



The Village Newsletter

Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN



March 2013

Inter-Village Fun Event

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.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME

You often tell us that speeding is one of the biggest community concerns in your respective areas. With this in mind, we are working closely with parish councils to try to purchase speed checking equipment.

Community Speed Watch will be co-ordinated by Hampshire Constabulary in partnership with your local council and other agencies. The scheme will be run by our local police Safer Neighbourhood Police team and community volunteers, and will only operate on roads with a speed limits of 20, 30 and 40 mph.

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

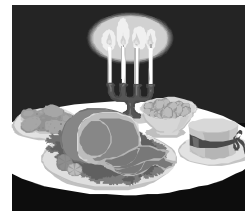


Steak & Kidney Pie
Poached Salmon with Hollandaise Sauce
Mushroom Stroganoff

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)

Volunteers Needed If you have some time to spare and would like to become a Police volunteer assisting with the Community Speed Watch in your area please contact us for further information on 101 and ask for Jo Cole or Vernon Gook.

From the Romsey Rural Police Weekly Crime update sent recently by PCSO Jo Cole.

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

Parish Council News

Village Bus

The village bus will be pulling into Mill Rise for a six month trial period to pick up residents, after which the village bus committee will consider if this is to be a permanent arrangement. We hope this will be much safer and convenient for residents. On the subject of waiting for the bus, County Councillor Andrew Gibson has awarded the parish a grant to pay for a new seat at Mill Rise. The grant will also cover the installation costs.

Faster Broadband

Hampshire County Council is continuing to work towards providing 90% of the rural areas with faster broadband, and the contract is going to tender this month. Hampshire County Council wishes to support home working and benefit the carbon footprint with this initiative. Once the contractor has been appointed, we should be able to confirm if Mottisfont and Dunbridge will benefit from the project.

Community Speed Watch

At our December meeting PCSO Jo Cole discussed a Community Speed Watch scheme where local volunteers are provided with various pieces of equipment which will detect the speed of traffic. Details of drivers exceeding the speed limit will then be passed to the Police and warning letters will be sent out. The council discussed the scheme further at this meeting and do have concerns for getting and sustaining volunteers. The equipment is also

expensive; however the costs could be shared with neighbouring parishes. Please contact the council if you think this is something the parish council should consider further.

Precept

The council have agreed not to increase the precept for 2013/14, and a transitional grant will be paid to the council to offset the cost of the introduction of the national Council Tax Support System.

Noticeboard

We plan to move the noticeboard outside the village hall onto the wall of the village hall by the door.

Annual Parish Meeting

Please make a note of the date of our Annual Parish Meeting on the 10th April. Find out what the council have achieved in the last 12 months and chat to the Borough and County Councillors.

Dates of future meetings

27th February and 10th April. Everyone is welcome.

Sue Holder, Clerk, 340130



Coming up at Mottisfont:

After a very successful half term with wildlife experts and our bush craft workshops sold out, we're getting set for our next run of events.

These include an introduction to coarse fishing on 2nd March. Visit our fishing beats as well as learn the skills and techniques behind coarse fishing.

We also have a 3-hour big tree climbing experience on 17th March, where you'll climb some of our lovely plane trees, learn about the creatures that live inside them and zip-wire down to the ground!

Then we'll have our usual Easter trail at the end of the month, culminating in the Big Egg and Spoon Race assault course on Monday, 1st April!

For more information or to book into one of our events, call 344020.

Bogus Trader Warning

Bogus Traders are currently telephoning residents in the New Forest area of Hampshire claiming to be from Trading Standards and are offering to inspect loft spaces to see if the householder will qualify for free loft insulation.

Trading Standards does not offer this service, so residents should be cautious and report any such incidents to Hampshire County Council's Quick Response Team on 01962 833666.

Trading Standards advises consumers not to agree to any work that is instigated as a result of a cold call or via a leaflet drop. Consumers should obtain at least 3 written quotations from reputable businesses or traders who are either members of the Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Buy With Confidence Scheme or a recognised trade association.

Members of the Buy With Confidence scheme are fully audited to ensure their trading practices are legal, honest and fair. All members have been checked for trustworthiness and compliance with consumer protection laws.

Details can be obtained by emailing buy.with.confidence@hants.gov.uk, telephoning 01962 833620, or via the website www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk.

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



At the February meeting members & guests were treated to a very enjoyable practical evening of making cards. A demonstration was

given by Tracey Walters and then members were given the opportunity to create their own cards.

We were also treated to pancakes provided by two members – very tasty!

In March a team will be competing in the Semi Finals of skittles for the Hampshire Federation to be held at Wellow Golf course.

