



The Village Newsletter

Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



August & September 2013

Mottisfont Village Fete

at the Village Hall

Sunday, 11th August

from 2pm

Fun for all the family

Live Music with The Birnie Boozle Band

**Stalls, Games, Competitions, Tombola, Grand Draw,
Cake Stall, Bar & B.B.Q., Demonstration by Woofability,
History, Topper the Scarecrow, Art, Chicken Slap, and
more!**

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

HELP NEEDED! Can you help on Saturday morning for an hour or two from 10am? We need lots of people to put tents up! Also from 10am on the Sunday to set stalls up, and after the fete to take things down and put them away.

The House at Pooh Corner: a summer of fun at Mottisfont!

This summer, explore the wonderful world of a boy and his bear, when Christopher Robin, Winnie the Pooh and the Hundred Acre Wood are celebrated at Mottisfont.



At the heart of this unique summer of fun is an opportunity to enjoy 38 hand-painted illustrations by E.H. Shepard, created for the books Winnie the Pooh and The House at Pooh Corner. Some of these works have never been seen before, and none of them has ever been on show in the UK. Each artwork is instantly recognisable, featuring Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore and Tigger, amongst other characters beloved by generations of children and adults, all based on the nursery toys that belonged to author AA Milne's son, Christopher Robin.

Children can experience Pooh-inspired forest escapades for themselves, when they embark on Winnie the Pooh's Great Expedition at Mottisfont - an exciting family quest trail packed with nature-led tasks and creative fun. The trail will see families racing Poohsticks along the River Test, tree climbing and tracking a Woozle, building a house of sticks just like Eeyore's, designing a trap for any unexpected Heffalumps, and in true Pooh style making up songs and creating stories. Along the way, kids will be able to tick off plenty of the National Trust's "50 Things to do before you're 11¾" challenges too.

Organised activity weekends on 24 & 25 August, and 31 August & 1 September, offer plenty of additional Winnie the Pooh-related fun, including building a Pooh stick boat, making a huge daisy chain, and building a kite that always flies!

You and your family can prepare for your "expedition" trail by downloading an Expedition Passport Form. Kids draw pictures of themselves and their toys, and tell us about their dream "expedition", and either bring in their form or email it back to us. We'll choose the

most interesting pictures and descriptions in two age categories; there are 10 prizes of lovely books kindly donated by Egmont UK Ltd, and free tickets to Mottisfont. The competition runs until 31 August, and the whole Winnie-the-Pooh offer is on until 16 September.

So, have a look at these two bits of the website to whet your appetite....

Our Families page:

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont/things-to-see-and-do/for-families/>

and the competition page:

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont/things-to-see-and-do/article-1355786853650/>

and we'll hope to see you here very soon for some Winnie-the-Pooh fun!

Outdoor theatre and other events

Don't miss Pantaloons' production of Sherlock Holmes on 1st August, and Illyria's tale of the sheep-pig Babe on 24 August (tickets for each: adults £16, children £8, booking essential on 0844 249 1895).

For more outdoor fun, come on our Wild Bug Hunt on 24 July, a Countryside Bike Ride on 20 August, or our Picnic and Pedal at Foxbury in the New Forest on 25 August. Or try something a bit different in September with the Vegetable Orchestra on 21 and 22 September – learn how to make a musical instrument from a vegetable (yes, really!) and then play it at the end of the session in a unique band!

It's going to be a glorious summer – hope we'll see you at Mottisfont soon!

River Open Day:

An Exclusive Invitation to Local Residents

The National Trust and Mottisfont Fly-Fishing Club are pleased to invite residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge to enjoy the beautiful riverbanks of the Oakley, Rectory and Dun beats on Sunday, 25th August. This is during the August weed-cut period when the rivers are not fished, and so can be opened to local residents. You are welcome to picnic, walk and enjoy the riverbanks between 9am and 9pm.

