



Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN



The Village Newsletter

June 2014

Mottisfont Football Club

We are looking for sponsors for next season, to put funding towards a new strip. If you are interested, or if you would like to have a small advertisement put on the strip, please contact Alan Stewart on 340492.

There will be a break from the end of April until July, when pre-season starts again.

Have you got this date in your diary?

Sunday, 10th August, 2pm

It's the Mottisfont Village Fete, of course!

Secretary to the Thomas Dowse Trust

Thomas Dowse's Charity, an educational charity serving the parishes of Broughton, Bossington and Mottisfont, is looking for a new Secretary.

Duties include attending and drafting the minutes of four meetings of the Trustees each year, as well as liaising and corresponding with applicants.

If you are interested in contributing your time to a worthy cause that has helped so many young people in this area over many years, please contact Rev. Ron Corne (cronandrew@aol.com), The Rectory, Rectory Lane, Broughton, Stockbridge, SO20 8AB, or ring him on 301287.

The next meeting of the Dowse Trust will be on Wednesday 2nd July, so there is still time to put in an application for consideration. Meetings are normally held quarterly.

Anyone under the age of 25 living in the Parish can apply for a grant for educational purposes. This could be for learning materials, school trips or music lessons.

Applications forms are available from: Mrs. Christine Hoskins, Fripps, High Street, Broughton, SO20 8AD or by email: hoskins12@btinternet.com

Going back a bit...

In the April edition we printed a couple of photos provided by Mottisfont Cricket Club of two teams, one from 1957 and the other from some time in the 1960s.

We're grateful to Valda White who was able to put names to nearly all the faces, as shown below.



From 1957, back row, left to right: Gordon Pitman, Ron Lawrence. Peter White, ??, Cecil Wilkins, Denis Young. Front row: Frank Fryer, Bert Cockrill, Don Coleman, Jack Peach, Mrs. Russell, Jim White, Charlie Lawrence.



Back row: John Fryer, Peter White, Bob Peach, Ronald Vane, Peter Southwell, Jim Moody. Front row: Roy Topp, Denis Topp, Gordon Pitman, Don Coleman, Jim White, Elsie Packham.

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

On 24th May, National Trust launches this year's "50 Things To Do Before You're 11¼." This is a fabulous campaign where children are given a scrapbook with 50 things to complete, and receive a prize once they've completed the tasks. Things like "Play pooh sticks," or "Roll down a hill" are particularly relevant for Mottisfont, so please bring your children and have a go (...number 6 is "Run around in the rain"....not too often this summer please!)

As you can see from our events programme, there's plenty going on at this time of year at Mottisfont. As mentioned in the last issue, our rose season is the busiest time of year, with tens of thousands of visitors coming to see our collection of 19th Century roses. One consequence is that there is increased traffic to the property during June – especially at weekends. Our overflow car park (next to the main car park) was flooded until March due to the exceptionally wet winter weather, and it is likely that it will not have dried out sufficiently. This means that we will probably have to use the Oakley Road field behind the property so that visitors have a place to park away from any roads.

We will only use this as an overflow when the existing car park is full and it will be manned at all times. As 20% of our traffic approaches via Bengers Lane, we will mainly be diverting this traffic so that it will not pass through the village. However, please be aware that there might be some increased traffic in the area at this time.

Best wishes,

Paul Cook
General Manager, Mottisfont & New Forest, National Trust

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Blog: paulcooknationaltrust.blogspot.co.uk

In the gardens...

We are fast approaching rose season and we literally cannot wait. We have been promised by the gardeners that it looks like it's going to be another bumper year for the roses, and they will be at their best, dependent on the weather, around mid-June.

We will be announcing our late opening evenings for the roses on the homepage of our website, so take a look there or just give us a call on 340757.

In the gallery...

Our new exhibition *Gardens of Delight* opened at the beginning of May. All of our visitors seem to really

love this exhibition of paintings, prints, photographs and sculpture, all around the theme of gardens from the late 19th-century to the present day. There's even a big plaster greenhouse with intricate plaster cabbages inside it – well worth a look!

Our next exhibition will be Quentin Blake and Friends, and it opens on 19th July.

Events

We have lots of exciting events over the next couple of months, including specialist walks, outdoor theatre and special half term events. Our outdoor theatre is always popular, and this year we have *The Tempest* on 25th July and *The Pantaloon's' History of Britain* on 23 August. For full details of our programme and to book, just visit our website or call 340757.

Keep in touch...

