catered for.

Produce a masterpiece, enjoy tea & biscuits.

Friendly atmosphere. Everybody welcome.

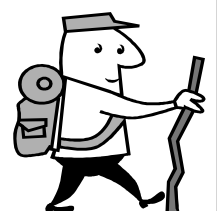
Gordon

WALKING GROUP

Friday, 14th October, 10am - meet
at the Mill Arms
Friday 11th November 10am - meet
at the Mill Arms

Join us for a leisurely social walk.

Gordon, 340129



WHAT'S ON AT KIMBRIDGE

Specials for October and November

- ◆ Monday to Friday lunch: ½ sandwich and soup: £5.95
- ◆ Saturday lunch: Shopper special, meal and drink: £8.50

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▶ Tuesday, 4th October: Creative Art Workshop, watercolour pencils plus buffet, 10am till 1pm, £15.00

▶ Friday, 7th October: It's Fish Fryday, starts at 12.30, till 8pm. Beer battered cod and chips with mushy peas, garden peas or salad with homemade tartare sauce, £8.95. Bread and butter 75p extra (advance bookings for 5pm onwards, please).

▶ Wednesday 12th October: Our 3rd anniversary get together for regular customers and staff (free buffet - you just buy the drinks). Please book in advance with Allan.

▶ Friday, 28th October: Gourmet evening (celebration of Hampshire produce) £16.95. Please book in advance.

▶ Saturday, 29th October: Family fun day with ghosties and goulies. 11am till 4pm. Prizes for best Halloween costume.

▶ Tuesday, 1st November: Creative Art Workshop, Oil Pastels plus buffet, 10am till 1pm, £15.00

▶ Wednesday, 2nd November: Theatre-Supper (2 course meal plus coffee with murder mystery), £16.95 Please book in advance.

▶ Friday, 4th November: It's Fish Fryday. Starts at 12.30, till 8pm. Advance bookings for 5pm onwards, please.

▶ Saturday 26th November: Theme evening 40s night with the sound of the big band. Period dress optional, £18.95 (please book in advance)

▶ Tuesday, 6th December: Creative Art Workshop, Painting on ceramic tiles plus buffet, 10am till 1pm £15.00

▶ Date to be advised: 5.30pm singing from the Scouts plus Xmas hot buffet at 6.30pm, £9.95 including a donation to the Scouts.

▶ Date to be advised 5.30pm singing from the Brownies plus hot buffet at 6.30pm £9.95 including a donation to the Brownies.

▶ Wednesday, 7th December: Xmas party, hot buffet with fun and games, £8.95.

▶ Wednesday, 14th December: Xmas party hot buffet with fun and games, £8.95.

Dates still available for your own Christmas evening function. Special deals available. Min. 30 people, up

to 60. Please speak to Allan.

Bookings for Christmas lunch (1st to 22nd December) now being taken.

To book, telephone 340777 or 340556.

Recipe of the month: PUMPKIN & APPLE CURRY

Two great autumn ingredients are fused together to make this rich, fully flavoured golden curry.

This recipe makes four servings.

Shopping List:

Sunflower oil
1 onion, peeled & very finely diced
2 cloves of garlic, peeled & minced or very finely diced
2 cardamom pods, bruised
1 small cinnamon stick
2 whole cloves
600g of sweet potatoes, peeled & cubed
500ml of vegetable stock
2 tsp of madras curry powder (use a mild or hot one as you prefer)
½ tsp of ground ginger
¼ tsp of turmeric powder
600g of pumpkin, peeled & cubed
2 cooking apples, peeled & roughly diced (use eating apples if you prefer a sweeter taste)
200g of tomato puree
Small handful of fresh coriander, finely chopped, plus extra to garnish
200g of crème fraiche

How to make it:

Heat a little sunflower oil in a large pan or skillet. Add the onion and garlic and fry for about 2-3 minutes. Then add cardamom, cinnamon and cloves and fry for a couple of minutes more.

Next add the sweet potato, followed by the stock. Simmer gently, and when the sweet potatoes start to soften, add the curry powder, ginger and turmeric with the pumpkin and apple. Continue to simmer for a few minutes and add the tomato puree to the pan.

Be careful not to over-cook the pumpkin as it will disintegrate into the sauce.

As soon as the pumpkin is tender, remove from the heat. Stir in the fresh coriander and crème fraiche. Garnish the curry with fresh coriander and serve immediately with basmati rice and naan 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.

Forthcoming Entertainment

Sat 1st Oct Z Factor – Linda and Pete's 5th year celebrations and 1st yr Wedding Anniversary.
 Sat 15th Oct The Starlights
 Sat 12th Nov Scotty
 Sat 17th Dec Mottisfont Children's Christmas Party with Silly Scott

Mondays: Ladies darts, Snooker
 Tuesdays: Billiards
 Wednesdays: Airbourne Darts (mixed)
 Thursdays: Bingo, Crib
 Fridays: Mens darts, Thrift Club
 Saturdays: Chase the Aces, Meat draw and occasional entertainment
 Sundays: Skittles.

Children's Christmas party, 17th December.

A huge thanks to all who donated to the toy stall at the fete - this year we managed to raise £225!! We

would really like all the names of the children who would like to come to the Christmas party before 31st October. This will enable us to place our present order a little earlier so we can qualify for a small discount. If you would like to add your children's names to the list, please call Tracy on 341939 or Catherine 340922.

Club Opening Hours

Monday – Saturday: 7pm till 11pm
 Sunday lunchtime: Noon till 2pm
 Sunday evening: 7pm till 10.30pm

HAVING TROUBLE FINDING A GOOD CHIMNEY SWEEP?

I would recommend Les Bowering of Green Sweeps, a registered member of the Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps.

He is reasonably priced and whilst doing a dirty job kept my kitchen very clean - no need for dust sheets. I will definitely be using him again in 2012.

You can contact him on 02380 360 982 or 07889 095 358 and by e-mail at lesbowering@fsmail.net for a quote.

Gillian Chase

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

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		Andrew Simmonds					0454545
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