The river margins are protected areas of Special Scientific Interest, so we request everyone to observe certain necessary restrictions. Please do not:

- ◆ Paddle, swim, or use boats or inflatables
- ◆ Leave litter
- ◆ Light fires
- ◆ Fish
- ◆ Drive on to the beats
- ◆ Dogs are permitted, but must be kept on leads.

Access

Dun Beat: by the bridge opposite the layby on Hatt

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Hill.

Rectory Beat: from the road between the main Abbey Car Park and Mottisfont House.

Oakley Beat: by the bridge on Oakley Lane.

The Mottisfont River-keeper, Neil Swift, will be giving a talk about the river ecosystem and river management. Please come to the Oakley Hut at 12pm on Sunday, 25th August (or the barn at Oakley Farmhouse if wet). All are welcome.

Parking spaces near the beats are quite limited, so please walk to the rivers if possible.

If you have a query about the River Open Day, please email river@mottisfont.org.uk

Villagers' River Tickets

Fly-fishing residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge are eligible to purchase a Village Ticket to fish the waters of the Mottisfont Estate on Tuesday, 24th September.

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 an expert, but you must have some fly-fishing experience, your own kit, and a rod licence!

Please email fishing@mottisfont.org.uk or call Robert on 341310.

Fly-fishing Tuition

There will be an opportunity for up to 6 local residents interested in learning fly-fishing to have an afternoon's expert tuition from NT staff on 24th September. Tickets are £10. Please email fishing@mottisfont.org.uk to reserve a place. If you have your own fly-fishing gear, please bring it!

ABSEIL FOR ABE

On a very hot Sunday, 21st July at 5pm I abseiled the Spinnaker Tower along with Abe's other grandmother.

Justin Groves Gardening Services

Top quality service provided.

Tools can be provided and green waste removed where necessary.

Please ring/text 341301 or 07415 137312.

The smiles on our faces don't quite match the feelings we had at the time but we completed it and felt fantastic on reaching the bottom.

Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement over the last months. Abe is doing really well following his operation in America last March and

Art on show in the Wallops

Book Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September now for a visit to Wallops Parish Hall (A343, opposite the George pub), for the annual show by Wallop Artists. This long established group contains some very talented artists, several of whom have become big names locally and in national art societies. This is an excellent chance to snap up some high quality artworks.



Expression in Black, by Jo Richardson

The exhibition is mainly of paintings, but there are usually prints and drawings, as well as small sculptures and craft items. On display are well framed pieces, but there are unframed pieces at very reasonable prices.

There are refreshments available throughout the show, from 10am to 5pm each day. Some of the artists are also excellent cake-makers.

Wallop Artists have regular monthly demonstrations by professional artists; they hold day workshops, and in the summer have sessions painting outdoors. There is a weekly painting and drawing group, and occasional short courses. New members who want to develop their practice are welcome.



has recently started some independent walking. He has daily physio, and with determination on his part we believe his future is now very positive.

Margaret Astur

Dear Friends,



I am writing this letter quite early in July ready for the double issue of the ACORN which takes us through to September. As I write this letter the day has been gloriously sunny and hot and it's a warm Sunday evening,

The main reason for writing this month is to let you know about the St. Andrew's Harvest Festival, which will take place on the 8th September at 11am. Here we have an opportunity of saying thank you to God for the abundance of the harvest, the beauty of nature and the incredible miracle that exhibits itself through the very fact that we are alive as part of the wonder of the creation. It is also an opportunity of remembering those less fortunate than ourselves and as always any produce brought to church will be given to local homeless charities.

This year we hope the village will also support our Gift Day for St. Andrew's where, as part of the

Harvest Thanksgiving, we would like to give thanks to God for our beautiful and ancient parish church with its incredible 850 plus years of history. We thank God also for the ministry of worship and pastoral care which takes place on a weekly basis. For all of this to continue we have to have sufficient funds, and we hope that you we will feel able to bring a gift in an envelope as an offering for the work of St. Andrew's in Mottisfont. But please come whether you bring a gift or not, as our main purpose is to welcome you into St. Andrew's and to worship God and offer fellowship.

