



The Village Newsletter

# Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN



March 2014

## Fred Dowling

Thank you to all who came to say goodbye to Fred, and to those who were there in thoughts. It was nice to know so many cared.

Also a big thank you to all the ladies, and Gordon, who manned the village hall kitchen and contributed all the goodies.

A thank you, too, for all the lifts and offers of help when Fred was in hospital, I couldn't make use of them all, but might need to do so in the future.

Edna, Lindy, Carol and all his family.



## Mottisfont Village Hall Committee

### Village Supper at the Hall

Friday, 30th May, 7.30pm for 8pm  
We hope you can join us for a three-course meal followed by tea/coffee

£18 per person – Please bring your own wine

Choose from:

Melon with Fruits of the Forest  
Chinese Style Chicken Salad



Roast Pork with all the trimmings  
Beef Bourguignon  
Caramelised Cheese & Onion Tartlets

all served with a selection of vegetables or salads



Raspberry Pavlova  
Austrian Coffee Cake  
Sticky Toffee Pudding

To book, contact Margaret on 341922  
(Payment when booking please)

## Acorn sponsorship: the community acts

In last month's *Acorn* we asked for sponsors to cover a shortfall of £70 in our printing costs for 2014. We thought it might be difficult to find an additional sponsor, especially in the current financial climate.

Not a bit of it! Within a couple of days the National Trust at Mottisfont contacted us, and agreed not only to provide the funding we needed, but also to provide additional information about projects, conservation work, etc. See page 2 for the first new article.

We were also delighted to receive messages from some generous individuals who offered all or part of the amount needed, and from the Parish Council.

So many thanks to you all, but especially to our sponsors: The National Trust, The Social Club, and Kimbridge Restaurant.

Julia and Peter

## Songs of Praise comes to Romsey Abbey, 16th March

On Sunday, 16th March at 6pm, Romsey Abbey is hosting a major event in the calendar of the Test Valley Borough Mayor, Cllr. Janet Whiteley.



Hosted by Pam Rhodes, who for many years was the face of Songs of Praise on the BBC, the service will feature the Abbey Choirs and other choirs from up and down the Test Valley.

Members of churches and local community groups throughout Test Valley have been asked for their favourite hymns. Pam will introduce the service and chat to those who have chosen their hymns about the reasons and something about their own journey of

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**The deadline for inclusion of items in the APRIL edition of the Acorn is 16th MARCH.  
Please email items to [acornnews@mandercom.co.uk](mailto:acornnews@mandercom.co.uk).**

**From the General Manager, Paul Cook:**

When the call went out for a new sponsor for the *Acorn*, National Trust at Mottisfont were very pleased to answer positively and we've agreed that we will start this regular column to inform parish residents about some of the conservation work we do and projects that we are involved with. Last year we were pleased to see Mottisfont FC get re-established and the new youth group too, both of which we were keen to support. In the last issue of the *Acorn*, we also launched our new "Wild Card" children's play initiative for all of the children in the parish to coincide with the opening of our new Wild Play and Wet Play areas in the spring.

The main construction work for our new visitor facility will start in September, and includes a new visitor reception and toilets at the front of the property by the existing car park, as well as the shop moving to this location too. It will be replaced by a new additional café in the stable yard. We hope that the new facilities will benefit our local community and you will enjoy many happy hours enjoying our estate.

To coincide with this large infrastructure project, we also have an interpretation project called "StoryScape," which will help visitors understand the history of Mottisfont better and get more out of visiting. This includes opening up new rooms in the house, such as the maids' rooms, for the first time to the public and interpreting the lower corridor around our medieval heritage. Overall 20 points across the property are included, which should really bring the place to life for all of our visitors. This project is due to complete in the Autumn.

Paul Cook

**Other news:****We are having a bit of a facelift at the moment...**

We have been undertaking essential maintenance to our drainage systems near the visitor entrance point. This is due to last about 3-5 weeks, during which time access will be challenging for people using wheelchairs and mobility scooters. We recommend that visitors who use mobility aids visit either before or after this short period. We do apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**In the gallery...**

You may have seen the hype about our latest exhibition from all of the press coverage for Lichfield: A Life Through The Lens. We were on BBC South Today, ITV's Meridian, Radio Solent and also featured in The Times, Harper's Bazaar and local newspapers. The exhibition is absolutely fantastic, so if you haven't come to see it yet, visit us before 21st April.

**Around the grounds...**

The gardens are looking as lovely as ever. The spring bulbs are popping up with something new to see in the gardens every day - so come and have a stroll around our gorgeous grounds.