Our website (nationaltrust.org.uk/Mottisfont/) is brilliant for keeping up to date with what we are up to, but did you know that you can get regular updates from us? We have a Facebook and Twitter page, where you can find us if you search for 'MottisfontNT' and we have our own e-newsletter. If you would like to sign up to our email newsletter, just email victoria.bell@nationaltrust.org.uk

Parish Council News

At our Annual General Meeting, John Millns was unanimously re-elected as Chairman, and Jeff Channing as Vice Chairman.

Slow Down Wheely Bin Stickers

There are supplies of these stickers at the village hall. Please feel free to take one to encourage drivers to slow down in the village.

Barley Hill footpath is progressing! The footpath has now been extend to the location of the former phone box by the layby, and a dropped kerb has been included in the layby. The BT telegraph pole mid-way along the path has been relocated to the opposite side of the road.

Church Lane It is planned to resurface the gravel track (part of the Test Way) between Ashmead (no. 4 Church Lane) and Mottisfont Cemetery Gates in Church Lane. The parish lengthsman has been approached to do this work, and the parish council is waiting for a price quotation. The work will be paid for via the parish lengthsman project.

Back Lane Hampshire County Council's Operation

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**LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO
AN OPEN MORNING ON
WEDNESDAY, 4th JUNE,
9.30am to 12 noon**

At Lockerley Primary School we are ambitious for all our pupils, and deliver an unusually high teacher to pupil ratio.

We run a daily Breakfast Club from 8.00am to 8.45am and After School Care until 6pm.

We would like to invite the local community and all current and prospective parents to visit our school on Wednesday, 4th June.

This will be an opportunity to meet the staff, tour the school and see the children in their learning environment.

This is also our 'Bring a Bear to School' day, so please remember to bring a furry friend!

If you would like to stay for our Teddy Bears' Picnic from 12 noon until 1.00pm, please bring a packed lunch.

For further details or to arrange an alternative time to visit, please contact Julie Black, the School Admin Officer, on 340485, or call into school.

Date for your diary

Friday, 4th July:
Lockerley Primary School Bizarre Bazaar
6pm to 7.30pm
BBQ, Bar, Raffle, Games and Stalls.

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Resilience team will be carrying out major work to restore the severely damaged tarmac surface of Back Lane at Mottisfont, which was lifted during the violent thunderstorm and flash flooding that hit the village in April.

A temporary 21-day road closure was put in place and may be extended until the restoration work is completed.

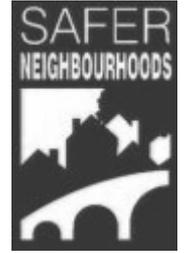
Future Parish Council Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, 16th July, 2014
- Wednesday, 24th September, 2014
- Wednesday, 26th November, 2014
- Wednesday, 21st January, 2015
- Wednesday, 18th March, 2015

- Annual Parish Meeting: Wednesday, 22nd April,

**CRIME PREVENTION:
uPVC Doors Warning**

Hampshire Police are advising that there has been an increase in residential burglaries in Hampshire.



Thieves are targeting properties with uPVC doors, and police are urging residents to pay extra attention to their home security.

uPVC doors can easily be opened from the outside if they are not locked with the key from the inside. Simply lifting the handle does not completely secure the door.



Burglars have also been known to put their arm through a letterbox or cat flap and use a tool to push the handle to gain entry to homes.

REMEMBER:

- uPVC doors must be double locked to be properly secure;
- Deadlock your door with the key. Do not just lift the handle;
- Keep house and car keys upstairs or store them somewhere safe;
- Use all door and window locks fitted to your home;
- Consider fitting an internal letterbox cage.

For further crime prevention advice please visit www.hampshire.police.uk.

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- Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, 13th May, 2015

Sue Holder
Clerk

Addendum from Jacqui Horne

As many of you will have seen, the new footpath in Dunbridge is coming along well. Many have also noticed and wondered about the dip in the pavement edging. This in fact is an area for vehicles to pass if a large lorry is parked there while ringing for permission to cross the level crossing. Hence its position opposite the sign saying this.

Editors' note: Many people have commented how good it is at last to have a safe and complete footpath.

Dear Friends,

Some people today suggest that Christianity is nothing but an overplayed fairy tale, and that the Bible is no more than a collection of myths and legends.

I would challenge this because I see things quite differently. 'Well, you would', I guess most people would say to me, since I'm a Church of England priest. But let me explain in a few words, why I believe what I do.

I haven't been a Christian for very long, but in this short period I have personally experienced some amazing transformations.

