



Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN



The Village Newsletter

November 2014

Zozulenka from Ukraine



St. Mary's, High Street, Broughton Friday, 7th November at 7.30pm

This exciting teenage group will be delighting us with traditional song and dance.

NO TICKETS - JUST COME ALONG

In aid of Hope Now, supporting orphans and the poor, and now refugees fleeing the fighting in the east part of their country.

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus Committee

Registered Charity Number: 284910

Pre-Christmas Excursion

The Bus Committee intends to run an extra pre-Christmas trip to the Street Shopping Village on Wednesday, 19th November. It will pick up Dunbridge passengers at 09.10 and then leave from the Square, Broughton at 09.30.

The fare will be the same as for the summer excursions, £14 per person. Bookings can be made with Pam Dawkins on 301203. Please do not contact her before the first day of November.

It is important to note that bookings once made must be paid for, unless the trip is cancelled.

This is likely to be a popular outing, so early booking is advised. However if the bus is less than half full the journey will be cancelled.

George Vaughan, Honorary Secretary - 301045

A month of confusion

We had a bit of confusion last month when an email wasn't received here, and the sender became upset, thinking that we had deliberately omitted it.

Whenever someone emails us something for publication, we try to send back an acknowledgement so you can be sure we have received it. If you send us something and don't get a response within a few days, we probably haven't received it.

Please be aware that we often have to edit contributions because of shortage of space. If we have to omit something, we'll let you know. We have a maximum of eight pages, and sometimes things just won't fit!

More confusion arose a few days later when our Internet Service Provider (ISP) sent us an email saying that the Acorn account had been sending spam! It turned out that someone who no longer wanted to receive emails from us just clicked the "notify as spam" button, presumably thinking that would stop our emails getting through. Unfortunately, this can result in perfectly innocent ISPs being blacklisted as allowing spammers to operate through their systems. So if you receive emails from us and would like them to stop, please just let us know, and we'll take you off the circulation list.

By the way, did you know that the Acorn is available by email, as well as on paper? Each month we email about 30 copies to people outside our delivery area who have some connection with the village. If you know anyone who might like to receive email copies of the Acorn, please ask them to contact us at acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

Julia and Peter

Quiz Night raised over £400

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Quiz Night on Friday, 3rd October at the Village Hall.

It was a great turnout, raising well over £400 towards the Church Organ Fund and Children's Christmas Party.

Margaret Astur

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

Our new interpretation project called “StoryScape” opened on 20th September and tells the story of this special place across the whole estate, with a new visitor route and accompanying map. Our lower corridor interprets our medieval past and how the house developed through Tudor and Georgian times into the present house that Maud Russell bought and developed. It is all shown via digital renderings, and children can build the priory themselves and dress up as priors in the old Sacristy. The Maids’ Rooms are now open on the top floor and the bathroom there is complete with crocodile! All in all, there are 34 points on the visitor route to see, so please do come and take a look.

Our café refurbishment, should be ready for half-term. Again, we are looking to interpret our past correctly, and as one of the few remaining 1930s-1950s kitchens in the country, we have taken the opportunity to turn our large kitchen table 90 degrees to its original position and restore the range and Aga in the former servery, removing a lot of the clutter. The whole place should work a lot more efficiently and look fantastic. Stage 2 will be the new Coach House café in the stable yard, opening November 2015.

Building starts in earnest for the new visitor facility at the front on 3rd November. I’ll keep you informed on progress.

Around the village, it is tree surveying season. We will be conducting crown lifts along Bengers Lane and removing any limbs from the pines which have become unsafe.

In Queen Meadow, we have a joint project with Jenkins farmers to establish a new area of native broadleaf deciduous woodland. The aims of the project are to increase our woodland cover, strengthen the local landscape and to create a wildlife corridor between Queen Meadow and Clapgate Copses. Corridors are critical for the maintenance of ecological processes including allowing for the movement of animals and the continuation of viable populations. By providing landscape connections between larger areas of habitat, corridors enable migration, colonisation and interbreeding of plants and animals.

The soil characteristics of the site and existing woodland vegetation nearby suggests that the appropriate species mix for planting would be oak (*Quercus robur*) with an understory of hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and holly (*Ilex aquifolium*).

To increase biodiversity, intermittent planting of the following species should also take place: Field maple (*Acer campestre*), hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*), hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*), goat willow (*Salix caprea*), cherry (*Prunus avium*), rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*) and crab apple (*Malus sylvestris*).

It is expected that in time ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and silver birch (*Betula pendula*) will naturally colonise.

Planting will be conducted between January and March.

Best wishes,

Paul Cook – General Manager, Mottisfont and South West Hants Group – National Trust

Beautiful colour in the gardens...

It’s gorgeous here at the moment. The grounds are filled with vibrant red, gold and orange shades as the leaves are changing on the stately plane and beech trees. Take a stroll through the crisp fallen leaves to the two tulip trees: they are a sight to behold as they glitter in the autumnal sunshine. Bliss.

