



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



The Village Newsletter

August & September 2012

Mottisfont Village Fete

at the Village Hall

Sunday, 19th August, from 2pm

Live Music with

The Birnie Boozle Band

Stalls, Games, Competitions, Bar & B.B.Q.,

Vintage Cars and Farm Machinery,

WI, Cake Stall, Tombola,

**(As always we would like donations of bottles, tins, cakes,
biscuits, scones, etc., either home made or bought)**

Dance demo with John & Tanya,

History, Art & Photography, etc.

Grand Draw

Tickets can be brought in advance from

Tony Stemp or Michael Horne

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

**The W.I. would like your bric-a-brac, and sales of toys and games will go towards
the children's Christmas party. But the main thing is:**

Please support the fete on the 19th!

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.

Update on proposed new visitor facilities, visitor car park, Mottisfont Abbey:

The National Trust will be progressing with the preparation of detailed drawings for the new development over the next 3 months, with the aim of being able to show them to local residents in the autumn (around November) and moving onto the planning application stage by the end of the year. We'll give notice of when the drawings will be available for view via Acorn, and will welcome informal views and feedback from you. Of course, you'll also have the opportunity to comment when the scheme is submitted to Test Valley Borough Council for planning permission. The scheme is slightly smaller than we originally proposed, with a much reduced size of catering building, but otherwise, the layout will be as first shown.

Abbey Farmyard, Mottisfont Abbey

You may have noticed some changes going on in this area: we're generally tidying up previously derelict or underused areas and improving the security of the site, as we've had an increasing number of attempted thefts.

Alison Evans
General Manager, Mottisfont

What's on at the Abbey

As part of our Wind in the Willows and Worn to be Wild exhibition we have created a fabulous trail for children and families to enjoy this summer. The weasels, after being evicted from Toad Hall, have now moved into the house here and we need the children's help in scaring them off! The trail is full of fun activities and tasks which will get them exploring all of the grounds and house.

Alongside this trail we will be having three event weekends in August (the first three weekends) where families can get involved with story telling from the famous Kenneth Grahame book as well as workshops building boats out of bark and leaves and willow weaving fish. And as if that wasn't enough- kids go free in August!

Following on from the Wind in the Willows exhibition we will be hosting our second 'open' show. This time we are calling for submissions on the theme of water, to reflect the close connection we have with water in the property.

If you are interested in submitting your work, email Mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk for an application form, or search on our website under 'Exhibitions' (www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Mottisfont). The deadline for submitting work is Friday, 24th August. Submissions will be judged by members of the art world before being exhibited from 29th September until 18th November.

Home alarm systems - watch out for high pressure sales

The following is an extract from a report forwarded by a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator at Hampshire Constabulary, whose comments are shown in italics.

"(The caller) offered to give me a free Honeywell security alarm system which would not only detect the start of a fire but would automatically phone the fire station and a fire engine would be dispatched immediately. (*The Fire Service do not do this.*) The alarm would also detect the house being broken into and automatically be directly connected to the police. (*The Police do not do this.*)

"(The caller) stated that the alarm would normally cost £1,000 but due to a special once a year offer is free to the over 50s (How did he know my age group?) (*Because the company bought a list from another unscrupulous company.*) He wanted to pencil in an appointment for a trained security installer named Robert recognised by the police to visit and give a free 20 minute demonstration. He said the installers were in ***** Avenue and ***** Drive this week He stated that the installers were here for only one week and didn't want me to miss this opportunity for a free alarm system. (*Pressure sales.*)

Please do not fall for this kind of pressure sales (for alarms or anything else - Eds). Should you wish to buy security alarms of any kind you can contact the SSAIB (a certification body for electronic security and fire systems) at www.ssaib.org, or on 0191 296 32 42.

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

Our July meeting was a visit to Houghton Lodge, the home of Captain & Mrs. Busk. 25 members and visitors attended a guided tour of the house given by Mrs Busk. We were given an insight into the history of the house and were able to wander around the various rooms to admire the architecture, paintings and other artefacts.



