



Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN



The Village Newsletter

June 2013

In aid of
The Air Ambulance

Inter Village ***It's A Knock Out!***

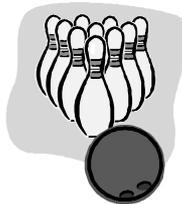
Sunday, 21st July

Mottisfont Village Hall

Gates open at noon, games start at 1pm.

We now have 7 villages taking part. Dunbridge Team members are Katy and Dylan Buckingham, Stuart Wineberg, Lyn Kenkins, and Matthew Webb. The team colour is yellow.

Mottisfont Team members are Peter Holms, Miss Sam Abbey Grab, Neil Sheppard, and Charlotte and Amy Bennett. The team colour is red.



We will be holding a fun/training evening on Saturday, 22nd June, at Mottisfont Social Club from 7.30pm. Please come and meet the teams, and watch or join in with the fun. We will be doing skittles, the gutter and ball game, etc.



Why not wear a yellow top if from Dunbridge or a red top if from Mottisfont?

You do not need to be a member of the Social Club, so you are all welcome.

Our local sponsors are The Mill Arms, Abbey Grab, and J.D.Jenkins & Sons (Hatt Farm).

All proceeds will go to the Air Ambulance.

If you are able to help on the day, please contact Michael Horne on 340105 or by email via hornes@btinternet.com

Is it in your diary yet?

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

GENERAL CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

The following advice has been provided by the Romsey Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team of Hampshire Constabulary.

- ▶ Keep ground floor or other accessible windows shut and locked in rooms you are not using.
- ▶ Don't leave doors and patios doors open.
- ▶ Remember to lock up property before going to bed.
- ▶ Remember that insurance companies often will not pay out if a burglary is a result of insecurity.
- ▶ If you are taking the opportunity to do some DIY to the house, don't leave ladders and tools outside. Keep them locked up.
- ▶ Make sure you lock side or rear gates leading to you garden.
- ▶ Do not do business at the door. Often companies who tout at the door for gardening and home improvements turn out to be bogus.
- ▶ If you are in the back garden having a barbeque party, don't be tempted to leave the front door open for your visitors to let themselves in.

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

Parish Council News

Chairman's Annual Report

Roadside Footpaths

Last year I reported that Hampshire County Council had recommended no change to speed limits, due to low accident rates, and we were hoping this may assist us in pushing forward the roadside footpaths.

Last October we had the excellent news that the Dunbridge footpath had been approved and it was to be completed before April 2013 (yes, I do mean this April!). Unfortunately, I think that everyone will have noticed that this *completed* or even *commenced* item still seems to be rather conspicuous by its absence!!

Parish Lengthsman Scheme

This is supervised here by Andrew Simmonds and has continued to be of excellent practical use to us around the parish, with grass cutting, verge cutting, road sign cleaning and ditch clearing. The last item was with the assistance of our local subcontractor, Alan Lawrence.

However, there is a need for a pool of people with varying skills to be available.

Members Grant

This has been extremely helpful and has enabled us to improve the notice boards, assist the village hall over the cost of a new sewerage pipe and assist payment for the digger required for ditch clearing.

We shall also be purchasing a bench for the residents of Mill Rise to use whilst waiting for the community bus, with an additional grant.

Pot Holes

These are still a major problem, and while they are slowly being repaired, it is clearly not to a high enough standard to ensure a lasting repair, which is not good value for money.

Children's Play Area

This came up again last year, but as on previous occasions, no further progress has been made, even though there are funds available.

Council Tax & Our Precept

As I reported last year, the Village Hall Management Committee has taken on the responsibility for the hall maintenance. Therefore, as with last year, this has enabled us to hold our precept for 2013/14 the same as last year, unlike Test Valley, where some Councillors have used a loophole in the regulations to push through an excessive increase, despite having considerable reserves.

I think that I should point out that Neville Whiteley voted against this.



News from Mottisfont

We're gearing up for lots of Bank Holiday and half term fun, with a Wild Art workshop on 28 May, and lots of opportunities for youngsters to fill in more of their "50 things to do before you're 11¾" outdoor play booklets.

At the time of writing, we're looking forward to the annual Songs of Praise celebration with the church, with fingers crossed for fine, dry weather! The walled garden is already full of colour – it's protected from the worst of the weather, so even though many wild plants are several weeks behind with their flowering, the roses are bang on time. They're beginning to flower now, with the ramblers coming out first, and we're expecting a spectacular display from the middle of June onwards.