After the service at 11am we will be enjoying some special refreshments together.

Please do put this in your diary.

With Blessings

Ron Corne.

SUNDAY BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Time	4th August TRINITY 10	11th August TRINITY 11	18th August TRINITY 12	25th August TRINITY 13
8.00	Broughton HC CW	Broughton HC (BCP)	-	-
9.30	Bossington HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Service	Mottisfont HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Communion (CW)
		Houghton HC CW		
11.00	-	-	Broughton HC CW	Mottisfont Family Communion CW
6.00	Houghton Evensong	-	Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC (BCP)

SUNDAY BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Time	1st September TRINITY 14	8th September TRINITY 15	15th September TRINITY 16	22nd September TRINITY 17	29th September TRINITY 18
8.00	Broughton HC CW	Broughton HC (BCP)	-	-	-
9.30	Bossington HC (BCP)	Broughton HARVEST FESTIVAL Family Service	Mottisfont HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Communion (CW) and Sunday Club	Houghton HC CW for the Benefice. Guest speaker Rev. Phil Dykes
		Houghton HC CW			
11.00	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont HARVEST FESTIVAL Family Service	Broughton HC CW and Coffee Club	Mottisfont Family Communion CW	-
6.00	Houghton Evensong	-	Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC (BCP)	-

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

St. Andrew's Church



All are welcome to the Harvest Festival Family Service



Sunday 8th September at 11.00am

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



Members and guests were present at the July meeting to enjoy an interesting talk on the life and work of Rex Whistler given by Betty Fuller. We were told a brief history of Mottisfont Abbey where Rex Whistler was commissioned to paint a mural in what is now called the Whistler room. Rex was instrumental in painting many other murals and paintings during his life.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 13th August at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall. The speaker will be from the Osteoporosis Society and the topic will be "Take Care of your Bones". Guests will be very welcome at this evening, so come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit too.

We will be having a Bric-a-Brac stall at the Mottisfont Fete on 11th August. If you have any suitable items, we would welcome them. Collection can be arranged by contacting Cathie on 340129 or Frances on 301614.

On Tuesday, 17th September between 10am and 12 noon we will be holding an "Apple Pie & Coffee" morning in Mottisfont Village Hall. A donation from this event will be given to Jane Scarth House in Romsey.

A warm welcome will be extended to everyone.

Mary Batten

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for September

5th September: Members meeting.

12th September: Stephen Baldock.

19th September: Malcolm Green.

26th September: Revd. Hazel O'Sullivan.

Please note: There will be no meetings in August.

Everyone welcome. Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

LONGSTOCK PARK WATER GARDENS

Charity Opening, Sunday, 4th August, 2pm – 5pm

In aid of
THE TEST VALLEY BENEFICE,
which comprises the 4 parishes of Leckford,
Longstock, Somborne with Ashley and Stockbridge

Entrance fee £5 for adults and £1 for children at the gate or buy tickets in advance from
The Greyhound, Stockbridge or Cross Stores,
King's Somborne, or call 01264 810054,
01264 810284 or 01794 388021

*Friends of All Saints Church, Houghton
In aid of the restoration of the church bells*



Win an AFRICAN SAFARI Holiday for Two!

SAFARI RAFFLE

A Safari package in ZAMBIA for TWO PEOPLE. Kindly donated by nungusafaris.com in conjunction with wilderness-safaris.com

This amazing prize for two people valued at £6,500 includes:

- Return airfares - London/Johannesburg/Livingstone (Zambia)
- Two nights at Toka-Leya Lodge, on the Zambezi river, close to Victoria Falls
- Three nights at Busanga Plains camp, in the game-rich Kafue National Park

The five days are fully inclusive of all transfers and flights, accommodation, game drives etc (excludes gratuities for guides)

To be taken mid June - mid August, or October 2014 (these dates provide the best periods for game viewing in Zambia)

Draw will take place at the Boot Inn, Houghton, December 6th at 7.30pm

Tickets only £50

Do not miss this opportunity for an amazing holiday and experience for TWO PEOPLE

For tickets contact:

Julie Moldon 01794 388204

Bob Gosse 01794 388617

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Inter-Village It's A Knock Out

The Inter-Village It's A Knock Out went very well. We had good weather and lots of fun was had by all. Neither of our two villages won, but it was great fun, and we think we have raised over £1,100 for Hampshire and IOW Air Ambulance.