Future events include a planned visit in June to Osborne House on the Isle of Wight, and a lunch and visit to Haskins and Hobbycraft at West End. Dates to be decided.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 12th March at 8pm, and the speaker is Don Bryan whose subject is 'The Test from Source to Sea'. Guests will be very welcome.

Mary Batten

Jumble Sale, 16th February

Members of the W.I. and friends worked hard making the Jumble Sale a huge success. £600 was raised, from which generous donations will go to local charities.

Thanks to everyone who supported us, to all helpers, to everyone who donated jumble, prizes for the tombola, etc. Thank you Tony, Michael and Gordon for marshalling the car parking.

Big thanks also to the Village Hall Committee for their support and allowing the wooden hut to be used for storage before the event.

Cathie Wood

Romsey Male Voice Choir

in Concert with Special Guests

Salisbury Plain Military Wives Choir

Saturday, 23rd March, at 7.30pm
Salisbury Methodist Church,
St. Edmund's Church Street, Salisbury, SP1 1EF

Tickets £10 from
Salisbury Playhouse Box Office, 01722 320333
or www.salisburyplayhouse.com

In support of Help for Heroes

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus Committee

Charity Number: 284910

The Broughton and Mottisfont Village Bus Committee has reluctantly had to increase fares from 1st April, 2013, to take account of increasing running costs – particularly higher diesel prices.

The new fares will be as shown below. Remember: your FarePass is valid on these scheduled journeys.

Note that children under 5 are carried free of charge, and there is no service on public holidays.

For Group Hire the charge has remained at £1.60 per mile.

The Committee wishes to point out what a favourable rate this is for local community groups. Fill the seats and it works out at a very reasonable price.

Revised Fares from 1st April, 2013

From		To Romsey
Broughton	Adult	£3.75
	Under 16	£1.85
Mottisfont and Dunbridge	Adult	£3.05
	Under 16	£1.50
To Salisbury		
Broughton	Adult	£4.15
	Under 16	£2.05
Mottisfont and Dunbridge	Adult	£5.15
	Under 16	£2.55
To Winchester		
Broughton	Adult	£4.90
	Under 16	£2.45
Mottisfont and Dunbridge	Adult	£3.95
	Under 16	£1.90
Timsbury	Adult	£3.95
	Under 16	£1.90
To Southampton		
Broughton	Adult	£5.25
	Under 16	£2.60
Mottisfont and Dunbridge	Adult	£4.60
	Under 16	£2.30
Timsbury	Adult	£4.60
	Under 16	£2.30
To Andover		
Broughton	Adult	£4.05
	Under 16	£2.00
Mottisfont and Dunbridge	Adult	£4.80
	Under 16	£2.40

Dear Friends,

Spring is on the way! Although there's a bitterly cold wind blowing and the odd snow flurry is still about, there are also signs of new life all around us as snowdrops appear, bulbs are peeking through the soggy earth and trees are beginning to bud.

I love this time of year. The annual cycle of winter sleep and rest is gradually giving way to spring. As the days begin to lengthen, blossoms appear, daffodils and tulips will make their colourful displays and the hedges will come back to life. Fair weather friends like swifts and swallows will be returning from their winter migrations, and new born lambs will be taking their first steps. It's the time of new life, of new beginnings and of new hope.

Christianity is a faith of new life, of new beginnings and of new hope. Later this month, Christians will be celebrating our most important festival, Easter – the day on which the world changed, when winter gave way to spring, when God gave us a new beginning.

Over 2000 years ago, at the time of the Festival of the Passover, Jesus shared his last supper with his friends and then experienced the darkness of betrayal and denial. He was arrested, tortured and suffered death on the cross. His body was taken down from the cross and placed in a tomb. It was a time of despair and of wintry darkness.

But this wasn't the end of the story because three days later, the darkness of Good Friday gave way to glorious new life. On Easter Day, when Jesus Christ rose from the grave he conquered sin and death and nothing would be the same again. Although humanity had rejected God's Son, God gave humanity a new start.



Why not join us at one of our Easter services as we celebrate that Jesus is risen and offer thanks for the new life and new hope that the resurrection gives to each of us.

Happy Easter!

Gill Nobes
Curate

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING St ANDREW'S , MOTTISFONT

The meeting in the Church at 7.30 on Monday, 18th March, will elect Churchwardens and Council members.

It will also present the 2012 Accounts, review past events, and discuss future plans.

All welcome.

SUNDAY BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

Time	3rd March LENT 3	10th March MOTHERING SUNDAY	17th March PASSION SUNDAY	24th March PALM SUNDAY
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	Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton Sunday Club
11.00	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont 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

Messy Mum's Day!

This year we're doing something different at St. Andrew's Church to celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, 10th March.



Join us from 11.00am for Messy Mum's Day fun and worship, posy making, cake decorating, storytelling and songs.