After I was baptized and confirmed in 1999, my life gradually changed as my faith grew. In 2010 I found myself prompted to leave a job that I loved, and my home in Guernsey (a place that I love), to follow an uncertain pathway that has led to training for ordained ministry and subsequently to my curacy here in the Broughton Benefice. As someone who has mostly had her feet very firmly rooted to the ground, this was an extraordinary step to take.

It was either a moment of complete insanity or a faithful response to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to serve God in a new place and in a different way.

I firmly believe it was the latter (though some of my former work colleagues would possibly have said it was the former!) because I know that the Holy Spirit prompts people to do extraordinary things.



This coming month, on the 8th June, we thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and we celebrate this as the birthday of the Church (please see the grid for details of our services). At Pentecost, men and women who had felt uncertain about what to do after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ were suddenly equipped and enabled by the Holy Spirit to do some extraordinary things. As a result of their preaching and witnessing to their experiences, many, many thousands became Christians and this, as historical accounts confirm, led to the spread of the Christian faith and the establishment of the first churches.

This is one of the reasons why I think that Christianity is more than a fairy tale and the Bible is rather more than a collection of myths and legends!

With blessings,

Gill

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

Time	1st June Easter 7	8th June Pentecost	15th June Trinity	22nd June Trinity 1	29th June Trinity 2
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	Houghton Family Communion CW for the Benefice. Speaker: Rev. Alice Nabirye from South Rwenzori, Uganda
11.00	Houghton Family Service	Mottisfont Family Service Messy Church	Houghton Family Communion CW	Mottisfont Family Communion CW	-
6.00	Mottisfont Evensong	Houghton Evensong	-	Houghton Evensong	-

Every Wednesday at 9.30am, St. Mary's Church, Broughton: Holy Communion BCP

CW = Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for June

5th June: Mrs. Joan Gulliver
12th June: Rev. Christopher Walker
19th June: Rev. Sue Percey
26th June: Members Meeting

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

SAVE THE DATE!!

A Summer's Evening with Wine and Cheese, Strawberries and Cream

20th July, 6.30 - 9pm

Mottisfont House

by kind permission of Mrs. S. Clutterbuck

All are warmly invited to join us for this event in the
wonderful setting of a riverside garden.

This is being organised by the Friends of St.
Andrew's Church, to raise funds for the essential
refurbishment of our historically important grade II
listed church organ. We would gratefully appreciate
your support, and in return promise a delightful
evening. Please invite your family and friends! A
raffle is planned.

Tickets are £12.50 per adult, £6 for under 16s, and
under 5s free. Advance tickets will be available from
Mrs Clutterbuck (tel: 340475). Tickets will also be
available at the door on the evening.

LIFE Expo – The Story of Jesus



Lockerley Benefice is hosting an interactive
and innovative exhibition developed by the
Counties charity. This event, funded by
Hampshire Christian Trust, local churches
and the Winchester Diocese School Advisers, is an
exciting way to build church, school and community
links. See www.lifeexpo.co.uk for more information.

When: 7th to 11th July – pre-arranged daytime
sessions for school groups. Evening sessions for
individuals, Youth and Adult Groups.

Where: Hampshire Christian Trust, Lockerley Water
Farm, East Tytherley Road, Lockerley, SO51 0LW

Contact: Rev. James Pitkin (tel. 340635)

Dates for your diary

► Friday, 6th June, at 8pm

Lockerley Silver Band presents 'Music from the
times of conflict', in Lockerley Memorial Hall.

Tickets are £5 from Greg & Eileen McCann, on
340698, Joan Bisson on 023 8028 2517, or Hillary
Thompson on 341462.

► Sunday, 24th August, 6pm, at St. Andrew's Church

You will probably know the Birnie Boozle Band from
their annual appearances at the Village Fete. They
have kindly agreed to come to St. Andrew's on 24th
August for a sing-along, happy music and song
evening.

Refreshments will be available.

Cathie and Gordon
340129

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

The May meeting was attended
by 18 members including a
visitor from overseas.



At this AGM meeting it was all change, and a new
President was elected: Miss Valda White. Thanks
were expressed to Mrs. Rachel Fowler for her work
during her three year term of office as President. A
new committee was also elected.

After the business part of the meeting there was a
quiz which had been organised by one of the
members, and this consisted of a 'Flower quiz' and
'Human Bingo'. This was greatly enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 10th June at
7.30 in Mottisfont & Dunbridge Village Hall, when
the speaker will be Nick Griffiths talking about
Medieval Buildings, Houses, Castles and
Cathedrals. Guests will be very welcome.

