



The Village Newsletter

# Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN



April 2013

## YOUR VILLAGE SOCIAL CLUB NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

If you attended our AGM last month, you will know that the Social Club is in a delicate situation. The club has not been used as much in recent times and so our profits have suffered.

We need the support of our members now more than ever, and it's time to say **USE US OR FACE LOSING US!**

If all of our members used us on a regular basis, we could turn the situation around. So come along and catch up with your neighbours. Summer's coming, so why not enjoy the longer evenings with friends.

We love being the centre of attention, and we love seeing you all enjoying yourselves. We just wish it would happen more often.

## The ACORN signs up to Leveson guidelines

After consulting its legal advisors, the management of the *Acorn* has made a bid for the moral high ground by voluntarily signing up to guidelines to press behaviour proposed by the Leveson enquiry.

The idea of bugging Parish Council meetings (anything to avoid actually attending) will from now on be deprecated, as will selling the tapes to the highest bidder, even though no actual sales were ever achieved.

A tougher line will be taken over redacting articles submitted for publication in the *Acorn*. However, this is not without its difficulties. One of our regular contributors said, "How can I [redacted] when I now can't even [redacted]?"

The new guidelines come into force on 1st April.

In aid of The Air Ambulance

## *It's A Knock Out!*

**Sunday, 21st July**

Teams from Lockerley, East Tytherley, West Tytherley, Awbridge, Dunbridge and Mottisfont

We need five people (at least one to be 16 or under and at least one to be 60 or over) in each team.

If you would like to be in either the Dunbridge team or the Mottisfont team, please give your name to Michael Horne.

We need someone from each village to help organize the event, and we need sponsorship of at least £50 from each village to support their team.

The aim is that each village will organize one event or game on the day, and also take on one role.

For more details or to put your name forward, please contact Michael Horne on 340105 or email [hornes@btinternet.com](mailto:hornes@btinternet.com).

## Village Supper at the Hall

**Friday, 12th April**

7.30pm for 8pm

**See page 3 for details**

## Vacancy at Mottisfont Abbey General cleaning assistant

15 hours a week (Sunday – Thursday) + extra hours negotiable in the high season (May – July). £7 hourly rate.

### About the role:

There's a great team here at Mottisfont, all working together to help everyone enjoy this very special place. The role of the cleaner is to keep the behind-the-scenes areas, like the staff offices, clean and tidy. You'll also make sure that visitor areas, including the toilets and reception areas, are always looking their best. You'll never miss a thing,

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**The deadline for inclusion of items in the May edition of the Acorn is 16th April.  
Please e-mail contributions to [acornnews@mandercom.co.uk](mailto:acornnews@mandercom.co.uk).**

The daffodils are starting to bloom, and the sheep have come back to the paddock, so it's the ideal time to come for a spring walk around the grounds. We've got a new spring trail for families to follow, and there's lots to do during the holidays.

### **Eggs marks the spot!**

Join us over Easter (29th March to 1st April) for some family fun involving chocolate, detective work and your imagination. The mysterious Easter bird has hidden her eggs around the grounds but the rain has washed all their patterns away! Help us to redecorate the eggs so she can find them again, and see if you can recreate what the Easter bird looks like as you complete your trail and claim your Cadbury's egg prize (trails £2 per child, including chocolate egg).

On Monday, 1st April, we'll be taking part in the nation's Big Egg and Spoon Race. Line up at the start and see if you can go round the complete assault course without dropping your egg! Don't forget to bring your spoon...

### **Behind the scenes at Mottisfont**

Visitors to Mottisfont can now catch enticing glimpses of what goes on in the house and gardens behind closed doors and after hours, through the eyes of artist-in-residence Anna Cady and the actions of staff and volunteers.

Anna's unique installation, hidden within picture frames and books in Mottisfont's house, were created using a remarkable point-of-view camera. This was attached by a harness to staff and volunteers to reveal the work that goes on away from visitors' eyes. In a house and garden full of hidden layers and unseen activity, the installation reveals a completely new perspective on life at Mottisfont.