Thanks to all our sponsors: Hatt Farm, The Mill Arms and Abbey Grab, and for the teams and helpers on the day, and lots of people who turned up.

Michael Horne

WALKING GROUP

Our next monthly walks will be:

► Friday, 9th August, 9.30am. Car share. North of the county - to be led by Peter Moore. Pub lunch or picnic.



► Friday, 13th September, 9.30am. Car share. New Forest. Pub lunch.

► Friday, 11th October, 10am - local walk.

Are we then into our Winter Walks programme after these?

Do come and join us. The walks are never too difficult

or too far.

Gordon & Cathie, 340129



MOTTISFONT CRAFT CLUB

We meet every Wednesday, 1-3.30pm, at Mottisfont Village Hall.

If you're experienced and bring your own supplies/projects it's only £2. If you're new to crafting we can provide you with supplies for £4, but please call first so we bring enough for you. Refreshments included.

To find out more about us go to <http://www.mottisfontcraftclub.co.uk/>

Contact Shelly on 341519 or email me at shellyhm@btinternet.com

Come and see us at the village fete where we'll be getting crafty and showing you how to make fab items for your home and for the children.

What's on at the Mill Arms

The Mill Arms Music Festival Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September



Organising is well under way and we have a right treat in store for you guys, with some top local and not so local bands! There will be two main areas of music: in the main bar, the solo, acoustic, unplugged style for a more relaxed feel, and in the function room the larger plugged-in style bands with lots of dancing. Not quite Glasto but perhaps Dunbridge's version of it!

With over 20+ bands and performers over the weekend there will be something for everyone!

Tickets are now on sale, so do not hang around as we are limited to numbers on both days, and once they are gone they are gone! Call Lee or Andrea for more information and tickets.

It's a weekend for all the family so kids under 10 years are FREE. Make sure however to pick up a special child's ticket.

Bands include:

- ♪ - Red Jackson - Rhythm and blues at its best
- ♪ - SoulMunky - Atlantic - Stax - Classic soul
- ♪ - Rollin Rock - Rock covers from the 70s to date
- ♪ - Mavis Grind - Rock and roll their way
- ♪ - Sunflower - From Billy Joel to Bob Marley
- ♪ - Mango - Superb covers from across the eras
- ♪ - Uncle Toms Cobbles - Fiddle, banjo, vocals - brilliant
- ♪ - Wonston Churchill - Folk, rock, you will all be singing
- ♪ - Bell Bottom Blues - These guys certainly wont make you blue!

♪ - ♪ - ♪ - ♪ *Plus lots more!* ♪ - ♪ - ♪ - ♪

Phone or email Lee or Andrea to book!

millarms@btconnect.com

01794 340 401

Art Group at the Village Hall

Meets at the Village Hall every Thursday afternoon, 2pm - 4pm. Good company, and refreshments. Never more than £2, and sometimes free.



You are welcome to join us for a go - a masterpiece guaranteed every time!!!

Gordon
340129

KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

Peach Melba Roulade

This recipe serves 10 people

Ingredients

3 large eggs
85g caster sugar
85g self-raising flour

Filling:

1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
420g peaches, roughly chopped
75g raspberry puree
150g raspberries
200ml double cream

How to make it

Heat the oven to 200C/gas 6/fan 180C. Butter and line a 25 x 35cm Swiss roll tin with baking parchment.