For an extra special visit, try one of our special rose evenings – enjoy music, drinks, exclusive access and chat with expert gardeners at the Pimm's and Roses evenings on 5 and 19 June, or have a quiet stroll with gardeners on hand to answer questions on 12 and 26 June. If you're feeling creative, you could try your hand at painting roses in watercolour – one-day workshops run on 7 and 14 June.

If wildlife's your thing, then join us on an evening bat walk around the Mottisfont estate, home to some of the rarest bat species in Britain. Ring 344020 if you'd like to book a ticket for any of these events.

Louise Govier, tel. 344028

Upgraded Dunbridge Sewerage Treatment Plant

I assume that as this is now completed, and is working OK, preferably without the overflow problems that Dunbridge has suffered in the past. However, I am still not completely convinced that Southern Water have finally accepted that they do own the covered tank in Mill Rise, despite finding that their effluent runs through it!

Level Crossing Safety

I reported last year that there have been an unacceptable number of barrier failures at Dunbridge and that electrical power failures can result in both Dunbridge and Kimbridge crossings being out of action simultaneously, resulting in drivers taking a risk and going across anyway.

I understand that these barrier failures are still occurring, with the potential for a major accident if nothing is done.

John Millns, Chairman Mottisfont Parish Council

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



At the May meeting there were 17 members and guests present at a talk and slide show given by John Ericson on pub signs.

It was interesting to hear the history and background to the different types of pub signs and how many portrayed the types of work that took place in the past. Some signs also touched on the humour of life, in particular where animals and birds were concerned.

The next meeting will take place on 11th June, and is the annual outing which is a visit to Osborne House on the Isle of Wight.

The July meeting will take place at Mottisfont Village Hall at the new time of 7.30pm when the speaker will be Betty Fuller talking about Rex Whistler. Guests will be very welcome at this meeting.

Mary Batten

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- ▶ If you are going out for the evening remember to use a timer switch on a lamp or radio to give the impression someone is home.
- ▶ If you go out cycling, remember to lock your bike using a decent 'D' lock, even if you leave it for a few minutes.
- ▶ Remember to shut car windows and sunroofs even if parked on your drive.
- ▶ If you are outside gardening, don't be tempted to leave doors and accessible windows open.
- ▶ If you are working in the front garden, remember not to leave expensive power tools lying around, even for a couple of minutes.
- ▶ Scrap metal has a high value, so be careful about leaving barbecues in the front garden, where they may be taken.
- ▶ Check security of sheds, garages and outbuildings.
- ▶ Regularly check boundary fences and walls to ensure they are in good order and not damaged.
- ▶ Ensure that garden statues, hanging baskets and large plant pots are appropriately anchored and secure.
- ▶ If you buy new garden tools, lawn mowers, hedge cutters, strimmers, etc., mark your equipment with your house number and post code, or even take a photograph, and register items free of charge at www.immobilise.com.

Lockerley Primary School

Open Morning

Wednesday, 12th June,
9.30am to 12 noon

Picnic Lunch 12 noon to 1pm

We would like to invite all pre-school children to come and join in the fun and activities at our Open Morning.

This is our Bring a Bear to school day, so please bring a furry friend with you. If you would like to stay for our Teddy Bears' Picnic, please bring a packed lunch.

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Lockerley Primary School P.T.A.

Summer Hamper Ball

Saturday, 13th July
at

Lockerley and East Dean Memorial Hall

Book a table for a minimum of 6 people, maximum 8.

Tickets £10 per person.

As a table, provide a hamper of food and crockery for your party.

Prize for best decorated table!

Music, Raffle and Bar

Tickets available from
Lockerley School Office 340485,
Linda Kirkham 341572 and Beccy Rose 341266

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Lockerley Primary School

Bizarre Bazaar

Friday, 5th July,
6pm - 8pm

BBQ,
Bar,
Raffle,
Stalls,
Tombola
Family Games

All Welcome!!

Dear Friends,

June already! The weather is much better than last year! You might say it couldn't be worse!

The early summer last year according to the Met Office was the wettest since records began more than 240 years ago. Figures covering three months up to 23 July, 2012, showed that more than 387mm (15.2in) of rain fell in England and Wales. That was more than double the average of 186mm (7.3in) for the period, resulting in two bouts of devastating floods in parts of England in June and July.

The previous biggest summer deluge since records started in 1766 came in 1789 when almost 350mm (13.8in) fell. So let's keep praying that this summer is blessed with plenty of Mr. Sunshine!