Anna, whose film 30% was accepted for the International Documentary Shorts section of this year's Sundance Film Festival, is the first artist to exhibit her work through Mottisfont's 'Place for Art' project. This two year programme (funded by Arts Council England and a number of other charitable trusts) will showcase the work of six artists-in-residence. Each one will spend three months at the property, involving staff, volunteers and local community groups in creating art that tells some of the unseen stories of Mottisfont.

Anna explains "When a member of staff or volunteer at Mottisfont agrees to film their working process for me, I walk away and leave the camera in their hands. I have absolutely no idea what will be recorded until later that day when I download the files, which are a gift. A gift which I truly respect

because every single piece of film reveals that person's love of their work and the very special place they work in."

"Anna's work reveals some unique and surprising images, and we hope visitors will be fascinated by what they see", said Louise Govier, Mottisfont's Visitor Experience and Communities Manager. "The results are both entertaining and insightful, and it's been wonderful to see such beauty in everyday chores, some of which even the staff didn't know happened!"



*Lime pleaching, an image by Anna Cady*

As part of her creative process, Anna also worked with Andover Young Carers as they made their own pinhole cameras and photographed Mottisfont. They used the point-of-view camera to make a film that shows how to do pinhole photography, and worked with community-led film group City Eye in Southampton to edit a finished version. Both the film and the group's beautiful, ghostly photographs are also now on show at Mottisfont.

The installation, entitled Forever, For Everyone, is on show at Mottisfont every day until 3rd November. To find out more about Anna's work at Mottisfont, have a look at her blog: <http://ntmottisfontaplaceforart.wordpress.com/>.

### **Goodbye to Phil Marshall**

After 26 years with the National Trust, Phil has moved on to a new position as Landscape Manager at the Broadlands Estate. Phil has been a key part of the team here for a generation, and has done an enormous amount for conservation both on the Mottisfont estate and in the New Forest. We'd like to say 'Good luck, Phil!' and come back and see us soon!

Louise Govier  
Visitor Experience & Communities Manager  
Mottisfont, National Trust  
Telephone 344028

## MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



A very interesting talk accompanied by slides was given by Don Bryan on the subject of 'The River Test – Source to the Sea'. We were

told of the many interesting places that this river passes on its journey to the sea at Southampton where it joins the River Itchen and both rivers become the Solent.

During February a successful jumble sale was held at the Village Hall enabling a donation of £300 to be made to the Hampshire Air Ambulance.

A skittle team took part in the semi-finals for the Hampshire Federation, held at Wellow Golf Course, but were skittled out, having put up a good fight for a place in the finals.

The next meeting will take place at Mottisfont Village Hall on Tuesday, 9th April at 8pm, when the speaker will be Louise Wilson, who will be giving a demonstration on cake decorating. Guests will be very welcome at this evening.

Mary Batten

## The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus Committee

Registered Charity Number: 284910

### Excursions 2013

Last year's excursion programme was very successful, so the committee plans to run the following excursions during 2013. This reflects the discussions at the Annual General Meeting earlier this year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>
15th May	Weymouth
19th June	Swanage
17th July	Isle of Wight
21st August	Poole
18th Sept	Bognor
16th October	Windsor

After last year's modest increase we have again been forced to make a small price rise to £14.00 per person per trip. As before there will be a supplement to cover the ferry costs on the Isle of Wight trip. Bookings can be made with Pam Dawkins on 301203. Please do not contact her before the first day of the month in which you wish to travel. It is important to note that bookings once made must be paid for. The start time is 09.30hrs from the Square.

Mottisfont Village Hall Committee

## Village Supper at the Hall

Friday, 12th April  
7.30pm for 8pm

Another chance to spend an evening with your neighbours and friends while enjoying **a 3-course meal followed by tea/coffee.**

£17 per person. Please bring your own wine.

