



The Village Newsletter

Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN



May 2013

In aid of The Air Ambulance

It's A Knock Out!

Sunday, 21st July

We now have 6 villages putting forward teams: Broughton, Dunbridge, East Tytherley, West Tytherley, Mottisfont, and a joint team from Timsbury and Michelmersh.

The Dunbridge team so far includes Katy Buckingham, Dylan Buckingham, Stuart Wineberg, and Lyn Jenkins, so we are looking for another male to complete the team. The team is being sponsored by The Mill Arms, and is looking for a sponsor for an Event/Game.

Mottisfont's team so far includes Peter Holmes, Neil Sheppards, Charlotte Bennett, and a junior Bennett, so we are looking for another female to complete the team. Mottisfont's team is being sponsored by Abbey Grab, and their event is being sponsored by J.D.Jenkins and Son.

Anyone wanting to be in a team should contact Michael Horne, as should any individual or business who wishes to sponsor an event or game.

If you are able to help on the day with car parking, manning the entrance, selling programmes, etc., please contact Michael Horne on 340105 or by email at hornes@btinternet.com.

Speeding in Awbridge

Two individuals have been reported for summons to court for driving at 36mph and 38mph respectively in a 30mph speed limit along Stanbridge Lane in Awbridge.

The alleged offences took place last November.

(Information from Police Community Support Officer Jo Cole's weekly incident report.)

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



Mottisfont Beer Festival

See back page for further details!

Trading Standards Advice

Trading Standards advise consumers not to agree to work that is instigated as a result of a cold call or via a leaflet drop.

You 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 telephoning 01962 833620, emailing buy.with.confidence@hants.gov.uk or via the website www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

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

Parish Council News

Community Speed Watch

A Community Speed Watch scheme has been proposed which would enable volunteers to monitor traffic speeds in Mottisfont and other Test Valley parishes. Unfortunately, the scheme is intended only for monitoring 30 mph speed limits. We have relatively few of these in Mottisfont and Dunbridge, so the scheme therefore seems unlikely to benefit us. We have discussed using the equipment on Barley Hill, however we believe the sight line requirement would make this unworkable. The Parish Council will monitor how neighbouring villages find the scheme, and will consider hiring the equipment if it seems suitable and there is sufficient interest to train volunteers.

Footpath

Construction of the footpath by the Old Goods Yard near Dunbridge station, promised for 2012/13, has been delayed but is still in Hampshire's capital works programme. We have been advised that the work will not commence before 2014. We are disappointed by this and Cllr. Gibson will try to advance the programme.

Highway maintenance

Hampshire County Council has budgeted for preventative maintenance work on the highways over the next four years, which will include digging of ditches and drainage work. New machinery is being tested to improve pot hole filling and road re-surfacing, and to improve the quality of work. The road from Kimbridge Farm to Dunbridge Lane is in the programme for resurfacing works this year.

Rural broadband

Hampshire County Council has signed a contract with BT to provide 90% of rural villages with faster broadband. Hampshire is supplementing the funding and it is hoped to increase this to 99% of homes. We don't have information about how this will improve services in the parish.

Revised Local Plan

Test Valley Borough Council has approved the draft Revised Local Plan which sets out how the needs of local communities, including housing and employment, will be met to 2029. The Revised Local Plan is now out for a first round of consultation, and there will be a further round in the summer. If you have comments, you are advised to make them on the TVBC website.

Next meeting

Date of next meeting: 22nd May. Everyone will be welcome.

Clerk: Sue Holder, 340130

Mottisfont in May

We have had a glorious spring (a bit of rain...), the snowdrops have looked lovely, the Winter Garden was a star spring attraction with the carpets of yellow daffodils and the summer looks set to be stunning too!

Latest exhibition: Watercolour

The latest exhibition in the Art Gallery is Watercolour, which runs from Saturday, 4 May to Sunday, 30 June. Artists have been using watercolour for centuries, from rapid sketches that capture atmosphere and colour to complex, expressive works that push the medium to its limits.



Michael 'Angelo' Rooker's watercolour of Romsey Abbey

Watercolour offers pure, luminous colour but is notoriously unforgiving – artists have to be bold, and there are no second chances. This show features works by British artists from the 18th century to the present day, including many rarely seen gems from Southampton City Art Gallery.

Local landmarks feature from the start in this show, which includes delicate watercolours of Romsey Abbey and Netley Abbey, as well as intriguing maps and views of Southampton over several centuries. The exhibition includes everything from rough sketches and pencil drawings through to highly finished, large scale pieces. From the satirical views of Thomas Rowlandson to majestic landscapes by Paul Sandby, Frances Towne and Samuel Prout, discover the progress of watercolour from its observational beginnings to its more experimental later history.