The view of the river Test from the upstairs windows was particularly magnificent and for once it wasn't raining!

We were able to wander around the gardens, the Hydroponicum containing a spectacular show a flowers, and also the Orchid House.

Following the visit some members adjourned to the White Hart pub for supper.

On Tuesday, 14th August we will welcome Mr. Bright who will be talking about *Waterways and Halcyon Days*. Guests are very welcome to attend.

Mottisfont Village Fete will be held on Sunday, 19th August at 2.00pm. The WI will be running a bric-a-brac stall and would appreciate any items that you can donate.

To arrange collection please phone Cathie on 340129 or Frances on 301614, who will be happy to help.

Mary Batten, 341262

Local company's risk pays off

Neil Sheppard from Mottisfont and Matt Rowden from Kings Somborne set up Sub-Arb Ltd over 18 months ago to offer professional tree services in the local area, and the company is really taking off.

Both Neil and Matt hold a National Diploma in Arboriculture and have a great passion for the trade. They were previously both working for the same company and felt that they had a lot more to offer than they could as employees.

They took a huge chance in setting up Sub-Arb, quitting their jobs and making plans to find a niche in an already over crowded industry.

Thankfully their leap of faith paid off and the business has succeeded. Slowly they began to purchase more machinery and then the big day came when they could afford their own vehicle. "It gives you such a boost when you see all your hard work begin to pay off, and such a sense of pride when you know that you've achieved a goal in an ever changing climate," said Neil.

The pair have also been investing something back into the Arboricultural industry by providing work experience for trainees, and passing on good working practices to people learning the art of tree surgery.

Sub-Arb is becoming well known in the local community for the work that they do, and would be pleased to offer free advice or quotations on any aspects of arboriculture. Please call Neil on 341939 or 07891 638733, or Matt on 07943 366573/388981.



Can you help?

Each year, the Village Fete provides a wonderful afternoon of traditional fun and entertainment, and raises funds for the village hall. However, this doesn't happen without a considerable amount of planning, which has been going on for some months.

The biggest single task remaining is to set up all the stands, gazebos, tables, chairs, etc., and for that we need as many helpers as possible. As an electrician once said, "Many hands make light work."

Setting up will be done from 10am to about midday on

Saturday, 18th August

Will all able-bodied personnel please report for duty!

Dear Friends

My husband, Andy, and I had an eventful move into our cottage in Church Lane in late June.



Fortunately, the rain kept at bay for at least some of the day as furniture was transferred from the van into the cottage. The low ceilings and narrow doorways foiled attempts to get several pieces of furniture to their correct destinations. We had to admit defeat on the wardrobes and they were taken apart by the removals men, to be temporarily stored. I pointed out the shed in which they should be placed and five minutes later, one of the removals men found me and said 'I think you have a mortar shell in your shed and it looks like it's live'. I thought "you're having a laugh, aren't you" but never having seen one before, duly went out to inspect said unusual looking object. Well, it did turn out to be a live unexploded WW2 mortar shell and I was very glad when it was taken away!

After my ordination on 1st July, I began working here as Curate. Over the last three weeks, I have

been out, dodging the showers, beginning to meet some neighbours. I hope by the end of the summer to have met many more of you in Mottisfont and Dunbridge and the rest of the benefice.

I am looking forward to working alongside Ron and Gina in the benefice and assisting in the ministry in each of the villages. I have a particular interest in sharing the Christian faith with young people and adults and would love to hear from you if you would like to know more.

I am available to be contacted for pastoral matters, and if you, or someone you know, would like a visit, then please call me on 341010.

It remains for me to express my thanks for the warm welcome I have received from you. Andy and I feel blessed to have moved to such a beautiful area.