*Choose from:*

Pate with Melba Toast  
Deep fried Camembert served with  
a Red Fruit Sauce

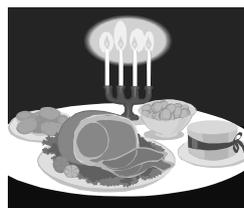


Steak & Kidney Pie  
Poached Salmon with Hollandaise Sauce  
Mushroom Stroganoff

*all served with a selection of vegetables*



Champagne Jellies with Syllabub Cream  
Hazelnut Meringue  
Sticky Toffee Pudding



Book early with your choice from the above.

Please contact Margaret 341922  
(Payment when booking please)

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whether it's more soap for the ladies or a window latch that's on its way out!

### **About you:**

We are looking for someone who is organised, reliable and happy working on their own. You take real pride in your cleaning work, have attention to detail and you'll always have a smile for our visitors. While some similar experience would be great, we'll give you all the training you need.

It's about more than just going the extra mile but really believing in it. Every day, everything that you do will help to wow your colleagues and create a truly unforgettable experience for our visitors.

If you would like to discuss this role further, please contact Helen Potts on 344017, or [helen.potts@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:helen.potts@nationaltrust.org.uk).



## LIONS' GARDEN FOR YOUNG CARERS

By kind permission of the John Lewis Partnership, Romsey Lions are pleased to announce the first public open day of 2013 at Longstock Park Water Gardens. This will be on **Sunday, 7th April**.

The gardens are located near to Stockbridge, and will be open between 2pm and 5pm. Admission is £5 for adults and £1 for children of 14 and under. All proceeds will go to Romsey Lions, who will pass them on to Romsey Young Carers.

This will be a wonderful chance to see these beautiful gardens and their spring flowers for the first time this year. At the same time you will be helping Romsey Lions support Romsey Young Carers.

Please note that no dogs other than registered assistance dogs are allowed in the gardens.

Car parking and toilets are available at the gardens. Refreshments will be provided in the tearoom at the nearby plant nursery where you can also stock your garden. Tea and homemade cakes are made by local parishioners and sold to aid the local church funds.

If you require further details or wish to purchase advance tickets, please contact Lion Mike on 368577 or see <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/romseyuk/>.

## BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

### Events for April

4th April: Members Meeting.  
11th April: Revd. Marina Brain.  
Winchester Prison Managing Chaplain.  
18th April: Revd. Christopher Walker.  
25th April: Mrs. Helen Cornick.

Everyone welcome. Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

## The Village Fete

will be held on

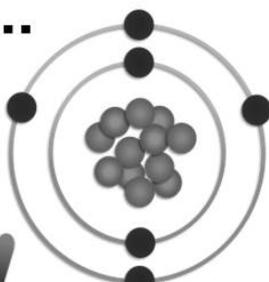
**Sunday, 11th August**

If you have any ideas for the fete or would like to offer to help, please let me know.

Michael Horne, 340105

**All young people 11+ are invited to:-**

**Transformations...**



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**Food, Fun, Worship & Prayer**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 7pm – 9pm**

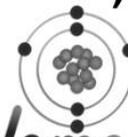
**All Saints Church, N. Baddesley (SO52 9ER)**



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OF ENGLAND



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## WALKING GROUP

Our next walks are:

► Friday, 12th April, 9.30am. Car share and circular walk in the Ashmansworth area. Park at Crux Easton. Pub lunch at the Jack Russell Inn at Facombe.



► Friday, 10th May, 9.56am. Train to Dean, walk to Salisbury, picnic lunch en-route plus ice cream in Salisbury!

► Friday, 14th June, 9.30am. Car share. Where? To be decided.

Please don't be put off joining us because you think we are all seasoned walkers. We aren't! Walks usually are about 3 to 4 hours.

Gordon 340129

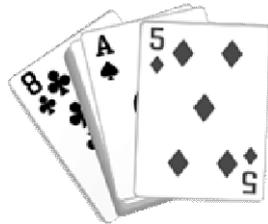
## Whist Drives at Mottisfont

Commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Friday, 26th April

We look forward to your support.