**Mother's Day fun...**

Join us on 30th March for Mother's Day. We will be making flower brooches in the Stable Yard (make an ideal present) and we also have a delicious Sunday lunch on the menu in the café. Call 340757 to book your place.

**Parish Council News**

The Dunbridge sewage treatment plant was completed on 20th November, and has been handed over to Southern Water. All construction plant and welfare equipment, as well as the security CCTV and alarm system, have been removed with the exception of the boundary fencing which remains to secure a reduced area around the works and along the Southern Water access track. The fence remains as 4D have further been engaged to carry out works to restore the performance of the treated water disposal soak-away, but are in discussions with the Environment Agency as to the final design.

PCSO Cole has a supply of the 'Slow Down' stickers for dust bins, which she is happy to hand out to residents. Please remember not to obstruct the highway with your bin – we have received a number of complaints.

The council discussed its budget at the January meeting and has unanimously agreed not to increase the precept for 2014/15.

If you have any suggestions on commemorating the centenary of World War I, please let us know.

Hampshire County Council agreed this week to release an additional £9.2 million to extend the Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme so that 95% of Hampshire premises benefit. This is an increase of more than 27,000 premises over and above the current programme. It will mean that 90% of premises can access faster reliable broadband by the end of 2015, and they are working on extending to at least 95% by the end of 2017.

Date of our next meeting: 7.30pm on the 19th March. Everyone will be welcome.

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faith. In addition, there will be a major and popular choral piece sung by all the gathered choirs!

Pam will be signing her book, and there will be tea available in the Abbey Rooms from 4.45pm, a warm up at 5.45pm before the start at 6pm.

There will be a retiring collection for the Mayor's charities, and the charities being supported by this event include: Romsey Abbey, Jane Scarth House, Romsey Good Neighbours, Hampshire Air Ambulance, The Countess of Brecknock Hospice in Andover, Andover Good Neighbours and the Andover based Life after Stroke, and other smaller charities.

The Mayor would like to acknowledge the kindness and support of the Vicar of Romsey the Reverend Tim Sledge for facilitating this event, and looks forward to seeing many friends from the Benefice and surrounding areas at this Service.

Cllr. Janet Whiteley  
Mayor of Test Valley 2013 - 14

## The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus Committee

Charity Number: 284910

I am occasionally asked, "How does the bus work?" Tempted to reply, "Suck; Squeeze; Bang; Blow," I know they really need something more. I sit them down comfortably with a large mug of coffee and explain. About 34 years ago a group of far-sighted village activists worked out that the village was poorly served by the commercial bus operators, and decided to do something about it. (All the best stories start like that.) They did the necessary: routes were planned and approved; the bus obtained (where did that money come from?); volunteers found - both drivers and others; and the bus started operating. Something must have gone right, because here we are all these years later, doing much the same. The bus is not 34 years old; neither are the drivers or committee members, but we tick on.

That is history; what about today? Well I'm sure that passengers feel they can depend on the service, but may well not know what is behind the scenes. At this time of change in the life of the committee, it may be as well to outline something of this. We operate as a charity, satisfying the requirements of the Charity Commission. We are a licensed transport operator, receiving our licence to operate from the Traffic Commissioners, under the provisions of the Traffic Act 1986. The vehicle has to be serviced and repaired as necessary. We have to satisfy the safety provisions relating to passenger carrying vehicles, and an extra overlay from Hampshire County Council. Drivers have to be trained and assessed. In addition there is a host of insurance cover to obtain.

But what is really important is people. At any one time there are about 20 plus drivers, who have to remember what day it is, where they are driving, at what time, where the route runs, and who needs help with their shopping bags. Without them we do not have a community bus service. Behind them is the committee, some long standing, some new(ish). That really is the point of this note - to let people know their committee. **Chairman**, for at least 14 years has been **Michael Howe**. He also undertook the duties of **Technical Manager** for many more years than that. He has been an example of almost unparalleled commitment to the village, and deserves an accolade as he steps down. With Michael, you also got two for the price of one; he was strongly supported by **Janet** throughout his years of office. His place has been taken by **Peter Broome**, who also acts as the **Broughton Parish Council** representative. Remembering that we include **Mottisfont** and **Dunbridge**, **Jacque Horne** fulfils the same role as their **Parish Council** representative. There are two ladies who muster the drivers into an orderly list for driving duties. They are known as the **Operations Officers**, and are **Chris Hoskins** and **Janet Dobinson**. I believe that Chris had support of the bus made a condition of the sale when she moved into the village, and has been observing the commitment ever since. Someone has to make sure the tyres are pumped up, and the diesel topped up (and all the other related jobs you can think of). He is known as the **Technical Manager** and is presently **Alasdair Murray**, assisted by **Robbie Gerhardt**. If, as a local group, you wish to make use of the bus, out of hours or away from our scheduled timings, then **Julie Smith** is your saviour. She has been

doing this long enough to know all the wrinkles. Give her a ring. We are hoping that **Lucy Almond** will take up the challenge of driver training/assessment.

