



The Village Newsletter

Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN



February 2014

Is this open democracy?

On Friday, 24th January, the Romsey Advertiser broke the news that Test Valley Borough Council was considering allocating land next to the railway station at Dunbridge as a site for travellers.

The article went on to describe how planners had contacted a number of land owners to ask if they would be willing to put their land up for "consideration as a gypsy, traveller or travelling showperson site".

The *Acorn* contacted John Millns, chair of our local Parish Council, who said: "We would have known nothing about this if the landowner hadn't contacted me to ask if this was some sort of April Fools joke. I then contacted Neville Whiteley (Test Valley Councillor) and it now seems that I am responsible for opening a large can of worms. The key issue is that the TVBC people responsible for this survey decided that there was no need to inform the parish councils involved - how's that for open democracy!!

"Whatever their reasoning", Millns continued, "it is clearly completely unacceptable to even consider locating a site of this nature in the middle of a residential area."

Pre-School Fund-Raising Quiz

On 1st March Mottisfont Social Club will host a quiz night in support of Acorn Community Pre-School in Lockerley.

Get a team together and come along for just £1 per person. As well as a cash prize for the winning team, there will also be a prize for the best dressed table, so dig out your tablecloths and get imaginative!

Acorn Community Pre-School is located at the rear of Lockerley village hall, next to the school. As a small pre-school, we rely on fundraising to ensure that we can continue to provide a fun and secure environment for your children to enjoy.

If you have a child that is getting ready for pre-school

Acorn sponsorship needed!

We are very grateful to everyone who sends material in for publication, to our dedicated network of deliverers who brave all weathers, and to our existing sponsors, Kimbridge Restaurant and the Social Club. Without the efforts of all these people, the *Acorn* would not exist.

A year's printing costs for the *Acorn* come to a very modest £280, and in 2014 we are looking for someone to take on sponsorship of just £70, to make up the full amount.

Do you know someone who would be willing to help? If so, please contact us on 340793, or by email at acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

Thanks!

Julia and Peter

Children's Christmas Party

The children's Christmas party was yet another enjoyable event attended by nearly seventy excited kids - and their even more excited parents!

Huge thanks to all who have assisted Catherine and myself, and special mention to Mottisfont Social Club for continuing to host the party, Crazy M for the entertainment, Pete and Linda Holmes for ensuring all were adequately refreshed at the bar, Roundabout Toys in Romsey for supplying Santa with all the presents, The National Trust for providing the delicious cup cakes, Santa for taking the time out of his busy schedule to come and see us, and most importantly to everyone who came along and helped make the party really good fun for the children.

Fundraising has started again for this year's party, and we'll be preparing for the used toy stall at the fete in the summer.

please give us a call on 342441 and arrange a visit. We'll be happy to show you around.

Unlike other pre-schools in the area, we do not have a waiting list, so your child could start as soon as you are ready.

**The deadline for inclusion of items in the MARCH edition of the Acorn is 16th February.
Please email items to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.**

Over 60s Gardening Support

Are you over 60 and need help managing your garden? If so, the Shaw Trust's Hampshire County Council Over 60s Gardening Support Service may be of interest.

Launched in 2009, the service has recently been extended to cover the Test Valley area.

Customers must be 60 years of age or over and be responsible for the maintenance of their garden. In addition, there must be no other person living in the property who is under the age of 60.

The service is available to those living in private, council or social housing, but is not available to those who already have professional help in the garden.

The maximum number of visits per year is 6. The first visit will be for 1 hour, and subsequent visits will be for 1 or 2 hours. If you request 2 hours, the gardening team will assess your garden to ascertain if this is required.

Work can include grass cutting, weeding, planting, border maintenance and pruning of shrubs. Hedge cutting will not be carried out on a first visit; the gardeners will assess any hedge cutting required and the length of time it may take.

For those in receipt of a means tested benefit, the charge will be £10 per hour. For those not in receipt of a means tested benefit, the charge will be £25 per hour.

Charges for the removal of green waste generated at the time of a visit will be a minimum of £2 for the removal of one bag, approximately the size of a compost bag; for more than one bag the cost will be £5.

As there is a strong demand for this service, customers who cancel at the door twice will have the service withdrawn.

The Gardening Support Service does not include major tree work, hard landscaping or garden re-designing. These, along with extra gardening hours, can be purchased at the commercial rate.

