



Mottisfont Village Hall Committee

Village Supper at the Hall

Friday, 13th April
7.30pm for 8pm

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



£17 per person – Please bring your own wine

Choose from:

Marinated Mushrooms served with crispy French Bread
Hot Chicken and Bacon Salad



Roast Chicken
Lamb Rosemary
Aubergine and Vegetable Crumble

all served with a selection of vegetables



Profiteroles with a Chocolate Sauce
Hazelnut Meringue
Oranges in Caramel with Brandy Snaps

Book early with your choice from the above.

Please contact Margaret on 341922
(Payment when booking please)

CHEAPER HEATING OIL

Following the last Acorn's item asking about interest in forming an oil consortium for the Dunbridge area, I'm pleased to tell you that we have agreed an arrangement for joining in with an existing (and very well organised) group in Awbridge. Thanks to all those who got in touch.

Some of us have already joined and placed our next, discounted orders, but you can still join now!

If you're on oil, live in the Dunbridge/Mottisfont/ Spearywell area, and want to make some savings to your next bill, contact me, Helen Bowers, on 342204 or by email at helenbowers1@btinternet.com. I am acting as the Dunbridge link person for the group. I can give you more information about what's involved, and will take your details if you'd like to join.

Helen

DIAMOND JUBILEE

We are hoping to arrange a village celebration in the Village Hall for this amazing achievement. As yet not sure which day it will be, so keep an eye on your Acorn!

Rachel Fowler

FOR SALE

Yamaha PSR-170 keyboard synthesizer with music stand and mains power supply. Has built-in speakers and many functions. Excellent for beginners! £30 - call Peter on 340793.



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

Parish Council News

Police Report

On 5th December three dwelling burglaries were reported at East Dean, Wellow and Awbridge during the daytime. Entry was forced, untidy searches followed, and items of jewellery and electrical items stolen. CID is investigating.

Speed enforcement is continuing in the area, and it was agreed that Barley Hill would be included, provided the unit felt it was safe to do so. One in every three cars stopped in Lockerley was fined recently.

Diesel dipping (checking vehicles for red diesel) is on the increase.

Highways

Following two accidents with large lorries on the B3084 through Mottisfont and Dunbridge, the parish council agreed to contact the Police to see whether there will be a prosecution and will write to the

company whose scrap lorry overturned to request that they find a more suitable route. The council also discussed requesting an 'Unsuitable for HGV, access only' sign by the Duke's Head and at the junction with the A30.

New drains have been installed along Hatt Hill and appear to be working successfully. A bigger drain is still needed at the bottom of the hill. Potholes continue to be reported for repair in the area.

Precept

The council has agreed not to increase the precept for 2012/13.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the council during 2011. Best wishes for 2012.

Date of next meeting: 29th February at 7.30pm – everyone welcome.

Clerk : Sue Holder 340130

National Trust

New visitor facilities building and car park

You may remember that we hoped to have completed the architects' drawings ready to submit for planning permission in January 2012. Having made the final decision to site the new buildings in the visitor car park (where the current thatched hut reception is located), we were obliged to carry out various technical surveys over the summer and autumn. These are now complete, but we have now been asked by our directors to phase the project over a longer period of time. This will inevitably cause a further delay, but as soon as we have revised proposals ready, we'll let you know. I apologise for any frustration this may cause, but I'm keen to keep you all up to date with any developments.

Alison Evans

Parish Passes

As last year, we will be issuing 6 passes to residents of the Mottisfont and Dunbridge Parish. The passes will be valid until January 2013, and will admit two people per pass. They are for single use only and should be handed in at Visitor Reception. If you would like to receive the passes, please contact Alison Broom: email your name and address to alison.broom@nationaltrust.org.uk, or telephone her on 344001.

Chinese Lanterns - fire hazard

The popularity of Chinese lanterns and letting these fly into the night sky is increasing. These lanterns pose a serious fire risk and this especially true where

there are thatched cottages, barns of hay and straw and of course in dry summers to agricultural crops. Please be aware of these risks and consider if these are really a good idea in the countryside.

Recycling re-locates

Test Valley Borough Council will be moving their glass recycling bins currently situated in the Abbey farmyard to the Social Club car park in the next week or so. They have also decided that as all houses within the village have paper recycling bins they will be removing their paper bin. This move enables the collection lorries better access and therefore manoeuvrability.