There has to be someone to count the money, (not that we have a lot) and he is **David Mason**, the **Treasurer**. A better number-cruncher you will not meet. He seems interested in all numbers, not just money. So in addition to grappling with the complexities of the repayments under the Free Fare Pass scheme, and extracting money from central government under the BSOG ('What's that?' Merely the Bus Service Operators' Grant), he also analyses numbers of passengers carried, by route, mpg and full costs per km and mile, routine fuel expenditure, and even which excursions are most popular. We have one essential, non-committee member in the shape of **Pam Dawkins** who guards the keys, summarises stats (for David) and takes bookings for excursions.

So there it is; one long standing village service, provided entirely under voluntary arrangements, guided nobly by **Michael Howe** over all these years, moving forward progressively, under a peaceful change of regime. Do feel free to jump on board. Now, as your **Hon Secretary**, I shall dry the ink blots and lay down my blunted quill.

**George Vaughan.**

P.S. We have held the price of fares this year; no increase pending.

### TEST VALLEY LECTURE: Of Corsets Art! What it has taken to get us dressed over 500 years

Using paintings of the past, Ros Liddington will explore costume over the centuries and will uncover the many practical (and to our ears, amusing) problems which people had with their dress. Then, by considering which visual images of our present society will survive into the future, she will predict what aspects of costume will guide the design of our future clothing. Ros will illustrate her very entertaining talk with props, artefacts and costumes from her personal collection.

Join us at the Village Hall, Broughton, at 8:00pm (doors 7:30pm) on Wednesday, 19th March. Price £3 to include snacks and wine (free to full-time students). To be added to our email list for future events, contact [nick.lodge@iee.org](mailto:nick.lodge@iee.org).

### MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

A fascinating and interesting talk and demonstration was given by Mark Redman about the joy of making bread from the basic ingredients. Members were given samples of the uncooked bread to take home to cook and enjoy.



The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 11th March at Mottisfont Village Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker on this night will be Mike Brook giving a talk entitled 'Musings from the Amateur Stage'. Guests will be very welcome to come along and enjoy a cup of coffee.

Mary Batten

Dear Friends,

Taking a glance at my calendar for March, I see that the picture features daffodils basking in the sunshine in front of one of my favourite places – a place which has been extremely important to me and which has had a huge influence on my life.



People, places and different situations have a major effect on us. Arguably, they shape us into the people that we are today.

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness. During this time he faced many choices. He might have been led astray, tempted to go in the wrong direction, but his choice was constant and unchanging – he chose to stay faithful to God. His wilderness experience must have had a profound affect on his life and undoubtedly shaped the preaching and teaching pathway which he was about to embark upon.

This coming month, as we move into our calendar season of spring, we also enter into our church season of Lent.

It's a time to carry out some spring-cleaning of the house and it's also a time to reassess our spiritual health, to reflect on where we are and to ask ourselves a few questions:

- What pathway am I on?
- What's really important to me?
- Where am I heading?
- What does my faith mean to me?

The answers to these questions can be quite revealing. They might tell us that some things in our lives are out of balance and that other things may need to be re-focused.

To help us to reflect on our faith and what it means to lead a Christian life today, we are running a Lent Group, which meets at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings, starting on Thursday 13th March (details from Ron or Gill).

We hope that you are able to come along.

Blessings

Gill

## Mottisfont Messy Church



For the last year or so, we have run a series of Messy Church events at St. Andrew's. But what's Messy Church?

Messy Church is church where the emphasis is on informal. It's not just for children; we welcome people of all ages. It's a service for everyone.

At our last Messy Church I heard the following comment: 'we have so much fun; it's not at all what you think goes on in church...'

What do we do? We have Messy craft activities (led by Shelly) based on our Bible theme, we have a celebration with song, story and prayer and we always finish with refreshments.

Want to know more? Call Gill on 341010 or Lesley on 340942.