For further details, please call 0845 6044 643, email grounds.maintenance@shaw-trust.org.uk, or visit the web site at www.shaw-trust.org.uk/hampshire_gardening_service.

Shaw Trust can also supply plants, shrubs, compost and bark chippings as required.



National Trust

What an end to 2013!

The Swan Queen's Ball was enjoyed by over 14,000 visitors, and we had some really lovely feedback – we hope that those of you who visited the abbey during this time enjoyed it. Fingers crossed for Christmas 2014!

First sightings of snowdrops...

The grounds are looking absolutely lovely at the moment, with the first sightings of snowdrops seen just this week. We have some free snowdrop walks on offer on weekends in February (call 340757 to book these).

Our next exhibition...

Our next exhibition opens on 8th February: we are lucky to be hosting the largest display ever mounted of portraits by celebrated royal photographer Patrick Lichfield. Lichfield worked with many of the world's most famous and glamorous faces, from royalty and fashion models to sporting legends and cinema stars - so expect to see a stunning selection!

Half Term fun at Mottisfont...

The school holidays are not too far away, and we have lots going on at Mottisfont! We are calling it "wildlife week" and have a special family trail where you can find out about the wildlife around Mottisfont. On selected days we will be joined by some local charitable groups including Prickly Pals, the British Deer Society and the Hampshire Bat Group.

Wild Play...

Look out in this issue for a form about our Wild Play card. We are giving a free pass to all children in the parish to our new play trail which will open soon. All you have to do is fill in the form, attach a photo, and send it back to us.

Charity Donation Scams

Advice from Hampshire County Council

Most collection and appeals are legitimate but, unfortunately scammers can exploit people's charitable nature and steal money which the donor thinks is going to help a charity.

Do not stop donating money to your good cause of choice. Instead take a few simple precautions to protect yourself and your charity from online fraud:

- Visit the charity's own website by typing the address into the browser yourself, rather than clicking on a link in an email.
- Before you donate any money, check the website is secure. There should be a padlock symbol in the

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**The Broughton and Mottisfont
Community Bus Committee**

Charity Number: 284910

**NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus is run as a charity under the provisions of the law and the Charity Commission. An Annual General Meeting is held each year, to which members of the public are welcome. The 34th Annual General Meeting will be held in the Broughton Village Hall on Monday, 10th February, starting at 7.30pm.

The bus will collect people who wish to attend, starting from Dunbridge at 7pm, and circulating through the village from 7.15pm. It will be available to take people home after the meeting.

The agenda to be discussed is:

- ITEM 1 Apologies.
- ITEM 2 Approval of minutes of 33rd AGM.
- ITEM 3 Matters arising from those minutes.
- ITEM 4 Financial report given by David Mason.
- ITEM 5 Chairman's report given by Michael Howe.
- ITEM 6 Resignations and Election of Officers.
- ITEM 7 Any other business (including suggestions for excursions in the summer months).

Anyone wishing to come on to the Committee, or to nominate someone else, should contact either the Chairman, Michael Howe, on 301723, or the Secretary, George Vaughan, on 301045. The latest date for such nominations is 30th January.

**Mottisfont & Dunbridge Village Hall
AGM on Tuesday, 18th March
at 7.30pm**

The Village Hall AGM is your opportunity to hear about how the hall is run, and more importantly, to bring your ideas about how to improve this excellent facility we are so lucky to have.



The Committee would welcome a few new faces. We have monthly meetings during the year and would love to have some new blood to help run the Hall.

Wine and nibbles will follow the AGM, so do come and join us!

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



At January's meeting a talk entitled "The Spice of Life" was given by Ron Taylor, who for many years worked in the Herb and Spice business.

We were told about the history of the spice business and the many travellers and explorers who were involved in the finding and trading of spices throughout the world and during history.

A family craft afternoon is planned for Wednesday, 19th February, during half term holiday week, when there will be an opportunity for all ages to have a go at a craft. This will be held at Mottisfont Village Hall between 1.30 and 4pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th February, at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall, when Mark Redman will be giving a talk entitled "Simply Bread".

A warm welcome awaits everyone, so why not join us for an interesting evening and a cup of tea or coffee.