Current and future events

Cutting Edge: Contemporary Paper Art, until 29th January. Paper cuts, collages, prints and sculpture - from birds and buildings to love stories and celebrations of what makes us wonderful.

The Angel Garden, until 29th January. Escape for a breath of fresh air, and explore the angel sculptures that have come to earth around our gardens. Creative kids' activities every day.

A Slice of Life, 11th February to 6th May. In partnership with Southampton Art Gallery a display of 20th century art including Degas, Sickert, Hockney and Caulfield.

Mini Beasts Half Term Fun, 11th to 19th February. Craft activities all week to help wildlife in your garden.

The Great Egg-tastic Trail, 6th – 9th April. Family trail with a Cadbury's chocolate prize (£2 per trail).

Spearywell Baptist Chapel

In October, a company named Landford Estates submitted a planning application to turn the Baptist Chapel at Spearywell, which has been unused for some years, into a single residence. The parish council decided not to object to the application, but asked for appropriate safeguards for the small graveyard attached to it.

TVBC has subsequently asked for the application to be withdrawn because they would like to see if anyone has an interest in owning or leasing the chapel for continued community use. If nobody comes forward in a reasonable time, the application will be resubmitted and the likelihood is that the chapel will be turned into a dwelling. The graveyard will be retained and will continue to be respected. If you have an interest or want further details, contact Jeff Channing or Sue Holder, Parish Clerk

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

At our January meeting we welcomed Mr Peter Davies, Senior Director of Smith Bradbeer & Co Ltd, who gave a talk, with films, on the history of the company. In 1837 Mr. R. S. Smith opened a drapery store in Southampton, and this was the foundation for the next 175 years of the business now trading in Romsey, New Milton, Eastleigh and Hedge End. Mr. Bradbeer entered the business in 1892 and after his death in the 1920s, this passed to Mr. Gwilyn Davies, whose sons and grandsons are still running the Company.



The German bombing of Southampton in 1940 resulted in a direct hit on the premises and in 1963 a devastating fire swept through the Romsey store, but within a month the business had moved into Bell's Furnishing Store in Bell Street. In the early '70s the Romsey Store was extended to almost double its size, and since then many other extensions have been made, including taking over The Dolphin Inn on Market Square and making an alternative entrance where the coaches for the Inn used to enter. The restaurant was extended and a new hairdressing and beauty salon added.

Altogether a very informative and interesting talk on a local company.

Members then had a discussion on the resolutions that will be put forward by the National WI later in the year. We are looking forward to a lunch in February at The Grey Hound in Broughton, and a day trip in June to Oxford, together with many other events. On Tuesday, 14th February we will welcome Mr. S. Williams, who will be talking about "Portraits of Prague". Guests are very welcome.

We are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday, 3rd March at 2.00 pm at Mottisfont Village Hall. Any items you would like to donate would be very welcome, and collection can be arranged (call Cathie on 340129 or Frances on 301 614).

Audrey Atchison 301156

Broughton Learning

BROUGHTON LEARNING. The drawing course is now fully booked. We shall consider doing more, or forming a more permanent group for drawing, in due course.

The first informal mathematical workshop on 17th January was very well attended and raised plenty of interest. The next one will be on Tuesday, 21st February, from 1.45-3.15pm in the Terrace Room at the Village Hall. This one will be entitled "Connexions". If you are interested in conundrums, come along, or contact Liz Ottley on 301511, or email e_ottley@yahoo.co.uk. Each session will be separately planned, so if you missed the first one, it doesn't matter.

Are you safe with animals? The next Test Valley Villages Lecture is on Wednesday, 22nd February at 8pm in the Village Hall. The title is "The transmission of diseases from animals to man - getting medics, researchers and vets to talk to each other". Dr Diane Newell, OBE, set up a Europe-wide network of scientists to improve communications between different disciplines in the fight against animal-borne microbes. She has interesting insights into the workings of the EU, the science community, and some of the issues currently facing researchers in the field of disease transmission. Her career has involved work at Porton Down, Southampton University and Southampton General Hospital, and as Director of the European network Med-Vet-Net.

We are fortunate that we can attract such good quality speakers to the lecture series, and the audiences are growing. Where the speakers represent a charity, we offer a donation from the proceeds of the lecture. Dr Newell chairs a local branch of Age UK.