All welcome!

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for March

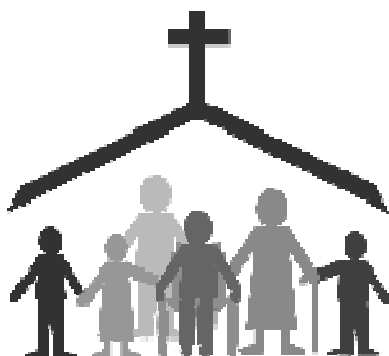
7th March: Peter Beadle.
14th March: Members Meeting.
21st March: Mrs. Margaret Pickett.
28th March: Mrs. Gina Livermore.

Everyone welcome, please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Easter Sunday, 31st March

Join us at St. Andrew's at 11.00am on Easter day for our special family communion service when we will be celebrating that Jesus is risen!



Our service will be followed by a traditional Easter egg hunt in the grounds of St. Andrew's.

We look forward to welcoming you all!

Something a bit different to raise funds for the church:

AN EVENING OF POETRY AND PROSE

Friday, 22nd March at 7.30 at King John's House upper room.

A mixture of titles, serious and humorous - something for all.

£3.50 to include coffee and cake.
Tickets from Valda White on 368346.

COME ALONG AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

If you have a favourite poem, let me know and I'll try to include it.

Special things to note for March

Sunday, 10th March: Mothering Sunday

Please join us at St. Mary's (9.30am) or St. Andrew's (11am) for services suitable for families with children as we give thanks for our own mothers as well as remembering Mother Church to which we all belong

Sunday, 24th March: Palm Sunday

We shall be commemorating our Lord's entry into Jerusalem with special readings of the Passion at each of our services today.

Also this day we shall be holding our annual Easter egg hunt at Houghton Lodge (by kind permission of Capt. and Mrs Martin Busk) in the afternoon. All children from across the benefice are welcome to join in, accompanied by their parents. Following the egg hunt there will be refreshments. Please arrive from 4pm onwards. For more details of this event, ring Gina on 388433.

Easter services

The complete list of Easter services is as follows:

► 28th March, Maundy Thursday, 7.30pm, St. Mary's, Broughton: Eucharist of the Last Supper and

foot washing.

► 29th March, Good Friday, 10am, All Saints, Houghton: service suitable for all ages.

► 29th March, Good Friday, 2pm, St. Mary's, Broughton: Meditation on the Cross

► 31st March, Easter Day, 6.30am: Holy Communion at Nutley Farm, Salisbury Road, Broughton

► 31st March, Easter Day, 9.30am: Holy Communion (BCP) at St. James's, Bossington

► 31st March, Easter Day, 9.30am: Holy Communion (CW) at All Saints, Houghton

► 31st March, Easter Day, 11am: Holy Communion (CW) at St. Mary's, Broughton

► 31st March, Easter Day, 11am: Holy Communion (CW) at St. Andrew's (followed by an Easter egg hunt)

Gina Livermore

WALKING GROUP

Our next walks are:

- ▶ Friday, 8th March, 9.50am.
Train to Dean and walk back.
- ▶ Friday, 12th April, 9.30am.
Car share - a bit further afield,
higher Test Valley or the French
Alps! Pub Lunch.



- ▶ Friday, 10th May, 9.30am
Car share, seaside walk & picnic
lunch.



Why not join us? We will walk for
about 3 hours - nothing too strenuous !

Gordon 340129

Whist Drives at Mottisfont

Commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Friday, 22nd March
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.

INTERNET 'POP-UP' ADVERTISING

Consumers browsing the internet should be aware of
pop-up advertising, which is intended to attract web
users or capture email addresses. A pop-up will
usually appear in a new web browser window
containing an advertisement for goods or services.
Some pop-ups will include a link to less scrupulous
sites offering certain types of downloaded content,
such as images or free music, software installation,
access to pornographic sites, and gambling sites.

The County Council's Trading Standards Service has
received complaints where consumers have clicked

What's on at the Mill Arms

Mothering Sunday, 10th March

Menu

Tomato and roasted pepper soup with
basil glaze

Peppered mackerel, crème fraiche,
horseradish and beetroot

Sauté wild mushrooms, garlic, rocket and
toasted brioche

Coarse country pate, real ale chutney and toast

Rosary Ash goats cheese, fig puree,
pine nuts and Affila cress

Slow roasted old English topside of beef, Yorkshire
pudding and gravy

Roasted breast of chicken, sage stuffing and
bread sauce

Seared fillet of salmon, bok choy, noodles, sweet
chilli and cream sauce and prawn crackers

Confit of belly pork, champ, apple fritters and
calvados jus

Spice of angels roast vegetables, apricot couscous,
tomato fondue and tempura flowers

All served with roasted potatoes and
seasonal vegetables

Warm chocolate tart, chocolate sauce and
Chantilly cream

Apple and berry crumble with creamy custard
Vanilla panna cotta with black pepper strawberries

Lemon and lime cheese cake, lemon curd and
fruit puree

£16.95 for 2 courses or £20.95 for 3 courses

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Friday, 15th March

Comic Relief = Red Nose Day = Time for fun!
The Mill Arms is planning to host a live bands night
with great live music in support of Comic Relief.