Every blessing,

Gill Nobes
Curate

SUNDAY BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Time	5th August TRINITY 9	12th August TRINITY 10	19th August TRINITY 11	26th August TRINITY 11
8.00	Broughton HC (CW)	Broughton HC (BCP)	-	-
9.30	Bossington HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Service Houghton HC CW	Mottisfont HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Communion (CW)
11.00	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	Broughton HC (CW)	Mottisfont Family Communion
6.00	HOUGHTON Evensong	-	Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC (BCP)

	2nd September TRINITY 13	9th September TRINITY 14	16th September TRINITY 15	23rd September TRINITY 16	30th September St. Michael and All Angels
8.00	Broughton HC (CW)	Broughton HC (BCP)	-	-	-
9.30	Bossington HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Service (Harvest) Houghton HC (CW)	Mottisfont Family Service (Harvest) Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton Family Communion CW Broughton Sunday Club	Benefice Communion at Houghton
11.00	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton HC (CW) & Coffee Club	Mottisfont Family Communion	-
6.00	Houghton Evensong	-	Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC (BCP)	-

NO SUNDAY CLUB OR COFFEE CLUB AT BROUGHTON DURING AUGUST

Every Wednesday: 9.30am, St. Mary's Church, Broughton - Holy Communion (BCP)
BCP - Book of Common Prayer CW - Common Worship

THE BEAUTIES OF HARVEST

15th and 16th September will be a weekend of celebration at St. Andrew's Church, Mottisfont, to show our appreciation of the countryside, the village and the varied people and professions which it represents.

On Saturday and Sunday there will be more than the usual displays of flowers leaves and fruits of the hedgerows which we hope that many will contribute to. Maybe something that especially represents your village group? Also we can exhibit photographs of the countryside which you may have taken recently, your painting, drawing, sewing or even cooking. Other crafts too would be of interest. Just tell us what it is that you are good at or enjoy.

The bellringers will be showing off their abilities too.

Would anyone like to come and play a musical item for us?

On Sunday, 16th, we shall have our customary Harvest Festival service at 11 o'clock and harvest produce at that time will be appreciated and later passed on to families nearby who are struggling to provide well at the moment.

There will be an opportunity to make a monetary gift via Rev'd Ron Come towards the upkeep of the church and/or for refurbishing the pipe organ, which will cost over £15,000. You may feel that this is unnecessary but would you really like to see it removed for ever? You could give the Rector your comments when next you see him.

We hope that you will make a special effort to visit your village church over the weekend of 15th - 16th September. You will be most welcome.

Valda White

More colour at Dunbridge Station

A bright red former Royal Mail bicycle, festooned with colourful flowers, has been installed on the Salisbury platform of Dunbridge Station.



BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Please note: there will be no meetings in August

Speakers and events for September

6th: Members Meeting

13th: Mrs Helen Carter (Fairtrade)

20th: Malcolm Green

27th: Mrs Bev Kidley (Morning Star Salisbury)

Every one welcome, please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are needed at The Salvation Army Trading Company shop in Romsey.

We are committed to supporting the Salvation Army's mission to help those in need.

You can volunteer as little or as much as you like. Even a few hours a week would be a great help.

Please enquire in person at the shop, or call 513994 for more information.

Broughton Short Mat Bowls

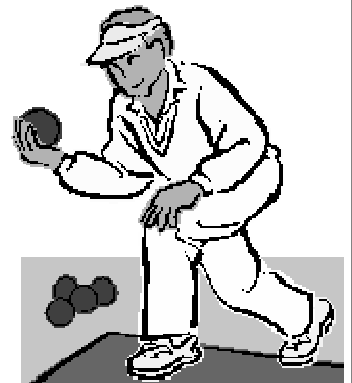
Our activity takes place on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 in Broughton Village Hall from April to September.

We welcome anyone who would like to take part. All the equipment needed is available, so why not come along and join in?

If you have not taken part in bowls before just turn up and our current members will show you what to do to enjoy this sport. Age is no barrier.

Hope to see you soon!

For more information contact Amanda Hayter on 01980 862883 or John Perry on 301466.



Cleaner Wanted

3/4 hours per week/fortnight. Pay commensurate with age and experience. May suit someone starting higher education. Call Jane on 340905.

The Mill Arms proudly presents:

September Soul Party

on Friday, 28th September.

Hand clappin', foot stompin', high energy Soul, Motown, Rhythm 'n Blues music from the superb....