In a large bowl whisk together the eggs and the sugar using an electric mixer until light and fluffy - about 5 minutes. Sieve the flour into a clean bowl and gently fold the flour into the egg mix. Fold in until all combined, but be careful not to over-mix and knock the air out of the eggs. Pour the mix into the lined tin. smooth out to the edges and bake for 12-15 minutes until thoroughly cooked.

Lay a sheet of baking paper slightly larger than the sponge on a surface and dust with sieved icing sugar. Flip the sponge out onto the paper and carefully peel off the parchment lining on the sponge. Cut a line into the sponge one end about 2cm from the edge, being careful not to cut all the way through (this will help when filling the sponge). Using the sheet underneath the sponge, tightly roll the sponge up starting with the cut edge rolling the paper in the sponge. Once rolled, leave to cool completely.

For the filling, whisk the cream and vanilla until it forms soft peaks. Fold in half of the chopped peaches and drizzle in half of the raspberry puree. Unroll the sponge and spread over the cream; scatter with the raspberries and remaining peach pieces. Drizzle the remaining puree over the cream and starting with the edge you cut earlier, fold that over into the cream. Then tightly roll the roulade, transfer to a serving plate, dust with sugar and serve.



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Weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, societies or corporate.

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What's on In August

- ▶ 2nd: Fish Fryday Lunch: come and enjoy fresh beer-battered cod, £8.95
- ▶ 5th: To celebrate our 5th anniversary year, children eat free from the children's menu with each adult ordering a main course from the specials board
- ▶ 9th: Closed from 3pm for a wedding. Sorry for any inconvenience
- ▶ 21st: Buffet evening with quiz, teams of 2 or 4. 6pm start. £7.95. Prize to the winning team.
- ▶ 24th: Closed from 3pm for a wedding. Sorry for any inconvenience.
- ▶ 28th: Buffet evening with music. 6pm start. £7.95.

Valid until 30th August, Monday to Friday only, with this copy of the *Acorn*:

Free ice lolly for any child up to 13 years old eating with an adult, and 2 for 1 on

full English breakfasts from 10am to 11am.

If you would like to be added to our mailing service, send your email address to

kimbridgerestaurant@gmail.com

or phone 340777 or 340556

THE VILLAGE FETE

on Sunday, 11th August, from 2pm

TOMBOLA STALL

Pat and Dave Francis will be running the Tombola stall and are now looking for donations of prizes. These can be anything from a tin of baked beans, a jar of jam, a bottle of squash or wine, or new unused toiletries.

You can bring the gifts to us at Hawthorn Cottage in Lockerley Road or to Michael Horne at 4 Mill Rise, or bring them along on the morning of the fete.

If you are unable to deliver, give Pat or Dave a ring on 340609 and we will arrange for collection.

The deadline for inclusion of items in the OCTOBER edition of the Acorn is 16th September.

Note: THERE WILL BE NO EDITION OF THE ACORN IN SEPTEMBER.

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: just 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.

Club Opening Hours

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

Electric Blanket Testing

TVBC are supporting free electric blanket testing sessions where people can take along their electric blankets to be checked for safety and fire risk. Testing will be taking place at Romsey Fire Station on Wednesday, 9th October.

In 2012, of the 120 blankets tested, almost 50% failed and were taken out of use ensuring the owners' safety.

Tests must be booked in advance by calling 01962 833358 (HCC Trading Standards Office).

THOMAS DOWSE'S TRUST

The Thomas Dowse Charity began in 1601 when Thomas was Lord of the Manor of Broughton. It was originally to provide a schoolmaster to teach children to read, write and understand arithmetic. Today the charity can provide funds for a whole range of educational activities, for example: help with providing books, a school trip, music and singing lessons and much more.

It is not means tested, and if you are 25 or under and live in Mottisfont Parish you can apply.

Application forms are available from Chris Hoskins at: hoskins12@btinternet.com.

The next meeting will be on 23rd September, so there is still time to apply.

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

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