Mottisfont Country Fair - Saturday, 25th May

Come and enjoy a day of traditional craftsmanship and family entertainment at Mottisfont's Country Fair on Saturday, 25 May. Following the success of last year's event, the 2013 Country Fair returns with an even wider range of country pursuits and skills, from blacksmithing to basket weaving.

Visitors can enjoy demonstrations of fly fishing in Mottisfont's bubbling chalk stream, and see forging, broom making and flint knapping at first hand. Craft demonstrations range from spinning and weaving to leather working and wood turning.

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MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



At our March meeting we enjoyed a practical demonstration, given by Tracey Walters, on how to sculpture a cake into a heart shape, how to ice this using sugar icing and how to make flowers to decorate the finished cake.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 14th May at 8pm when the speaker will be John Ericson talking about pub signs. Guests will be very welcome at this meeting together with husbands, partners, brothers and sons.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to any ladies who would like to become members of this WI branch. Activities enjoyed are interesting talks, lunches, day trips and company of like minded ladies in a friendly atmosphere.

If you would like more information please phone Rachel on 340877 who would be pleased talk to you.

Mary Batten

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Mottisfont's walled gardens really come to life in May, with the climbers in bloom and the renowned collection of old-fashioned roses just beginning to flower in time for June.

A Night with the Russells - Saturday, 18 May

Join Maud Russell and her high society friends - enacted by performance group ShadyJane - for an evening of music and merriment, art and the unexpected, on Saturday, 18 May.

Maud Russell was the last private owner of Mottisfont, who held regular house parties for her artist friends in the 1930s. A Night with the Russells offers a glimpse of Mottisfont at that time, and visitors can explore the house and art gallery while enjoying drinks and refreshments and mingling with Maud and her circle. Visitors are encouraged to dress in 1930s style.

The event runs from 6pm to 8pm, tickets £14, children £6. Booking is essential – telephone 344020.

For further information please contact Lily Isherwood, Visitor Operations Officer, on 344028, or email: lily.isherwood@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Helen Potts
Visitor Operations Manager, 344017

An Introduction to Biodynamic* Farming and Gardening Nutley Farm (tel. 301228) 18th May at 2.30pm

- ◆ A short talk by Mark Redman.
- ◆ Tea break.
- ◆ Making one of the biodynamic preparations. This takes 1 hour. If you bring a bucket you can take some home to spray on your garden.
- ◆ We will also look at compost making at Nutley Farm, see the bees, the new lambs and walk in the wildflower meadows.

Families welcome. Children can bring their own bucket and join the activities.

**Biodynamics was first developed in the early 1920s and now encompasses horticultural and agricultural operations of all kinds and sizes throughout the world. It is an organic method of food production that works with the interrelationships of soil, plants and animals to strive to sustain a balanced ecosystem. Manure and plant-based preparations are applied to the land and the compost which enhance and stimulate microbiological life. This gives health and fertility to the soil which in turn supports quality produce. Biodynamic practitioners also recognise the subtle influences of the wider cosmos for guidance as to the best times for working with the plants and animals.*

TEST VALLEY LECTURE: 'Southampton from Blitz to D-Day' 15th May at 8pm

This month's lecture at Broughton Village Hall will be presented by Jake Simpkin, a well-known historian, researcher, Blue Badge Guide and authority on his home city of Southampton.

Jake will tell us about the 7th most heavily bombed city in Britain. It was the number one military port and the home of Spitfire production. Early raids on it culminated in three major attacks in November 1940, each lasting about 7 hours and involving 120 bombers; it was the City's darkest hour. The raids were shocking and violent, but it was queues, blackouts, rationing, shortages and long working-hours that typified Southampton's war years. From early 1943 the build-up to D-Day and Operation Overlord began, and local factories and shipyards played a vital role, also building the floating Mulberry Harbours. The US Army took over organisation of the docks until 1946, when their final task was the embarkation of British war brides for the USA and Canada.

To be added to our email list for future lecture information, contact nick.lodge@iee.org.

Dear Friends,

Come on and celebrate!

However young or young at heart you may be, birthdays are a time for us to celebrate, and the Church is no exception.

This coming month on Pentecost Sunday, 19th May, we have a very special birthday, the birthday of the Church.

You may well be wondering what's so special about the Day of Pentecost and what makes it the birthday of the Church? Why should this matter to us today?