"Madison Heights"



This 9 piece extravaganza have played in top venues all around England and Europe – *and now they are here, by personal request, to entertain you!!!!*

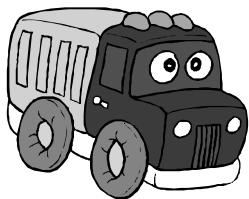
Even better, they have chosen the Mill Arms as their home-base venue for 2012/13 – for all Hampshire based performances.

Cash only tickets - £5.00pp (already 50 tickets sold, don't delay or you will miss out!) Max numbers apply.

A BBQ/Grill (weather permitting) will be also available, including local hot dogs & Broughton buffalo burgers.

USED TOY STALL AT THE VILLAGE FETE

We are again collecting used toys to sell on our stall at the fete to raise funds for the Children's Christmas Party.



It's a good excuse for you to have a sort out of the kids toy boxes and all the money raised will go towards the children's presents from Father Christmas.

This year's party will be hosted as usual by the Mottisfont Social Club, and the date for your diary is Saturday, 15th December, at 2pm - 4.30pm.

Please contact Tracy on 341939 or Catherine on 340922 to arrange to drop off any donations of toys that you are able to make.

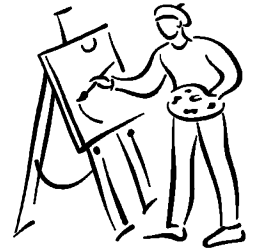
Huge thanks in advance from all of the children who enjoy the party!



Art Group

We meet at the Village Hall every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 pm.

High in inspiration, low in cost! Come and join us, outside when the sun shines (just once so far this year).



Gordon 340129

WALKING GROUP

The next three walks are:

► Friday, 10th August, 09.30am: Cheriton & Hinton Ampner with pub lunch at the Flowerpots. Car sharing will be arranged.



► Friday, 14th September, 09.30am: Leckford & Chilbolton area. Pub lunch at the Crook & Shear, Upper Clatford. Leader: Peter Moore. Car share to car park opposite the Mayfly P.H.

► Friday, 12th October, Surprise Walk (this means nothing has yet been decided...).

These walks are suitable for *you!*

Further information from Gordon on 340129.

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 2012.

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.

Holidays and Adventures in Kenya An Illustrated talk

September 21st at the Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm.

£5 to include coffee/tea, £3 for children under 15.



WHAT'S ON AT KIMBRIDGE

► 1st August: Wednesday evening buffet, 3 hot dishes with vegetables, £9.95. Plus music with Sticky Toffee Jazz (see her repertoire on www.sandyince.moonfruit.com). A few places left.

► 3rd August: Fish fryday from 12pm till 3:30pm £8.95.

► 29th August: Wednesday evening buffet, 3 hot dishes with vegetables. Plus Jack Sinatra (look him up on www.jacksinatra.co.uk), £10.95, just starting to book. A free charity raffle will be included in the price - lots of prizes on the night.

► 7th September: Fish fryday from 12pm till 3:30pm, £8.95

► 8th September: Kimbridge at the Romsey show!!!!!! Come and see what we are offering in the future.

► 11th September: Creative art workshop with Marina from Studio Art. This month, painting on glass/mirror, £20 including buffet lunch. Please contact her via www.studeoart.co.uk to book.

► 12th September: Wednesday evening buffet. 3 hot dishes with vegetables. Plus Lucus Raye singer and guitar player (see him on www.lucusraye.co.uk). £9.95

► 18th September: Flower arranging with Pomp and Petals, including buffet lunch.

► 22nd-23rd September: A weekend when we showcase what we can do for your special occasion, whether it be a wedding, birthday or just a family get together. Our new function menus will be on display and there will be a range of florists, cakes, photographers, car hire services and disco providers. Also with 10% off any bookings for Christmas.

► 26th September: Wednesday evening buffet. 3 hot dishes with vegetables, £9.95. Plus DC solo sax (check out his repertoire on www.dcsolosax.co.uk)

The Village Fete

Is it in your diary yet?