John Jenkins (301614), Gordon Wood (340129)



## MOTTISFONT CRAFT CLUB

Due to popular demand we have moved the club to Wednesday afternoons, 1pm - 3.30pm.

We try something different every week, so whether you are new or experienced, come and join the fun.

If you bring your own supplies, it's £2 a week and £4 if you need supplies provided. Refreshments are included.

Contact Shelly on 341519 or email me at [shellyhm@btinternet.com](mailto:shellyhm@btinternet.com).

## Art Group at the Village Hall

We meet at the Village Hall every Thursday afternoon, 2 - 4 pm. Tea/ coffee and biscuits, good company.

A work of art guaranteed every time!!!

Out on location soon!!!

Gordon 340129



## What's on at the Mill Arms

The Mill Arms would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone that was involved with our **Comic Relief** night on Friday, 15th March. With your help and support we managed to raise just over £2000, which is a superb effort indeed!

So thanks again! It's always great to see the local and not so local communities pulling together for a worthy cause.



### NEW! Burger and Dog Thursdays

Starting on Thursday, 28th March, your chance to enjoy some great home-made burgers or local Bratwurst, to eat in or takeaway with a host of toppings and extras.

4 burgers to choose from: Hampshire Beef, Thyme and Lemon Chicken, BBQ Pork or Spicy Bean (V), all served in an American soft bap. Or a locally made Bratwurst dog!

£5 per burger or dog plus any add-ons you might like: onions, Cheddar, Stilton, egg, coleslaw, onion rings, salad, pickles, mushrooms, pineapple. Sauces: BBQ, tomato relish, Thousand Island, garlic mayo.

### Easter Opening Hours

Good Friday, 29th March, and Easter Saturday, 30th March: Bar 12 noon to close, food 12 noon to 9.30pm.

Easter Sunday, 31st March: Bar 12 noon to 5pm, food 12 noon to 4pm.

Easter Monday, 1st April: Bar 12 noon to 5pm, food 12 noon to 4pm.

### Tex-Mex Buffet Night, Friday, 12th April

Join us for a super Tex Mex style buffet night on Friday, 12th April, 6.30-9pm. £12.50 per person. As always, it's buffet-style, so try everything as often as you like!

Menu includes:  
Beef Ranchero,  
Refried Beans, BBQ Ribs, Jambalaya, Bully Gumbo, Southern Fried Chicken, Vegetable Enchiladas!



Phone or email Lee or Andrea to book!  
[millarms@btconnect.com](mailto:millarms@btconnect.com)  
01794 340 401

## KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

### Orange and passion fruit posset

This recipe serves 6 people.

#### Ingredients:

3 oranges, zest and juice  
900ml double cream, plus extra for decoration  
250g caster sugar  
3 passion fruit  
2 leaves of gelatine or 1 sachet of gelatine granules

For the biscuit:

187g plain flour  
125g butter  
63g caster sugar

#### How to make it:

You will need six champagne flutes or something similar to put the posset in.

Grate the zest of the oranges using the fine side of the grater, and place into a saucepan with the cream. Gently heat and simmer for 5 minutes.

Place the sugar and the juice together in a bowl and mix together. Add this mixture to the pan and bring back to the simmer. Once the cream mixture is hot, pour into another bowl and mix together until the sugar has dissolved.

When the mixture has cooled, cut the passion fruit in half, scrape out the seeds and add into the mixture. Next, pour the mixture into the glasses and place in the fridge to set for a minimum of 5 hours - overnight is best. Whip a small amount of cream and pipe in a swirl onto the top of the set posset.

To make the biscuit, soften the butter in the microwave, but do not melt it. In a mixing bowl, combine the flour and sugar together and then add the butter. Mix together until it becomes a smooth dough.

Now roll the dough into a sausage shape about 2cm deep and wrap in cling film. Chill for 1 hour. Once chilled, remove the dough from the fridge, cut into biscuit-sized pieces and place them on a baking tray lined with parchment paper. Bake them for 7 minutes on 180°C (160°C fan)/Gas Mark 4 to 5 or until the shortbread starts to go golden around the edge.