Mary Batten

**TEST VALLEY LECTURE: 'HOW
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY
REVOLUTIONISED MEDICINE'
Wednesday, 19th February**

Today we take it for granted that a wondrous array of computational technology will be available to assist doctors, both in the diagnosis of our ailments and during complex surgery. 3D body scanners and virtual reality tools are just two examples. Of course, it wasn't always this way.

This talk is a rare opportunity to hear David Morgan, who pioneered the use of computers in clinical medicine. Back in 1968 at Westminster Hospital, he was appointed director of the UK's first research centre to study the use of computers in this field. For the next 11 years at both Westminster and the Department of Health, he pursued his medical innovations and has followed progress right up to the present day. No one is more qualified to tell us the fascinating story of how digits changed the practice of clinical medicine forever.

Join us at the village Hall, Broughton at 8:00pm (doors open 7:30pm). Price £3, to include snacks and wine.

Dear Friends,



It has been such a busy time since Christmas; a few days rest and we are all straight back into the rush of daily life.

It's a time when we feel we have to sort things out; we've been through Christmas celebrations, so now let's face the things which we need to tackle and organise, both the difficult and pleasurable.

On this same theme, within the Benefice we held a Vision Day, and over 20 of us met to pray and seek God's guidance as we discussed the way forward for our little village churches for now and the years to come.

It was a very happy and productive day, and much was discussed as we looked ahead and undertook to consider our mission and purpose in these places in a rapidly changing world.

In many ways you might say that we already have our instructions given to us by the Lord. "Go," he said, "and make disciples..., and remember I am with you until the end of the world", and "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

In all that we are doing and planning we are remembering that the greatest gift we as Christians can give is love and care, and to help others to come to know the Lord Jesus who brings the eternal gift of his presence and life.

We have Christ's promises that he is with us, and so are confident as St. Paul reminds us: "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him" (Colossians 1:16, 17).

With blessings

Ron

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Time	2nd February CANDLEMAS	9th February 4th before Lent	16th February 3rd before Lent	23rd February 2nd before Lent
8.00	Broughton HC CW	-	Broughton HC (BCP)	-
9.30	Bossington HC (BCP)	Broughton HC CW and Sunday Club	Broughton Family Service Mottisfont HC BCP	Broughton Family Communion CW and Sunday Club
11.00	Houghton Family Service	Mottisfont "Messy Church" Family Service	Houghton Family Communion CW	Mottisfont Family Communion CW
6.00	Mottisfont Evensong	Houghton Evensong	-	Houghton Evensong

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

"A LOOK THROUGH MY WINDOW"

A presentation by
Maurice William Bennett and Molly Bennett

14th March at 7.30pm, Mottisfont Village Hall

Described as a potted history of the world of glass and stained glass, this talk has been highly recommended locally. Maurice, who has been in the glass industry for 62 years, 30 of which have been in the design, manufacture, restoration and installation of stained glass, is heralded as a veteran of his craft.



Come and be fascinated by his experience and expertise, and hopefully leave with a fresh and more informed appreciation of the wonderful medium of glass, its past and its inevitable future.



There will be an opportunity to ask questions and view samples.

Tickets, to include coffee/tea and cake, £5 purchased in advance, £6 at the door, £3.50 for under 15s.

Advance tickets are available from Valda White on 368346 or Trish Armstrong on 341120.

In aid of St Andrews Church, Mottisfont

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for February

6th February: Members Meeting
13th February: Mr David Marke
20th February: Mrs Ann Freeland
27th February: Mr David Stone

Everyone welcome. Do come and join us.
Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

BRIGHT HOUR thanks the Co-operative Community Fund

Just before Christmas, Bright Hour, (Broughton and district) was given a generous grant of £250 from the Co-op Community Fund.

The members of Bright Hour were thrilled to receive this, which was given to help with the expenses of their 80th Anniversary, held in Broughton Village Hall last October.

We believe Bright Hour to be one of the oldest organisations in the area, founded in 1933 and welcomes both men and women of all ages. This grant will also enable Bright Hour to promote the group and to encourage new members.

We have a visiting speaker most weeks and meet weekly in the Church room at St. Mary's Church, Broughton. Bright Hour members thank the Co-op and is grateful also to local people who use their community card which helps organisations like ours.

For more information please ring Ann on 01980 862232.

Do you come into contact with elderly and vulnerable people?