If you are interested in doing a first aid course, please email us with a brief note of your name and phone number, and an indication of whether you would prefer a one or two day course, or several evenings. We shall try to subsidise the cost, but there will be a fee.

Although there are several book groups in the village, an interest has been expressed in starting a group for literary criticism. (That's probably a book group without so much gossip!) If anyone would like to explore this idea, especially if you would be prepared to convene an initial meeting (probably daytime), please email us at learners@broughton-hants.net

Dear Friends,



What are our churches for in the Benefice of Broughton with Bossington, Houghton and Mottisfont? Although our churches have provided worship and ministry for at least eight centuries, what should that ministry look like in 2015? We need to look at worship and prayer; we need to look at pastoral care with few clergy on the ground compared to past centuries when there were Rectors and Curates in each place.

We need to see how we can enable our faithful laity over this very large Benefice to share in these ministries, many of whom already do so much. We need to look at how we resource the ministry, and through prayer and listening we need to discern what God wants for us in the future. We need to develop a clear vision to see how it may be possible to grow our churches. We need to examine resourcing and plan for what will be needed in the years to come.

As Christians we worship a dynamic and loving God and we need to be able to convey this to all who walk within the doors of the church and other places where we gather for our meetings.

This year I, along with our Church Wardens, the PCCs and others, will be meeting for a Vision Day on 3rd March at Broughton Village Hall. We hope that this day will produce the beginning of a process where goals and hopes will be made evident. If you feel that you could make a contribution to this day and are not on the PCCs of the Benefice then please let me know so that we can make sure that you are invited to be a part of this work for our Churches.

This year we will be welcoming a new Curate for the Benefice and in July, Gillian Nobes will be ordained Deacon in Winchester Cathedral and will be joining me in the ministry of our Benefice, which is another exciting step for the future of our churches.

Please hold our Benefice in your thoughts and prayers.

With Blessings

Ron Corne

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Time	5th February Septuagesima	12th February Sexagesima	19th February Quinquagesima	26th February Lent 1
8.00	Broughton HC (CW)	Broughton HC (BCP)	-	-
9.30	Bossington HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Service Houghton HC (CW)	Mottisfont HC (BCP) Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton HC (CW) Broughton Sunday Club
11.00	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton HC (CW) and Coffee Club	Mottisfont Family Communion
6.00	Houghton Christingle	-	Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC (BCP)

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

**ADVANCE NOTICE:
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER -**

2nd March, 2012 - at 2.30pm.

The speaker will be Mrs. Linda Milburn. The Interdenominational Service this year has been prepared by the Women of Malaysia and the theme is "Let Justice Prevail". This service welcomes men and women of all ages to share in a Worldwide Fellowship prepared each year by different countries.

Everyone is welcome at St. Mary's Church, Broughton. Please put this date in your diaries.

If you would like to take part or for more information please contact me.

Ann, 01980 862232.

2012 Parish Lunch at the Abbey

The Parish Lunch is usually held at the end of February, and always much appreciated by all.

Because of additional opening times at the National Trust, unfortunately it will not be possible to hold it this February.

But don't be dismayed - it may still be possible in summer, with an outdoor/marquee setting.

More news when available.

Gordon 340129

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

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.

Events and speakers for February

2nd February: Philip Mutton
9th February: Members Meeting
16th February: Mrs. Linda Scott
23rd February: Mrs. Vida Reynolds
(Feed The Children)

Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

A New Group?

Did you play Scrabble at Christmas, or perhaps you play at other times? I thought about starting a group at the Village Hall for enthusiasts or beginners. We would play by the rules but nothing too cut-throat; it needs to be enjoyable for all. Possibly fortnightly, either on a Tuesday to alternate with the W.I or on a Friday to alternate with Whist.

Maybe a daytime Group would be preferred. I will arrange whatever seems to be the most popular. Cost would only be to cover hire of the hall for 3 hours, and a cup of tea, so would depend on how many people came on each occasion. Times to be agreed.

Have a word with me or come along on Tuesday, 6th March by 7.15 for a discussion and a trial run. Bring a board and letters if you can.
Valda White - 368346

Village Hall Association

Annual Village Fete

The annual Mottisfont & Dunbridge Fete will be held on Sunday, 19th August. This is a week later than normal to avoid clashing with the Olympic Games Closing Ceremony.