Indeed we need good weather for many things, including this month we have some very enjoyable fund raising and social occasions happening across the benefice.

On 21st June there will be the Rose Garden Evening at Mottisfont Abbey at 6.30pm.

On 23rd June, Open Gardens at Broughton.

On 25th June, we will be holding Gift Day at Houghton from 6pm until 7.30pm. Come and have some refreshments and bring any monetary gift to

the treasurer. The money will be used in the running of All Saints, Houghton, and helps us to keep the living church alive.



On 29th June, Gill, our Curate, will be ordained Priest in Winchester Cathedral.

On 30th June, Gill will celebrate the Holy Communion for the first time at St. Mary's, Broughton, at 9.30am, followed by refreshments (benefice service).

Please come and support your local churches in the benefice, and have a lovely time as well.

With blessings,

Ron

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for June

6th May: Mrs. Bev Kidley (Morning Star).

13th May: Members' meeting.

20th May: Mrs. Ann Freeland.

27th May: Desmond Graves.

Everyone welcome. Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

SUNDAY BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

Time	2nd June TRINITY 1	9th June TRINITY 2	16th June TRINITY 3	23rd June TRINITY 4	30th June TRINITY 5
8.00	Broughton HC CW	Broughton HC (BCP)	-	-	-
9.30	Bossington HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Pet Service	Mottisfont HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Communion (CW)	Broughton HC CW for the BENEFICE
		Houghton HC CW		Broughton Sunday Club	
11.00	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont Family Pet 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

SHOEBOXES



Don't forget to collect shoeboxes and items to fill them for 2013's Operation Christmas Child, which sends filled boxes to needy children all over the world.

If you'd like any information about suitable box contents or

how to help, contact Julia on 340793.

WANTED!

Surplus wool and volunteer knitters!

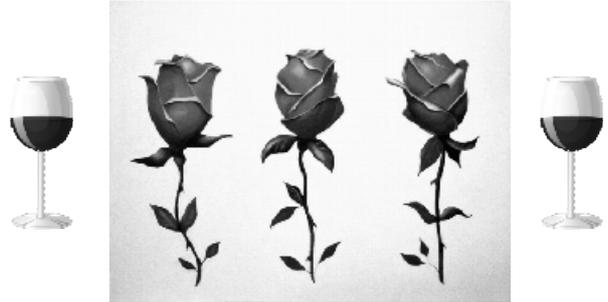
Each year we need large numbers of knitted hats, gloves, mittens, puppets, and other items suitable for children from age 2 to 14 - and never have enough.

If you can help either by supplying wool (the more colourful the better!) or by knitting, Julia would like to hear from you! Please ring her on 340793 for further details.



In support of St. Andrew's Church, Mottisfont

Roses and Wine



Midsummer evening, June 21st,

Mottisfont Abbey's famous walled Rose Garden
6:30 – 8:30pm

£10 pp (£6 for U16s, OAPs and students)

A unique and exciting opportunity to see the famous Abbey Gardens which are open for **one evening** for your enjoyment.

- ◆ Meet David Stone, Head Gardener for Mottisfont Abbey
- ◆ Ask him your rose growing and gardening questions.
- ◆ Have a glass of wine
- ◆ Raffle

For more information contact David Boardman on boardman338@btinternet.com

St Andrew's Church

Pet Service

11.00am Sunday 9th June



All Welcome!

WALKING GROUP

Our next walks are:

- ▶ Friday 14th June - 10am
- ▶ Friday 12th July - 10am



Meet at Dunbridge Station

These will be local walks led by Cathie Wood & Peter Moore.

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

IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED (ALLEGEDLY)

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbour call the highways department to request the removal of the 'DEER CROSSING' sign on our road. The reason: 'Too many deer are being hit by cars on this stretch of road! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'

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When I went to the garage to pick up our car, I was told the keys had been locked in it.

I went to the Service Department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's door.

As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked.

'Hey,' I announced to the mechanic, 'it's open!'

His reply: 'I know. I already did that side.'

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.

What's on at the Mill Arms

A big thank-you to the super Madison Heights who entertained over 220 of you recently with a spectacular show and given your feedback did, as always, a brilliant job of it!



They will be back at The Mill Arms on Saturday, 21st September. Contact us for more ticket information!

Father's Day Lunch, Sunday, 16th June

Don't forget Dad! Bookings now being taken for a superb 2 or 3 course Fathers Day lunch. Don't leave it too late - sittings 12 noon and 2 pm.