Once removed from the oven and while still hot, sprinkle with caster sugar and leave to cool. Once cold serve a biscuit with each posset.



*Kate Buchan,  
Sous Chef  
at Kimbridge  
Restaurant*

### What's on In April

- ▶ 1st April: Easter Monday 3-course lunch, £16.95. Booking recommended.
- ▶ 5th April: Fish Fryday. Come and enjoy homemade battered fish for £8.95.
- ▶ 8th April: It's our 5th anniversary year, so the treat for today is a free dessert when ordering from our specials board. Enjoy!!!!
- ▶ 12th April: A night of good music with DC Solo Sax, plus hot buffet, all for £12.95. See Dave at [www.dcsolosax.com](http://www.dcsolosax.com)
- ▶ 16th April: Creative Art workshop "Bluebell Woods in Springtime", with buffet, £25.00. 10.30am till 1pm. [www.studeoart.co.uk](http://www.studeoart.co.uk)
- ▶ 18th April: Tracy does textiles this month - the crochet basics. Learn how to, or improve your skills! All the popular stitches covered in this exciting sample based workshop, with buffet, for £40.00. 10.30am till 1pm. [trac3ychapman@hotmail.com](mailto:trac3ychapman@hotmail.com), tel. 07717 793437
- ▶ 26th April: St. George's day, a celebration of English food and our patron. 4 course dinner for £16.95.

### Advance news for May

- ▶ 1st May: Lucas Raye, singer for your delight, plus hot buffet, £12.95. Catch him at [www.lucasraye.com](http://www.lucasraye.com).

### It's our 5th Anniversary year!

Please ask for your free ticket to our 5th anniversary party when you have taken advantage of our special 8th April offer. The party will be held on 7th October from 5pm till 8pm, with complimentary buffet.

If you would like to be added to our mailing service, send your email address to [kimbridgerestaurant@gmail.com](mailto:kimbridgerestaurant@gmail.com) or phone 340777 or 340556

### TRACTOR STOLEN

Between 15th and 17th March, an Orange Kubota B7200 mini tractor with rotorvator attachment was stolen from a barn in Lockerley.

If you have any further information please contact Romsey Police Station on 101.

*Information from PCSO Jo Cole, Romsey Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team*

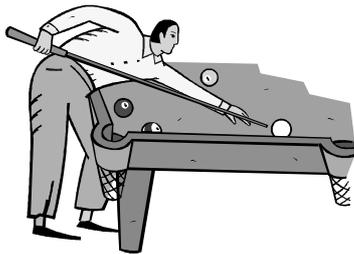
## Mottisfont Social Club

The club is very well situated in the heart of the village, welcoming families and offering 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.

Mottisfont Social Club is a good sized venue for all of your celebrations, right on your doorstep. We are free to use to all of our members, and can assist you in organising your parties. Joining is easy – pop in and introduce yourself!



### What's on

**Mondays:** Ladies darts, Snooker  
**Tuesdays:** Billiards  
**Thursdays:** Bingo, Crib  
**Fridays:** Men's darts, Thrift Club  
**Saturdays:** Chase the Aces and occasional entertainment  
**Sundays:** Skittles.

**Subscriptions are due now for this year: £6, or £3 for OAPs**

### Club Opening Hours

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 7pm till 11pm  
 Wednesday: closed unless pre-booked  
 Sunday lunchtime: Noon till 2pm  
 Sunday evening: 7pm till 10.30pm

## THOMAS DOWSE'S TRUST

Are you under 25 and living in Mottisfont Parish? If so, you could be eligible for a grant.

The Trust was set up to support children and young people for educational purposes. Past grants have been awarded for a whole range of activities such as school trips, books and other equipment for further and higher education.

This is not a means tested grant, so anyone can apply.

Application forms are normally available in St. Andrew's Church or the Village Hall, or you can contact the secretary, Mrs. Christine Hoskins on 301555. Meetings take place four times a year; the next one will be in June.

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

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