According to the Book of Acts, it was on the Day of Pentecost that the Holy Spirit was poured out on Jesus's followers. As they were given the gifts of the Spirit, Jesus's followers were equipped to play their part in a new era – the age of the Church.

After receiving the Holy Spirit, Peter stood up and proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ - and the spreading of the Gospel among peoples and nations was begun.

It was a day of gift – of pure grace. It was the beginning of an era of hope and optimism, excitement and joy – the Holy Spirit, God's Spirit,

the Spirit which drove Jesus, was let loose in the Church and became accessible to all people in all ages.



Just as Jesus had described, believers actually became bearers of the Spirit; they began to live out the presence and love of God and out of their hearts flowed rivers of God's love.

So, what of the Church today?

Two thousand years may have passed but the Spirit of God continues to be the lifeblood of the Church here in our Benefice and around the world. Women and men bear witness to God's transforming love through the way in which they live their lives and share God's love with those around them. The Holy Spirit is at work through them in our communities today in new and creative ways.

Please join us at our Benefice services as we celebrate the Gift of the Spirit at Pentecost, a very special birthday!

With blessings,

Gill Nobes
Curate

SUNDAY BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

Time	5th May ROGATION	12th May SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION	19th May PENTECOST	26th May TRINITY SUNDAY
8.00	Broughton HC CW	Broughton HC (BCP)	-	-
9.30	-	Broughton Family Service	Mottisfont HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Communion (CW)
		Houghton HC CW		Broughton Sunday Club
11.00	Bissington Rogation Service for the benefice HC CW	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton HC CW and Coffee Club	Mottisfont Family Communion CW
6.00	-	-	Houghton Evensong	5.30pm SONGS OF PRAISE at Mottisfont Abbey for the benefice

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

Special things to note for May

Sunday, 5th May, 11am, St. James's Church, Bossington

Please join us at this benefice service as we gather (hopefully out of doors) to ask God's blessing on our fields and crops. It is also the occasion for presentation of the Fairey Cup.

Thursday, 9th May, Ascension Day

There will be a service of Holy Communion at St. Mary's at 9.30am (instead of Wednesday this week) as we celebrate this special day.

Also, at 6pm we hope to sing hymns from St. Mary's church tower (weather permitting).

Sunday, 26th May, 5.30pm Songs of Praise

See below.

Gina

An Invitation to the Benefice Songs of Praise Sunday, 26th May

You are warmly welcomed to the Benefice Songs of Praise which is being held at Mottisfont Abbey (by kind permission of the National Trust) on Sunday, 26th May, starting at 5.30pm.

We will be singing some well-known hymns accompanied by the Michelmersh Silver Band, and will be hearing from our invited guests, including Trish Armstrong and Paul Cook, the General Manager at Mottisfont Abbey.

You are welcome to bring a picnic supper to enjoy after the Songs of Praise has ended. We hope that the sun will continue to shine into the evening and that we will be able to spend time catching up and chatting informally to our guests.

We hope to see you there.

For further information, please contact Valda White on 368346 or Gill Nobes on 341010.

SHOEBOXES!

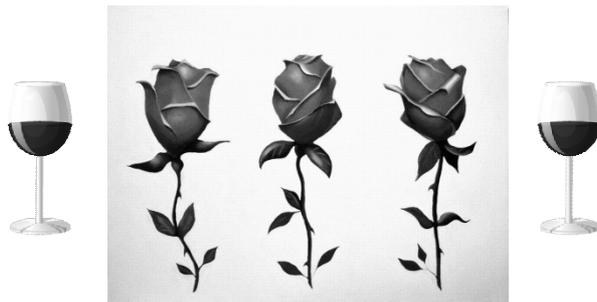


Don't forget to collect shoeboxes and items to fill them for 2013's Operation Christmas Child, which sends filled boxes to needy children all over the world.

If you'd like any information about suitable box contents or how to help, contact Julia on 340793.

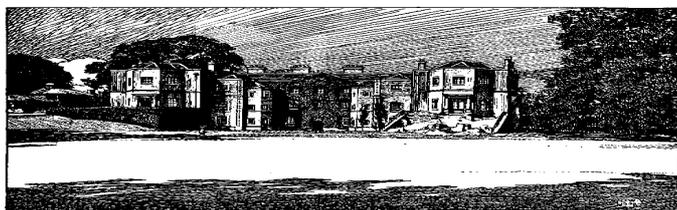
In support of St. Andrew's Church, Mottisfont

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

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for May

- 2nd May: Lee Phillipson, Soldiers' & Airmen's Scripture Readers Association
- 9th May: Members Meeting
- 16th May: Rev. Nona Harrison
- 23rd May: Visit to URC Hythe
- 30th May: Miss Barbara Hillier

Everyone welcome. Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

WALKING GROUP

Our next walks are:



► Friday, 10th May, 9.56am. Train to Dean, walk to Salisbury, picnic lunch in the sunshine (bring your own sunshine and lunch). Ice cream promised in Salisbury. Return about 3.15pm.