Future events include a Cream Tea Afternoon on
20th June from 2pm, to be held at Mottisfont &
Dunbridge Village Hall, and the cost will be £4.50.

We are also collecting items of bric-à-brac for a stall
at the Mottisfont Village Fete in August. Collection
can be arranged if needed by telephoning Cathie on
340129.

Mary Batten

WALKING GROUP

We picked a wonderful sunny, breezy day for our May walk. We started at Broad Chalke in the Chalke Valley, Wiltshire, climbed up to Compton Down, and had a look at the Chiselbury iron age hill fort which covers an area of nearly eleven acres. We descended from Fovant Down to a nice pub lunch at the Queen's Head, Broad Chalke. Again, the young ladies outnumbered the old men!



The next walks will be:

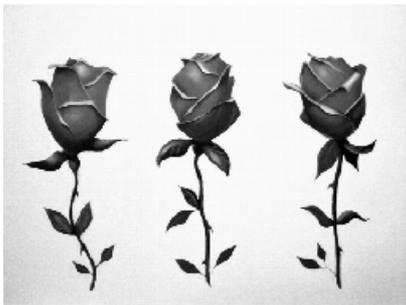
► Friday, 13th June, 9.30, Hinton Ampner N.T. and the South Downs.

► Friday, 11th July, 9.30, a walk by the sea. Both car share. We're also planning local 3 - 4 hour walks around here on the weekends of 12th/13th of July and 19th/20th July. We'll give more details next month.

Gordon & Cathie, 340129

In support of St. Andrew's Church, Mottisfont

With thanks to the National Trust



for the use of the facilities

Roses and Wine

Friday, 27th June, Mottisfont Abbey
Famous walled Rose Garden
6:30 – 8:30pm

£7.50 pp (£5 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
boardman5813@yahoo.co.uk

The East Tytherley Country Fayre Saturday 7th June at 12 noon

In the grounds of Oaklands House
(SP5 1LE)

Commemorating 70 years since D-day



A 1940's Themed Extravaganza

Many attractions, including:
*Displays by Lockerley Mechanical Society,
including the village's role in 'Operation Overlord'*
Amy Baker – 1940's jazz singer
Michelmersh Training Band
Children's Entertainer
Falconry Displays
Fun Dog Show
Children's Petting Farm
Fancy dress
Have a go Archery
Vintage Steam
Dance Display
Mullenscote Dog Training Display
Cream Teas on the Lawn
BBQ, Bar, Pimms

Entrance: Adults £2, children FREE (including
children's 'prize draw' trail)

The Fayre concludes at 5.30pm, but the
entertainment continues with:

Hog Roast
Music at Oaklands – (free admission)
8pm Live Band ~ The Sulky's,
Grand Prize Draw, Food and Bar.

Art Group

Meet as always at the Village Hall,
every Thursday afternoon, from
2pm to 4pm.

No experience is
necessary! Just
come along and
give it go, or ring me for more
information.



Gordon
340129

KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

Ratatouille and goats cheese crumble

This recipe serves 4/6 persons.

Ingredients:

4 courgettes
2 peppers
1 small tin of chopped tomatoes
1 white onion
1 small aubergine
2 dessert spoons tomato puree
2 dessert spoons Demerara sugar
4/6 slices goat's cheese
50g chopped parsley
Salt and pepper
150g plain flour
50g butter
250ml vegetable stock

How to make it:

Pre-heat the oven to 200C, gas 6, fan 180C.

Peel and dice the onion into small pieces and place in a pan with a little oil. Sweat the onions until soft, but colourless. Then dice the courgettes, aubergine into small pieces and add to the onion. Cook for five minutes. Dice the peppers and add to the saucepan and continue to cook for a few minutes.

Add the tinned tomatoes, puree and sugar to the saucepan and boil until all the vegetables are soft. Take off the heat and place the ratatouille mix into an oven proof dish and then put the goat's cheese on top. Set aside while you make the topping.

For the topping, rub the butter into the flour, with a pinch of salt and pepper. Once all rubbed through, add the chopped parsley and spread the mix over the top of the goat's cheese. Cook in the oven for 10-15 minutes or until golden brown.