When's the next Messy Church? **Mothing Sunday, 11.00am on Sunday, 30th March.**

### "A LOOK THROUGH MY WINDOW"

A presentation by  
Maurice William Bennett and Molly Bennett  
14th March at 7.30pm, Mottisfont Village Hall

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, will present a potted history of the world of glass and stained glass. Come and be fascinated by his experience and expertise

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 Andrew's Church, Mottisfont*

#### SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

Time	2nd March Next before Lent	9th March Lent 1	16th March Lent 2	23rd March Lent 3	30th March Lent 4
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	Broughton HC CW for the Benefice Mothing Sunday
11.00	Houghton Family Service	Mottisfont Family Service	Houghton Family Communion CW	Mottisfont Family Communion CW	Mottisfont "Messy Church" Family Service
6.00	Mottisfont Evensong	Houghton Evensong	-	Houghton Evensong	-

Every Wednesday: 9.30am, St. Mary's Church, Broughton - Holy Communion (BCP)  
**BUT Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service with  
Ashing at 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church**

## BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

### Events for March

6th March: Mrs. Vida Reynolds  
13th March: Revd. Andrew Poppe  
20th March: Mr. Desmond Graves  
27th March: Members Meeting

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

## ROMSEY DEANERY OVERSEAS MISSION COMMITTEE

There is a need for someone to chair the Romsey Deanery Overseas Mission Committee, a sub-committee of Romsey Deanery Synod, which has particular links with South Rwenzori, Uganda, and with Burundi. It is a rewarding role!

Could you offer to be this person, or do you know someone who might?

We are an active, lively committee, meeting 6 times a year for a couple of hours.

A short report needs to be written 3 times a year for Deanery Synod and you will be an ex-officio member, attending if you are able to.

This is an exciting time, as we have invited 2 visitors from Uganda and will be preparing a programme for them as they meet people in our Deanery.

PLEASE do consider it prayerfully, and contact Angela Jones (chair until March) or Rev Tim Sledge if you would like to know more. It is not an onerous job by any means, and to some extent can be what you make it! Lots of help will be given as needed.

Contact: Angela Jones (present chair),  
[angelajonez@talktalk.net](mailto:angelajonez@talktalk.net) 07743 932918, or Rev. Tim Sledge, [vicarofromsey@gmail.com](mailto:vicarofromsey@gmail.com) 01794 513125.

## Resurrection and Hope in Rwanda – 20 Years on.



Raising Families: Working to give Vulnerable Children  
and Families a future

An inspirational talk with the Bishop of Kigali

Tuesday, 18th March, 7.00pm, at Romsey Abbey

For more information visit:  
[www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/Bishop-Louis](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/Bishop-Louis)

Samaritan's Purse runs Operation Christmas Child

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER

at St. Mary's Church, Broughton

On Friday, 7th March, at 2.30pm there will be an international, inter-denominational service for the Women's World Day of Prayer at St. Mary's Broughton. The worship this year is offered by the women of Egypt. The theme 'Streams in the Desert' is a reflection on 'spiritual drought' and peace for all nations.



Please come to take part and support each other in the wave of prayer, which rises with the sun over the island of Samoa, then sweeps across Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas, finally arriving back in American Samoa 36 hours later.

This Service is for everyone, men and women of all ages.

Please come and help Broughton as we join with the 170 countries taking part this year. Our speaker will be Mrs. Gina Livermore.

There will be refreshments after the Service.

Contact Ann on 01980 862232 for more information.

## Annual General Meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Mottisfont

**Notice of the Annual General Meeting  
to be held on Monday, 17th March, 2014  
in the Church at 7.30 pm**

The Vestry Meeting (to appoint Churchwardens) at 7.25pm will be followed immediately by the AGM, when previously approved reports and accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2013, will be available for inspection and comment.

Please note that voting is restricted to persons on the Church's electoral roll but anyone may have a voice at the end of the meeting.

Usually very few village people attend so we would be especially glad to see any of you who have an interest in what goes on at the Church or have any suggestions for future services or happenings.

If you would like your name to be added to the electoral roll, please contact Valda White, the Electoral Roll Officer, as soon as you can.

PCC Secretary  
Valda White  
368346

## WALKING GROUP

Our walks are usually held on the second Friday of each month, between three and five hours (5 - 10 miles maximum) with a picnic or pub lunch.



► Friday, 14th March: Dean - Sherfield English - Dunbridge. Meet at Dunbridge Station at 9.50am for a train to Dean. Pub lunch at the Hatchet.

► Friday, 11th April: A walk north of the region. Car share, departing at 9.30am.