All ticket money will go to Comic Relief.

Phone or email Lee or Andrea to book!

millarms@btconnect.com

01794 340 401



KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

Herb crumbed salmon with a roasted tomato and pepper sauce

This recipe serves four.

Ingredients

4 salmon portions, 6-7oz each
150g cream cheese
250g wholegrain breadcrumbs
2 tablespoons of chives, roughly chopped
2 tablespoons of parsley, roughly chopped
2 tablespoons of coriander, roughly chopped
1 clove of finely crushed garlic
grated rind of half a lemon
60g lemon juice

For the sauce:

3 peppers
1 small onion
2 tablespoons of oil
2 cloves of crushed garlic
1 can of chopped tomatoes

How to make it

Season the salmon fillets lightly on both sides with salt and pepper. Place them skin side down on an oven tray lined with baking paper.

Process all the other ingredients in a food processor until combined and chopped.

Spread each salmon portion with a layer of the cream cheese and put the breadcrumb mixture on top of the salmon fillets, pressing down on top, and cook for 10 to 15 minutes at 180°C (160°C fan) /350°F/Gas Mark 4 until just cooked.

While the salmon is cooking, make the sauce: roast the peppers over a gas flame or under a grill until they are black. Place the peppers in a paper bag to sweat, and once cool peel off the charred skins and remove the seeds. Then roughly chop the peppers and leave to one side.

In a large saucepan heat the oil, add the onion and garlic, and cook for 2-3 minutes or until soft. Add the peppers and the tomatoes, and cook for 10 minutes over a low heat. Puree the sauce using a food processor or stick blender until smooth. Strain through a sieve to remove any seeds and return to a clean pan. Gently heat and season if needed.

Once the sauce is hot, pour some sauce onto each plate and place the cooked salmon on top of the sauce. Serve with a wedge of lemon.



*Kate Buchan,
Sous Chef
at Kimbridge
Restaurant*

What's on

In March:

- ▶ 1st March: Fish Fryday. Come and enjoy home-made battered fish for £8.95
- ▶ 5th March: Come to our spring flower arranging with Kay Murrant. Buffet included. £40.00. 10.30am till 1pm. Book with Kay on www.pompandpetals.co.uk
- ▶ 10th March: Mothering Sunday. 3-course lunch, £16.95. 2 sittings: 12.15pm and 2pm
- ▶ 12th March: Creative art workshop "Spring Time", painting with mixed media. Buffet included, £25.00. 10.30am till 1pm. www.studeoart.co.uk
- ▶ 20th March: A night of guitar music and song with Lucas Ray. Hot buffet included, £12.95. Starts at 6pm. See Lucas on www.lucasraye.com
- ▶ 29th March: Fish Fryday. Come and enjoy home-made battered fish for £8.95

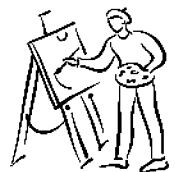
If you would like to be added to our mailing service, send your email address to kimbridgerestaurant@gmail.com or phone 340777 or 340556

Art Group at the Village Hall

We meet every Thursday afternoon at the Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm, thinking of spring and the warm sunny weather ahead when we can get out and paint!

All welcome.

Because of the huge success of the Craft activities in the past few weeks, it has been decided that they will meet in future on Wednesday afternoons.



Gordon 340129

Village Hall Association AGM

The AGM of the Mottisfont & Dunbridge Village Hall Association is to be held on Thursday, 21st March, at 7.30pm.

Please come and support us. Wine and Nibbles will be provided following the meeting.

Mottisfont Social Club

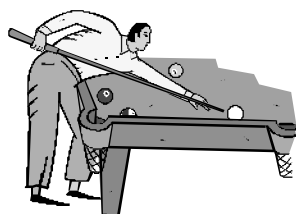
Mottisfont Social Club is a good sized venue for all of your celebrations, right on your doorstep. We are free to use to all of our members, and can assist you in organising your parties. Please pop in and find out more.

Notice to all members We are holding our AGM on Wednesday, 13th March at 8pm and look forward to seeing all of our members there.



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.



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.

Dates for your diary

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

Wednesday, 13th March: AGM

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 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 March.

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

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