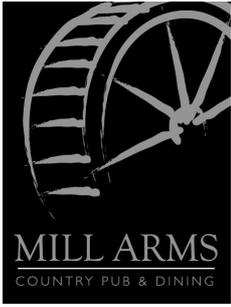
Vacancy

The Village Hall Association has a vacancy for a paid caretaker/bookings secretary. If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please contact the chairman, Lynn Young on 340134 or email lynnhenmatt@aol.com.

AGM

The Mottisfont & Dunbridge Village Hall Association AGM is Thursday 22nd March at 7.30pm – all are welcome, please come and join us for a glass of wine and nibbles following the meeting.

The Mill Arms



Wood fired, stone baked PIZZA, freshly cooked and entirely home made on site.

Eat in or takeaway, Wednesday to Saturday.

- Margherita – classic tomato and mozzarella £7.50
- Hawaiian – Tomato, mozzarella, ham and pineapple £8.75
- Pepperoni – with jalapeños £9.50
- Calzone – folded and filled with chicken, mozzarella and tomato £9.50
- Four seasons – tomato, mozzarella, mushrooms, olives, ham and peppers £9.50
- Four cheese – tomato, mozzarella, stilton, provolone and brie £9.50
- Mill Arms MK1, 'The Grill': local sausage, rump steak, gammon, chicken, fried onions & mushrooms £10.95
- Duck and hoisin - Confit of duck with spring onions and hoisin sauce £10.95
- Seafood – marinated mixed seafood and shellfish with garlic and tomato £10.95
- Ham and mushroom – tomato, mozzarella, ham and mushrooms £8.50
- Just Vegetables – Tomato, mozzarella, mushrooms, olives, peppers, spring onion and sweet-corn £8.95
- Kids Pizza – £5.95

All finished with oregano and olive oil. Add your own toppings for 50p per topping or simply just create your own! You seriously need to come and try these – they are superb! For table reservations or to place your takeaway order, phone us on 340401.

Acorn Reader Offer: Buy two adult pizzas and get a Margherita pizza free. Bring this copy of the *Acorn* with you. Available as takeaway or eat in throughout January and February 2012.



METAL THEFT



Metal theft has been on the increase for the past five years, but it has now reached epidemic proportions. Lots of scrap metal transactions are in cash. Often, no identification is asked for when a sale is made, and

where a name and address is taken it is invariably fictitious. In one yard, all bar one sale in a month was by M. Mouse or D. Duck.

There is an urgent need for a change to the legislation. The conditions under which scrap metal dealers are licensed must be tightened, with an obligation to install CCTV, inspect and record photo ID of sellers, record details of vehicles used and cease the practice of paying for scrap metal in cash. There is an online petition to the Government at: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/406>.

How you can help

- Keep watch for vans and trucks driving around our streets looking for the opportunity to steal metal, and reporting the details to the local police or Crimestoppers (0800 555 111).

- Be aware of workmen removing metal items in the street. The thieves are using uniforms, stolen vans, etc. One witness recently reported that they did not look like real workmen... they were working too fast.

- Be on the lookout for unlicensed venues where

ART GROUP



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

Anyone welcome - no more than £2, if that - and includes tea & biscuits!

Gordon

WALKING GROUP

The next two meetings are -

Friday, 10th February: meet at 10.00am adjacent to the Mill Arms. Car share to Longstock for a walk around the estate. Leader: Peter Moore.

Friday, 9th March: 09.56 train to Dean, and walk back. Easy, about 3 hours

Gordon, 340129



stolen metal is cleaned up, often by burning of the covering, and where the identifying marks are removed before being taken to the licensed dealers. The police and local authorities need to know.

This is a problem that affects us all and can lead to deaths.