Elderly or vulnerable members of the public have been receiving unsolicited telephone calls from criminals purporting to be from their bank or the police. The caller states that they have spotted a fraudulent payment on their card or fraudulent activity on their account. The caller gains the person's trust and explains that the bank will need to collect the card, or require them to withdraw large sums of money from their account.

The victim is then advised to place their card (or money withdrawn) into an envelope to disguise its appearance. The criminal will then arrange a courier, taxi driver or similar, to call to collect the envelope. The courier is given the address (most frequently in London but now in Hampshire) where they are met by the offender outside the address to take the envelope enclosing card or money.

The advice from Hampshire Police is if you have the slightest suspicion about a transaction of this nature, contact the police immediately by telephoning 101 or 999 if it is an emergency. Please also advise the victim that this may be a scam.

Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Service, Montgomery House, Monarch Way, Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 5PW. Tel: 01962 833620. E-mail: doorstep.crime@hants.gov.uk

WALKING GROUP

Make 2014 the year to be fitter and healthier! Why not join us on our monthly Friday walks?



► Friday, 14th February, 9.50am train to Dean. A walk on the other side of Dean Hill.

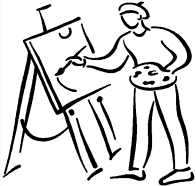
► Friday, 14th March, 10am at the Mill Arms. Spring on the Itchen Navigation.

► Friday, 11th April, 9.30am car share. Hampshire/Berkshire border.

Walks are usually about 6 to 9 miles, and include a picnic or a pub lunch stop.

Gordon & Cathie
340129

Art Group at the Village Hall



Meets every Thursday afternoon, 2 - 4pm at the Village Hall. A very friendly group. Everyone welcome, from the very beginner to those who have dabbled previously.

Only £2, including refreshments.

Gordon, 340129

MOTTISFONT CRAFT CLUB

We meet every Wednesday from 1-3.30pm in the village hall.

Quality crafts are created every week; no experience needed. There is a small fee of £4 for hall hire and materials, and refreshments are included.

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



HALF TERM FAMILY CRAFT AFTERNOON

Fun crafts for all ages and abilities on Wednesday, 19th February, from 1.30 - 4pm in Mottisfont Village Hall. £2.50 per person, includes materials. Refreshments will be available.

We will be doing paper crafts, marbling and more, so come along and join the fun, all in support of Mottisfont & Dunbridge WI.

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

What's on at the Mill Arms

St Valentine's weekend

We have put together a special 3-course menu, and we are also offering a super Dinner, Bed and Bubbly Breakfast deal on both Friday 14th and Saturday 15th.



Twinkle – Prosecco and elderflower

Hazelnut butter grilled scallops with soft herb salad

Roasted figs wrapped in parma ham, with 'New forest blue' cheese and rocket

Twice baked 'Loosehanger Willow' goats cheese soufflé with toasted walnuts and pesto

Tomato consommé with pesto and parmesan toasts

Main dishes

Local pork Valentine steak with cider, apples and creamy butter bean mash

Pan roasted sticky citrus free range chicken breast with spicy couscous and tender stem broccoli

Pan fried halibut with wild mushroom and smoked bacon fricassee

Vegetable coulibiac with rice, leeks, mushrooms, greens encased in butter puff pastry, ratatouille sauce

To finish

Roasted rhubarb tart tatin with vanilla mascarpone

Dark chocolate and cognac mousse with white chocolate dipped strawberries

Vanilla pod crème brûlée with raspberry sorbet and Madeleines

£28.00 for 3 courses.

Dinner, Bed and Bubbly breakfast (price per couple)
Double (Friday night) £175, (Saturday night) £165.
Four poster (Friday night), £185 (Saturday night) £175.
Super-king (Friday night), £200 (Saturday night) £190.

Breakfast: Smoked salmon and scrambled eggs or poached eggs and hollandaise or eggs and bacon, tea, coffee, yoghurts, cereals, toast and pastries plus a glass of Prosecco or bucks fizz!

millarms@btconnect.com, 340401

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KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

Venison and Mushroom Stroganoff

This recipe serves 4 persons.