Gordon & Cathie  
340129

## What's on at the Mill Arms



### RED NOSE DAY

**Saturday, 15th March, 7pm till late**

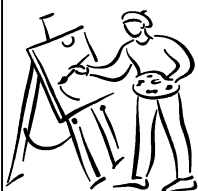
- Superb live entertainment with Box Party
- Comedy with Grant Sharkey
- Grand Auction
- Prize Draw
- Fun and games!

Tickets: £3.00 - All money donated to Comic Relief!

Our aim is to raise as much money as possible for this very worthy cause. Tell your friends, family and their friends!

Please come along and help us raise some cash!

## Art Group at the Village Hall



We meet every Thursday afternoon at the Village Hall, from 2pm to 4pm. Tea and biscuits provided.

A friendly little group - experience isn't necessary.

Only £2, including refreshments.

Gordon, 340129

## City of Southampton Sunday Football League

Mottisfont will be playing in the following fixtures in March:

Sunday 2nd March (10.30 a.m. Kick off)  
Mottisfont (J7) v A.F.C. Bishopstoke Reserves (J6)  
Mottisfont – Friendly



Sunday 9th March (10.30 a.m. Kick off)  
Mottisfont (J7) v A.F.C. Phoenix (J6)  
Mottisfont – Friendly

Sunday 16th March (10.30 a.m. Kick off)  
Junior Division 7  
Testwood Tornadoes v Mottisfont  
Lordshill Rec.

Sunday 23rd March (10.30 a.m. Kick off)  
Mottisfont (J7) v A.F.C. Bishopstoke (J3)  
Mottisfont – Friendly

Sunday 30th March (10.30 a.m. Kick off)  
Mottisfont (J7) v Itchen Albion (J5)  
Mottisfont – Friendly

## Half price dining voucher

Voucher valid until 28-04-14  
1 voucher per person

Available Tuesdays and Wednesdays,  
for lunch or dinner.

Choose only from the menu below (2 courses).

### Menu

Soup of the day with warm crusty bread  
Pan fried mushrooms with garlic and herbs on toasted croute  
Mill Arms fish cake, tomato and chilli jam and salad

### Mains

Flack Manor Brewery ale battered fish and hand cut chips  
Owtons local sausage trio – traditional pork, pork and spring onion, lamb and mint, mashed potatoes and onion gravy  
Pan fried chicken breast, sauce coq au vin and seasonal vegetables  
Cheese, caramelised onion and potato cakes, poached eggs and wilted greens  
28 day aged rump steak, hand cut chips, roasted tomatoes and sautéed mushrooms (£4.75 supp)

VOUCHER PRICE £12.00pp

Phone up and let us know you are coming, bring this voucher with you, give it to the manager...sit down, relax and we will do the rest.

Voucher must be produced upon arrival and all tables must be reserved in advance.

The Mill Arms, 340401

## KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

### Orange and Cranberry Posset

This recipe serves 6 persons

#### Ingredients:

3 oranges, zest and juice  
900ml double cream  
250g caster sugar  
60g cranberries  
2 leaves of gelatine or 1 sachet of gelatine granules

#### Biscuit:

190g plain flour  
125g butter  
65g caster sugar

#### How to make it:

You will need 6 champagne flutes or something similar to put the possets in.

Grate the zest of the oranges using the fine side of the grater. Place into a saucepan with the cream and the cranberries. Gently heat until it starts to simmer and after about 5 minutes take off the heat.

While the cream is on the heat, place the sugar and the juice together in another bowl and mix. Once the cream is hot, pour into the other bowl and mix together until the sugar has dissolved.

Once the mix has cooled, pour into the glasses and place in the fridge to set for a minimum of 5 hours; overnight is best. Then whip a small amount of cream and pipe in a swirl on top of the set posset.

To make the biscuit, soften the butter in the microwave, but do not melt it. In a mixing bowl, combine the flour and sugar together and add the butter. Mix together until it becomes a smooth dough, then roll into a sausage shape about 2cm deep and wrap in cling film. Chill for 1 hour. Once chilled, remove from the fridge and cut into biscuit sized pieces and place them on a baking tray lined with paper. Cook for 7 minutes at 180°C (160°C fan)/Gas Mark 4 to 5 or until the shortbread starts to go golden around the edge. Remove from the oven and while still hot, sprinkle with caster sugar and leave to cool.