Kate
Buchan,

What's on in June

- ▶ Friday 6th: Evening Bistro, 6pm till 11pm. Special: 3 courses incl. coffee £25.00 per person.
- ▶ Saturday 7th: Evening fully booked.
- ▶ Wednesday 11th: DC Solo Sax with the smoky voice of Steph, and hot buffet. A night of music and song not to be missed. 6pm, £9.95.
- ▶ Friday 13th: Evening fully booked.
- ▶ Saturday 14th: Evening Bistro, 6pm till 11pm. Special: 3 courses incl. coffee £25.00 per person.
- ▶ Sunday 15th: Special Fathers' day Sunday lunch. 3-course lunch for £16.95.
- ▶ Friday 20th: Evening fully booked.
- ▶ Saturday 21st: Evening fully booked.
- ▶ Tuesday 24th: Painting with Marina. This week: glass painting. Ring Marina on 07796 097966 to book.
- ▶ Wednesday 25th: The Kimbridge Quiz, and hot buffet, £8.95pp. Any size of team.
- ▶ Friday 27th: Evening Bistro, 6pm till 11pm. Special: 3 courses incl. coffee £25.00 per person.
- ▶ Saturday 28th: Evening fully booked.

For the latest information about events, please go to www.kimbridgerestaurant.co.uk, or call us on 340556.

VOUCHER

valid until 30th June

Friday and Saturday Evening
Bistro Nights, 6pm until 11pm:
Special: 3 courses incl. coffee £25.00
per person.

You must book in advance
to get this offer.

Monday to Thursday:
2 for the price of 1 on all
full English breakfasts.

I very nearly laughed...

I went to see the doctor recently because of trouble with my ears. The doctor asked me to describe the symptoms, so I said "Homer is a fat yellow man, and Marge has blue hair".

- o o o -

"My favourite cryptic crossword clue: Postman loses bag."

"How many letters?"

"Hundreds!"

Here are some items from the Bistro menu:
White onion soup; Pepper, cherry tomato and goat's
cheese filo basket; Pork, apple and cashew nut
terrine.

Pork medallion and black pudding tower; pan-fried
calves liver; seared tuna steak; stuffed pepper;
Ballotine of chicken. All served with baby corn,
baby carrots and green beans.

Brownie bottom cheesecake; Vanilla pannacotta;
Apple and cinnamon sponge

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. If you are new to the village please come in and meet us. Joining is easy; we welcome new members and encourage families to socialise without having to travel too far.



local residents who are joining the club and, more importantly, using our facilities. This in turn is contributing to the increasing community spirit coming back to Mottisfont.

From September the Social Club will be reopening on Wednesday evenings. We will be taking part in the Airbourne darts league and we are also instigating a new local pool league. If you are interested in playing in any of our teams for darts, snooker, pool, billiards, crib or skittles, please pop in and have a chat.

What's on

Mondays: Ladies darts, Snooker
 Tuesdays: Billiards
 Wednesdays: Closed until September and then Airbourne Darts, Pool League
 Thursdays: Bingo, Crib
 Fridays: Men's darts, Thrift Club
 Saturdays: Chase the Aces and occasional entertainment
 Sundays: Skittles

Club Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 7pm till 11pm
 Wednesday: closed until September
 Sunday lunchtime: Noon till 2pm
 Sunday evening: 7pm till 10.30pm

News

Firstly some great news that was reported during our recent AGM: following on from our plea for support in 2012 our treasurer was delighted to announce that the social club cleared £5k profit during 2013!! This is fantastic, and we can only hope that it continues along the same path in the future.

We have seen a significant rise in the number of

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

Acorn	Editors	Peter & Julia Barnett	340793				
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			07860		Curate	Revd Gill Nobes	341010
			662685		Reader	Gina Livermore	388433
Art Group		Gordon Wood	340129		Wardens	Susan Clutterbuck	340475
Cricknet Club	Secretary	Edwin Moody	514197	Social Club	Chairman	Trish Armstrong	341120
History Group		Michael Horne	340105		Secretary	Peter Simmonds	340891
First Responders	Coordinator	Marion Gray	341370		Steward	Tracy Holmes	341939
Football Club	Secretary	Alan Stewart	340492	Test Valley Councillor		Linda Holmes	340521
Hampshire County Councillor		Andrew Gibson	01264			Neville Whiteley	01264
			861138	Village Bus	Secretary	George Vaughan	301045
Member of Parliament		Caroline Nokes	512132		Bookings	Pam Dawkins	301203
Mill Arms		Andrea & Ian Bentall	340401		Private Hire	Julie Smith	301470
Mottisfont Abbey	Gen. Manager	Paul Cook	344001		Operations	Mike Howe	301723
Neighbourhood Watch	Mottisfont	Alan Earthrowl	341799	Village Hall	Chairman	Lynn Young	340134
	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
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