Ingredients

- ◆ 350g green and white tagliatelle
- ◆ 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- ◆ 350g lean boneless venison fillet or loin, cut into strips
- ◆ 1 onion, halved and thinly sliced
- ◆ 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- ◆ 350g chestnut mushrooms, thickly sliced
- ◆ 2 tablespoons dry sherry
- ◆ 75ml beef or vegetable stock
- ◆ 1 teaspoon cornflour
- ◆ 150ml crème fraiche
- ◆ 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves
- ◆ Pinch of nutmeg
- ◆ 1 tablespoon paprika
- ◆ Pinch of cayenne pepper



*Kate Buchan,
Sous Chef
at Kimbridge
Restaurant*

How to make it

Cook the tagliatelle in boiling water for 10 to 12 minutes until al dente.

While the pasta is cooking, heat 1 tablespoon of oil in a pan. Add the sliced venison and stir fry for about 1 minute until browned all over. Remove from the pan and set aside.

Add the remaining tablespoon of oil to the pan, add the finely sliced onions and fry for about 4 minutes until softened. Add the garlic and the mushrooms and continue to cook for 3 to 4 minutes until tender.

Stir in the sherry, cook for a few seconds, then add the stock. Blend the cornflour with 2 teaspoons of cold water in a small bowl or jug, then add in the crème fraiche, thyme, nutmeg, paprika and cayenne pepper. Stir this mixture into the pan and heat until it starts to bubble.

Return the venison to the pan and heat for a few more seconds to warm through. Season to taste. Tip the tagliatelle into a colander over a sink and drain thoroughly. Add to the stroganoff mixture. Gently toss together and serve.

Whist Drives at the Village Hall

Our Whist Drives are usually on the last Friday of each month until April. All start at 7.30pm.

Wonderful prizes, raffle and refreshments.

John Jenkins, 301614, Gordon Wood, 340129

What's on In February

► 5th February: It's DC Solo Sax and friends. A night of music not to miss, and includes a hot buffet. 6pm till 10pm. £9.95.

► 7th February: It's Fish Fryday. Come and enjoy our home-made battered cod and chips from 12 till 3:30pm. £8.95.

► 8th February: Family evening. Pizza and pasta for the whole family. Children eat free from the child's menu. 6pm till 9pm. Various prices.

► 14th February: Valentine's evening supper from 7pm. £16.95 for 3 courses.

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

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LIVE MUSIC AT THE MILL ARMS

Get your dancing gear on....

The Mill Arms is proud to present our first live band of 2014.....



HeadRush

This 8-piece disco funk band will be sure to get you all up dancing.

A high energy, fun filled evening guaranteed for all!

**SATURDAY, 22nd
FEBRUARY**

8pm for 8.30pm

Tickets only £4 – great night, great fun, great value!

Call 340401 for yours, or order at the bar.



ARE YOU UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE?

If you are, and you live within the ancient parishes of Broughton, Bossington and Mottisfont, you can apply for help with something needed for your education from The Dowse Trust. This could be: a musical instrument, school/college/university study material, a school trip or music lessons.

Grants are normally in the region of £50 to £200. The Trust meets every three months, but applications can be sent in at any time.

To get an application form you need to contact the secretary: Mrs. Christine Hoskins, Fripps, High Street, Broughton, SO20 8AD, or by email to: hoskins12@btinternet.com

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browser window frame when you attempt to log in or register.

■ If you receive unsolicited emails from charities you have never heard of or have no association with, do not respond, and do not click on any links. It is best to delete them.

■ Do not respond to requests that ask you to donate through a money transfer company. This is a tactic commonly used by scammers as it makes the payment hard to trace.

■ Ensure the charity is genuine before divulging personal information or payment methods.

■ When supporting disaster relief abroad, consider donating through the Disasters Emergency Committee.

■ If you do not want to make an online donation check with a legitimate charity if they accept other

Mottisfont Social Club

Mottisfont Social Club welcomes families and offers 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. The club is very well situated in the heart of the village and members can take advantage of the premises as a free venue for their birthday parties and family celebrations - come in and ask for details.

What's On

Mondays	Ladies Darts, Snooker
Tuesdays	Billiards
Wednesdays	Closed
Thursdays	Bingo, Crib
Fridays	Men's Darts, Thrift Club
Saturdays	Occasional entertainment
Sundays	Skittles

Club Opening Hours

M/T/T/F/S	7pm till 11pm
Wednesdays	Closed
Sunday Lunchtime	Noon till 2pm
Sunday Evening	7pm till 10.30pm

ways to pay.

■ If you think you have given your payment details to a bogus charity, contact your bank or credit card company immediately.

For further advice or to report a scam, contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 08454 04 05 06.

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

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