In the gallery...

Our biggest ever Mottisfont Open Show 2014 opened in late September and we have had some amazing feedback on this exhibition. Visitors are really enjoying the range and scope of the different artworks. Most of the pieces are for sale, so why not treat yourself or a loved one with a unique gift.

Coming soon...

We hate to say it already, but Christmas is coming and we are definitely in the planning stages here at Mottisfont – the theme for this year is The Nutcracker, but with a twist! It opens on 29th November. Watch this space.

Events...

Christmas Snowflake Workshop, Saturday, 1st November from 12pm. We will be running a workshop to make lots of beautiful snowflakes to decorate the winter garden over the Christmas period.

Come and get stuck in - no need to book: this is a free activity. Just turn up and join in! Normal admission charges apply.

Natural History Illustration Workshop, Saturday 8th November, 12pm – 4pm. Learn how to make and draw your own map in this brilliant one day workshop.

Join our artist in residence, Louise O’Reilly, and try your hand at natural history illustration. Louise has spent three months at Mottisfont, researching the early history of the priory, and immersing herself in the world of medieval illustration and map-making. Why not give it a go yourself?

Tickets: £30. Call 340757 to book.

Keep in touch...

Our website (nationaltrust.org.uk/Mottisfont/) is a brilliant way to keep 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 (@MottisfontNT) and we have our own monthly e-newsletter. If you would like to sign up to our email newsletter just email victoria.bell@nationaltrust.org.uk and you will be added to our list.

HELP NEEDED!

This is an appeal to the residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge, and perhaps even beyond. On behalf of St. Andrew's Church PCC I am looking to put together a happy band of willing volunteers to help with church cleaning. No, don't give up...please hear me out!

As most of you know, we have in the centre of our village this beautiful ancient building, not only a peaceful place of worship, but a much visited attraction of which we should be justly proud, and an historic gem in our midst. Regardless of whether you are a regular churchgoer, or a churchgoer at all, you may agree that it is a place worthy of our care and attention. Sadly, in common with most rural churches, there is no funding for cleaning services, and we have to rely on the goodwill of local people.

In recent years cleaning of St. Andrew's has been done on a somewhat ad hoc basis, and sometimes not at all, but it has usually fallen to a conscientious few, most notably a couple in our congregation, who have given of their time and energies on a weekly basis to keep us going. We owe these two unsung heroes, namely Brenda and Brian Turner, a huge debt of gratitude and appreciation. However, the long overdue moment has come to share the burden of cleaning more widely and equitably. This will necessitate a good measure of community spirit, and someone to take the helm as an organiser. Unless anybody has a burning desire to take on the lead role, in which case please come forward, I will do my best to coordinate this, provide guidance, and organise a rota, swaps, etc.

I need responsible volunteers, any age over 18 (or 16 if working with an adult), male or female, who are sufficiently able-bodied to clean for say about 2 hours, in pairs...and who are willing to make a regular commitment. It's mainly dusting, polishing, and vacuuming. There will be some flexibility of course, and it can be fitted in to suit individual availability.

At this stage I'm not able to estimate how frequently we will need your services as the frequency will depend on how many people respond. Obviously the greater the number who come forward, the less frequently we will need any one individual's help. As they say "Many hands make light work."

It is noteworthy that in a neighbouring parish only very slightly larger than our own, a church cleaning rota was instigated with great success. Eventually enough people came forward to enable a rota that allowed a commitment from individuals only once every three months approximately. Interestingly, only 50% of those were regular churchgoers. If they can do it, I know we can!

In addition to a weekly clean we will need, in my opinion, a biannual DEEP CLEAN, a real get-together for a blitz, and I might well provide the coffee and cake! So please give it consideration. Why not ask a friend to be a buddy cleaner with you? It's good exercise, and rewarding to see the church looking better after a bit of TLC.

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

Due to tragic circumstances the proposed visit from Woofability had to be cancelled.

In its place a Beetle Drive was held for the 16 members present. This was a great fun evening and enjoyed by all.



An Apple Pie morning was held in October, and members from other WIs were made welcome, to enjoy a slice of pie and a coffee.

Several visits have been arranged for the next few months and these include a lunch, a trip to the Plaza Theatre, and a visit to the Salberg theatre in January.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th November at 7.30 at the Mottisfont Village Hall. Guests will be welcome to come and share this evening with us and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

Mary Batten

TEST VALLEY LECTURE: 'Journeys to Australia - with Captain Cook then the Convicts' by Lt. Col Mike Martin, Wednesday, 19th November

With maps to guide our passage, Mike will take us on two very different and entertaining trips to Australia. In the first we shall chart the adventure of James Cook as he made his first voyage via Tahiti to observe Venus for the Royal Society. He then went on to map the entire coast of New Zealand before famously making landfall in Australia near Botany Bay in 1770. We then examine convict life in Britain and explore the need for a new convict colony - prisons were overcrowded because the American War of Independence had deprived Britain of a place to dispose of criminals. So the idea of the First Fleet was hatched: 11 ships carrying 1,400 people of whom roughly half were convicts, would set sail from Portsmouth in 1787 to found a new colony in Australia. Mike will also take us on this amazing 250-day voyage.