Serve a biscuit with each posset



*Kate Buchan,  
Sous Chef  
at Kimbridge  
Restaurant*

### What's on In March

- ▶ 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March (Sundays): Children under 12 eat free off the children's menu
- ▶ 4th March: Shrove Tuesday, enjoy both savoury and sweet pancakes served from 12 till 3pm.
- ▶ 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March: Fish Fryday. Come and enjoy our homemade battered cod and chips 12 till 3pm £8.95
- ▶ 8th March: Saturday Open Day, 12noon till 3pm. A celebration of the great British Sunday roast. A fun day for all the family, with music, quizzes and free tasters.
- ▶ 12th March: DC Solo Sax with the smoky voice of Steph. A night of music and song not to be missed also includes a hot buffet. From 6pm £9.95.
- ▶ 25th March: Spring flower arrangement workshop. To book contact Kay at [kay@pompanpetals.co.uk](mailto:kay@pompanpetals.co.uk)
- ▶ 26th March: Quiz and Hot Buffet. Come and enjoy a relaxed fun filled evening. £8.95.
- ▶ 30th March: Mothering Sunday 3-course lunch for £16.95, sittings at 12 noon and 2.30pm. If both sittings are full there will be a 5pm sitting. Children ½ price.

Available until 30th March, Monday to Friday:

2 for the price of 1 on all  
full English breakfasts and cream teas

Also back through great demand, soup and  
½ sandwich, £5.95 per person (not on a 2 for 1).

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

### 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!

### 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

## DOWSE TRUST

The next meeting of the Dowse Trust will be on Monday 10th March, so there is still time to put in an application for consideration. Following meetings will take place in July and September.

If you are under 25 and live in the Parish of Mottisfont you are eligible to apply for a grant. Examples of past successful applications are: school trips, school, college or university study material or music and singing lessons.

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

## ROMSEY COMMUNITY LANTERN PROJECT ANNUAL MEETING

This meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th March 2014 at 7.15p.m. at the Appletree Centre, Princes Road, Romsey (behind the Library).

Several people from Dunbridge and Mottisfont took part in the 2013 Lantern Parade on Romsey's Late Night Shopping Evening. Please come along and take this opportunity to share your experiences of last year's project and discuss ideas for this year. If you would like to attend and need a lift, please let me know.

The overall feedback from 2013 was that participants want to repeat the experience, but the organising group need a few more people to help out. I have been Treasurer for the past two years, and due to 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

commitments I have to step down this year. Please let me know if you are interested in taking on this role and I will explain what is needed.

Pat Francis  
Treasurer, Romsey Community Lantern Project  
01794 340609

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

<b>Acorn</b>	Editors	Peter & Julia Barnett	340793				
<b>Acorn Community Pre-School</b>	Supervisor	Danae Matthews	342441	<b>St. Andrew's Church</b>	Rector	Revd. Ron Corne	301287
			07860		Curate	Revd Gill Nobes	341010
			662685		Reader	Gina Livermore	388433
<b>Art Group</b>		Gordon Wood	340129		Wardens	Susan Clutterbuck	340475
<b>Cricket Club</b>	Secretary	Edwin Moody	514197	<b>Social Club</b>	Chairman	Trish Armstrong	341120
<b>History Group</b>		Michael Horne	340105		Secretary	Peter Simmonds	340891
<b>First Responders</b>	Coordinator	Marion Gray	341370		Steward	Tracy Holmes	341939
<b>Football Club</b>	Secretary	Alan Stewart	340492	<b>Test Valley Councillor</b>		Linda Holmes	340521
<b>Hampshire County Councillor</b>		Andrew Gibson	01264			Neville Whiteley	01264
			861138	<b>Village Bus</b>	Secretary	George Vaughan	301045
<b>Member of Parliament</b>		Caroline Nokes	512132		Bookings	Pam Dawkins	301203
<b>Mill Arms</b>		Andrea & Ian Bentall	340401		Private Hire	Julie Smith	301470
<b>Mottisfont Abbey</b>	Gen. Manager	Paul Cook	344001		Operations	Mike Howe	301723
<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>	Mottisfont	Alan Earthrowl	341799	<b>Village Hall</b>	Chairman	Lynn Young	340134
	Dunbridge	Cliff Astur	341922	(Reg.Charity	Secretary	Margaret Astur	341922
<b>Parish Council</b>	Clerk	Sue Holder	340130	No. 291629)	Bookings	Tony Stemp	340398
	Chairman	John Millns	340347	<b>W.I.</b>	Secretary	Cathie Wood	340129
	Councillors	Jeff Channing	340555		Press reporter	Mary Batten	341262
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