► Friday, 14th June. 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

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, Saturday, 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.



Creative Batik Workshop

Wednesday, 15th May
from 2 pm
for about 2 to 3 hours

at

Mottisfont Abbey

Making batik banners,
on silk, approximately 5ft x 3ft,
with wax and coloured dyes.

Usually working in groups of
three or four persons

Free to participants!

Bookings of further information from

Gordon Wood, 340129 or email
david.gordon@mottisfont.plus.com

or

Shelly Harrison-Morgan, 341519 or email
shellyhm@btinternet.com

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

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.

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

Chicken breast with a wild mushroom and tarragon cream

Some flavours are just natural matches: chicken and tarragon, cream and mushrooms, and the four combined are delicious.

This recipe serves 4 people.

Ingredients

300g wild mushrooms
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cloves garlic, crushed
Sprig of thyme
2 teaspoons butter
4 chicken breasts
250ml chicken stock
300ml double cream
1 tablespoon freshly chopped tarragon

How to make it

Clean and chop the mushrooms and leave to one side. Put the olive oil, garlic and thyme into a pan with a teaspoon of butter. Season the chicken breasts and add them to the pan and cook both sides of the breasts until they start to colour nicely. Add the chicken stock and simmer for 15 minutes until the chicken is cooked.

Remove the chicken breasts and leave to rest on a warm plate. Reserve any liquid from the pan and sauté the mushrooms in a teaspoon of butter. Add the cream, simmer until it reduces by half, and then add the chicken and any remaining stock. Once all have combined, place on a plate, garnish with the tarragon and serve.



*Kate Buchan,
Sous Chef
at Kimbridge
Restaurant*

What's on In May

- ▶ 1st: Lucas Raye, singer for your delight, plus hot buffet. 6pm start. Only £9.95. Catch him on www.lucusraye.com.
- ▶ 3rd: Fish Fryday. Come and enjoy homemade battered fish, £8.95.
- ▶ 3rd: Mexican buffet, 7pm. Enjoy homemade Mexican food. For one night only. £15.00.
- ▶ 11th: 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 + buffet, £40.00. 10.30am to 1pm. trac3ychapman@hotmail.com, tel. 07717 793437.
- ▶ 13th: It's our 5th anniversary year, so the treat for today is ½ price house wine with any 2 meals ordered from the specials board. Enjoy!!!!
- ▶ 13th – 19th: Coeliac awareness week.
- ▶ 14th: Creative Art Workshop on acrylic painting, + buffet, £25.00. 10.30am to 1pm. www.studeoart.co.uk
- ▶ 20th: Sewing hints & tips class with Deanna Hilton from bespoke bags. Short cuts and helpful ideas for everyday sewing and repair jobs. For all abilities. 10.30am to 1pm, £25.00 incl. buffet lunch. Booking and details: 01794 513540 or beechnine@btinternet.com
- ▶ 24th: 'Arabian Nights' gourmet evening. Chapter 1: Morocco. A three course dinner for £16.95.

Valid until 31st May, 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.



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

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!

Mottisfont Beer Festival

Following on from the success of our first beer festival last year, we are pleased to announce that we are hosting another one during the last bank holiday weekend of May. There will be musical entertainment right from the off on the evening of Friday, 24th May, and again on Saturday, 25th from 3pm till closing. While you're tickling your taste buds with a good range of ales and ciders, there will be face painting and giant games to entertain the children (Saturday). Come along, bring your friends and family and partake in what should be a great weekend for all.

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 plenty of time to apply.

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

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History Group		Michael Horne	340105		Secretary	Peter Simmonds	340891
First Responders	Coordinator	Marion Gray	341370		Steward	Tracy Holmes	341939
Football Club	Secretary	John Fryer	512695	Test Valley Councillor		Linda Holmes	340521
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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
	Chairman	John Millns	340347	W.I.	Secretary	Cathie Wood	340129
	Councillors	Jeff Channing	340555		Press reporter	Mary Batten	341262
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		Gareth Jenkins	340922				0454545
		Joyce Southwell					

The Acorn is also available at www.theacorn.org.uk where you will also find links to local schools, pubs, trains, council, church, WI and more.