Sunday, 19th August,
from 2pm

REDCURRANT ROULADE

These tart berries, ripe for the picking mid-summer, are an attractive addition to any dessert.

The best way to strip the berries from their woody stalks is to use the prongs of a fork.

This recipe serves 8 persons.

Ingredients

6 large egg whites
250g caster sugar
Half a tablespoonful of custard powder
A little splash of white wine vinegar
Half a teaspoonful of vanilla essence
350ml double cream
300g redcurrants, stalks removed
Icing sugar for dusting

How to make it

First, make sure that your mixing bowl and whisk are absolutely clean and free from any grease or fat.

Whisk the egg whites until they start to fluff up and then slowly add the caster sugar and custard powder. Continue to whisk, and when the egg whites are at the stiff peaks stage, add the white wine vinegar.

Now spread this mixture evenly on a greaseproof-paper lined Swiss roll tin (a flat baking tray about 42cm/16" x 30cm/12"). Bake in a moderate oven at 185°C (165°C fan)/Gas Mark 4 to 5 for 10 minutes.

Remove from the oven and allow to cool on the tray.

Next, add the vanilla essence to the double cream and whip until thickened. Spread the whipped cream gently over the cooled meringue and then sprinkle evenly with the redcurrants.

With the long edge in front of you, carefully bring the far edge of the meringue towards you using the greaseproof paper to help you roll it over.

Give the roulade a good dusting with icing sugar, cut across into portions, wiping your knife clean each time.

Serve with extra chopped fruit or a coulis.



*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 as a free venue for their birthday parties and family celebrations - come in and ask for details.

What's On

Mondays	Ladies Darts, Snooker
Tuesdays	Billiards
Wednesdays	Airborne Darts (mixed)
Thursdays	Bingo, Crib
Fridays	Men's Darts, Thrift Club
Saturdays	Chase the Aces and occasional entertainment
Sundays	Skittles

25th August - Disco
 15th September - Cricket Club Presentation
 29th September - Disco
 15th December - Children's Christmas Party

Club Opening Hours

Monday - Saturday	7pm till 11pm
Sunday Lunchtime	Noon till 2pm
Sunday Evening	7pm till 10.30pm

Bertie the Beautiful Buick joins the Birnie Boozle Band at the Village Bash

Bertie the Buick was built in the USA and then exported to Australia in 1927, before Al Capone's St. Valentine's Massacre and before Bonnie and met her Clyde.



Bertie spent most of his life in Queensland, Northern Australia, but is now spending his later years in the New Forest with Roy Blake.

Come and meet Bertie with his classic lines, white walled tyres and wooden spokes at the Village Fete!

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

Acorn	Editors	Peter & Julia Barnett	340793				
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Cricket Club	Secretary	Edwin Moody	514197		Secretary	Peter Simmonds	340891
History Group		Michael Horne	340105		Steward	Tracy Holmes	341939
First Responders	Coordinator	Marion Gray	341370	Test Valley Councillor		Linda Holmes	340521
Football Club	Secretary	John Fryer	512695			Neville Whiteley	01264
Hampshire County Councillor		Andrew Gibson	01264	Village Bus	Secretary	George Vaughan	811101
			861138		Bookings	Pam Dawkins	301045
Member of Parliament		Caroline Nokes	512132		Private Hire	Julie Smith	301470
Mill Arms		Andrea & Ian Bentall	340401		Operations	Mike Howe	301723
Mottisfont Abbey	Est. Manager		340757	Village Hall	Chairman	Lynn Young	340134
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	Dunbridge	Cliff Astur	341922	W.I.	Bookings	Tony Stemp	340398
Parish Council	Clerk	Sue Holder	340130		Secretary	Cathie Wood	340129
	Chairman	John Millns	340347	Police	Press reporter	Audrey Aitchison	301156
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		Jacque Horne	340105				0454545
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		Gareth Jenkins	340922				
		Joyce Southwell					

The Acorn is also available at www.theacorn.org.uk where you will also find links to local schools, pubs, trains, council, church, WI and more.