Burgers and Dogs

Build your own fun every Thursday evening at The Mill Arms. Choose from a selection of 4 ever-changing home-made burgers or a locally made bratwurst, and then build it up with a whole host of different toppings to make it unique.

Burgers start at £5.00 - what a great excuse to give the chef in your house the night off! Eat in or take away.

COMEDY CAPERS



The Gag Show are back at The Mill Arms on Saturday 8th June. This time with three fantastic comics, two brand new to The Mill

Arms and one, the outstanding Viki Stone, who we welcome back by popular request for her second visit.

Tickets from £10 - a great value night of entertainment. Contact us for more information.

Phone or email Lee or Andrea to book!
millarms@btconnect.com
01794 340 401

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



KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

Asparagus and Feta Tartlet

A nice, light summery meal, and a great complement for any summer salads or as a side dish for a barbecues. This recipe serves 4 persons.

Ingredients:

250g block of puff pastry
200g feta cheese
80g of grated parmesan
Zest of 1 lemon, finely grated
20 asparagus spears
Olive oil for dressing



*Kate Buchan,
Sous Chef
at Kimbridge
Restaurant*

How to make it:

Pre-heat the oven to 200C (180C fan)/gas mark 6. Line a baking tray with parchment paper to prevent the pastry sticking to the tray. Hold the asparagus in your hand and bend the end of it until it snaps off and place on a baking tray; repeat this until all the asparagus is trimmed. Once on the tray drizzle with a little olive oil, sprinkle over the lemon zest and place in the oven for 10 minutes until the asparagus has softened.

Roll out the pastry and cut into rectangles of 12x6cm and place on the baking tray. Score a 1cm boarder on each rectangle. Sprinkle the parmesan over the middle of the rectangle and then put the asparagus in the middle of each one, 5 spears on each tartlet and then crumble the feta carefully over the asparagus.

Brush the 1cm boarder with olive oil and place the tray into the oven and cook for 15 minutes until the pastry has puffed up and is golden brown. Serve warm with salad or as a side dish with a summer barbecue!

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What's on In June

- ▶ 3rd June: Our 5th anniversary year, so treat yourself! £2.00 off any dish from the specials board.
- ▶ 4th June: Flower arranging with Kay from Pomp and Petals, incl. a buffet, £40.00. 10.30am till 1pm. www.pompandpetals.com
- ▶ 7th June: Fish Fryday. Come and enjoy home-made battered fish, £8.95.
- ▶ 8th June: Closed for wedding - apologies for any inconvenience
- ▶ 12th June: Hot buffet evening, with the music of DC Solo Sax. 6.00pm start, £9.95.
- ▶ 16th June: Father's day 3 course lunch, £16.95.
- ▶ 21st June: 'Arabian Nights' gourmet evening, chapter 1: Morocco. A three course dinner for £16.95.
- ▶ 26th June: Hot buffet evening, with the one and only Jack Sinatra. 6.00pm start, £12.95.

Valid until 28th June, Monday to Friday only, with this copy of the *Acorn*:
Free garlic bread starter with any main course from the specials board
½ sandwich and soup £5.95
Duck 50p extra

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 East Tytherley Country Fayre, Saturday, 8th June, from 12 noon

In the grounds of Oaklands House (SP5 1LE)

"A Countryside Extravaganza"

Many attractions, including: Mullenscote Gun Dog Display, Wessex Ferrets, Falconry Displays, Dog Show, Have a go Archery, Classic Cars, Children's Petting Farm, Kester the Children's Entertainer

Plus: Local traders and crafts, traditional side stalls, children's games and activities, cream teas on the lawn, BBQ, bar and Pimms

And much, much more!

8pm live band ~ The Sulky's,
Food and Bar
Free admission!

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

HEATING OIL THEFTS

Reports of heating oil thefts in rural areas are continuing. The Police have asked everyone to remain vigilant at all times and to report any suspicious activity or noise. Please report any suspicious activity in your area no matter how small you feel the information is.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR HEATING OIL TANKS ARE SECURE AND REGULARLY CHECKED. Do not hesitate to contact the Police on 0845 045 45 45 or 101 if you require any crime prevention advice.

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 24th June, 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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			861138	Village Bus	Secretary	George Vaughan	301045
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	Dunbridge	Cliff Astur	341922	(Reg.Charity	Secretary	Margaret Astur	341922
Parish Council	Clerk	Sue Holder	340130	No. 291629)	Bookings	Tony Stemp	340398
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