WHAT'S ON AT KIMBRIDGE

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- ▶ 3rd February: Fish Fryday. Fish & chips from 12pm till 3.30pm, £8.95
- ▶ 7th February: Creative workshop with Marina Stuart, 10.30am till 1.30pm. All materials provided. Includes lunch and mid-morning coffee. Portrait in graphite pencil. £18.50
- ▶ 11th February: Valentine's dinner from 7pm. Enjoy a romantic evening with our four-course dinner and a special present for the lady in your life. £19.95
- ▶ 21st February: Pancake Day. A selection of sweet and savoury pancakes served until 5pm. Various prices.
- ▶ 2nd March: Fish Fryday. Fish & chips from 12pm till 3.30pm £8.95
- ▶ 6th March: Creative workshop with Marina Stuart, 10.30am till 1.30pm. All materials provided. Includes lunch and mid-morning coffee. Springtime in pen and wash. £18.50
- ▶ 18th March: Mothering Sunday. Special three-course menu including pressie for Mum. Two sittings: 12.15pm and 2pm, £16.95

From your team at Kimbridge

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, send your e-mail address to joalquality@aol.com

Tel 340777 or 340556

www.kimbridgerestaurant.co.uk

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 how and 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 01794 301466.

Recipe of the month: PICCALILLI

This old-fashioned cauliflower pickle has become quite in vogue in recent years and is great served with hams, terrines, cheeses or as part of a classic ploughman's lunch. My version uses shallots, but small pickling onions, cut in half can be substituted if you wish.

Ingredients:

100g of sea salt
1 litre of warm water
400g of cauliflower, broken into small florets
300g of cucumber, peeled and diced
250g of shallots, peeled and quartered (large ones in eighths)
Half a green pepper, diced
300ml of white wine vinegar
150ml of malt vinegar
1 teaspoon of pickling spice
25g of plain flour
1 teaspoon of mustard powder
1 teaspoon of ground turmeric
Half a teaspoon of ground ginger
50g of caster sugar
125ml of water



*Ian
Wooldridge,
Head Chef
at Kimbridge
Farm*

How to make it:

Dissolve the salt in the warm water and then allow to cool. Place the vegetables in the salted water (brine) and put a plate on top to keep them submerged. Leave them in the fridge for 24 hours.

Next, put the vinegars in a pan with the pickling spices and bring to the boil. Simmer gently uncovered for 15 minutes, then allow to cool. Strain the vinegar into a jug with a sieve and discard the spices. In a small bowl, mix the flour, mustard powder, turmeric, ginger and sugar together. Add a little of the strained vinegar and whisk it into a paste. Gradually add the rest of the vinegar to make a smooth mixture.

In a reasonably large pan (big enough to take the vegetables), transfer the mustard mixture and stir over a low heat until thickened (enough to coat the back of a spoon). Drain, but do not rinse the vegetables (as there isn't any more salt added to the pickle) and add to the pan with the 125ml of water. Bring to a simmer and cook for 4 minutes. Allow to cool. Sterilize a 1 litre Kilner jar with a non-metallic lid (if you are unsure how to do this, visit www.ehow.com/how_4577254_sterilize-jars-canning.html). Fill the jar with the pickle and seal the lid. Store in a cool, dark place for at least 6 weeks before eating.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus is run as a charity under the provisions of the law and the Charity Commission. An Annual General Meeting is held each year, to which members of the public are welcome. The 32nd AGM will be held in the Broughton Village Hall on Monday, 20th February, 2012, starting at 7.30pm. The bus will collect people who wish to attend, starting from Dunbridge at 7pm and circulating through the village from 7.15pm. It will be available to take people home after the meeting.

Agenda

- ITEM 1 Apologies.
- ITEM 2 Approval of minutes of 31st AGM.
- ITEM 3 Matters arising from those minutes.
- ITEM 4 Financial report given by George Pratley.
- ITEM 5 Chairman's report given by Michael Howe.
- ITEM 6 Resignations and Election of Officers.
- ITEM 7 Any other business (including suggestions for excursions in the summer months).

Anyone wishing to come onto the Committee, or nominating someone else should contact either the Chairman, Michael Howe on 301723 or the Secretary, George Vaughan on 301045. The latest date for such nominations is 13th February 2012.

Broughton and Mottisfont Village Bus - a treasurer is required

The village bus is a charity run by volunteers. It provides a range of scheduled services, excursions, and group hire facilities. The services are open to all, but provide an essential service particularly to the older people in the village without cars.

After 10 years the current treasurer is standing down. A new bus was obtained last year, and the finances are now mostly run through internet banking. If you would like to take on this role, or to find out more about it, please contact George Pratley (tel. 301725) to discuss what is involved.

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

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	Dunbridge	Cliff Astur	341922		Press reporter	Cathie Wood	340129
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		Jacque Horne	340105				0845
		Andrew Simmonds					0454545
		Gareth Jenkins	340922				

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