Mike Martin graduated from Sandhurst before seeing military service all over the world and eventually becoming CO of the Royal Hampshire Regiment. After retirement Mike spent 20 years with Holts Battlefield Tours.

Join us at Broughton Village Hall at 8pm (doors 7:30pm). Price £3 includes wine and snacks, free to students (nick.lodge@iee.org).

If you want to know more without any obligation at all, even if you feel you could only commit occasionally, please do get in touch with me by phone or email. I'd love to hear from you.

Trish Armstrong, Churchwarden
Tel: 341120, mobile: 07879 055040, or at [trisharm\(spam-foiler\)@btinternet.com](mailto:trisharm(spam-foiler)@btinternet.com) (leave out the spam-foiler!).

Dear Friends

'Lest we forget'...

I have found this to be a disturbing and unsettling year. Unspeakable acts of brutality have been perpetrated in different parts of the world. Many thousands of innocent people have been killed, injured and displaced. Parts of the world are again going through a dark and difficult period.

It is against this backdrop that the world has poignantly paused to commemorate some significant anniversaries.

In June, world leaders gathered on the French landing beaches to remember the seventieth anniversary of D Day in 1944 (the beginning of the end of the Second World War in Europe). And then, in August, we commemorated the hundredth anniversary of the start of the First World War.

I read recently that when war broke out in 1914, every member of the British Armed Forces was given a Bible as an essential part of their kit. Many came to rely on their Bible and there are a number of stories from the Battle of the Somme, of bodies being recovered from shell holes of men who died with a New Testament in their hands. We cannot know what their faith meant to them but it seems that perhaps they found some solace in the Word of God in their final few moments.

Other stories have come to light including that of Walter Young, a 25-year old Post Office sorter in London when the war broke out. Walter joined his works corps and fought at the Somme, Ypres and at Passchendaele. He was eventually captured by the Germans and was put to work in a Prussian coal mine. Walter's faith was important to him and he helped to sustain the morale and faith of his fellow prisoners, holding regular services in the ablutions room where the men washed on leaving the mine.



It is remarkable that when it is opened today, Walter's New Testament falls open at Romans 12, which it is believed he used in these services. It reads,

'Hate what is evil, hold onto what is good...Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles and pray at all times...Ask God to bless those who persecute you – yes, ask him to bless, not to curse'.

At this Remembrance time, it is right that we should reflect on these words as we pause to recall and give thanks for men like Walter, for all of those who gave their lives for the freedom of others, as well as praying for peace in our own time.

Blessings,

Gill

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

	2nd November 4th before Advent	9th November Remembrance	16th November 2nd before Advent	23rd November Christ the King	30th November Advent Sunday
8.00	Broughton HC CW	-	Broughton HC BCP	-	-
9.30	Bossington HC BCP	-	Broughton No Family Service ----- Mottisfont HC BCP	Broughton Family Communion CW and Sunday Club Preacher: Peter Bacon, Gideons	Mottisfont Benefice Holy Communion Service
10.45	-	Broughton, Houghton, Mottisfont Remembrance Service	-	-	-
11.00	Houghton No Family Service	-	Houghton No Family Communion	Mottisfont Family Communion CW Preacher: Peter Bacon, Gideons	-
3.00	-	-	Broughton Deanery Shoebox Service	-	-
6.00	Houghton Benefice All Souls' Memorial Service	-	-	Houghton Informal worship with worship band and speaker	-

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

St. Andrew's Church Gift Day 23rd November

On Sunday, 23rd November between noon and 1pm we will be holding a Gift Day for St. Andrew's Church. Serving the communities of Mottisfont and Dunbridge, this is an opportunity to learn more about your local parish church and to share your views. What do you like about St. Andrew's? What does the church mean to you and your family?

Can you help us? Each aspect of the Church's life is sustained by you. Some support us by using their time, talents and skills: maintaining the building, helping with the children's Messy Church worship, ringing the bells or providing the beautiful floral displays throughout the year. We would love to hear from you if you would like to offer your gifts as a volunteer.

Although many people believe our taxes pay for the Church of England, St. Andrew's Church receives no subsidies from the government. Our income is totally reliant on individual giving, plus many parishioners help by getting involved in our regular fundraising activities. We thank the Friends of St. Andrew's for all their efforts in supporting the care of the buildings.

The Gift Day is focused on raising funds for the ministry and running of our church. Funds raised will go to the PCC to enable us to continue to provide weekly services, weddings, baptisms and funerals and pastoral care and ministry to our communities. Please be generous and do come.

We look forward to seeing you on 23rd November when we hope that you will be able to bring your financial gift with you. Alternatively, please send your gift to the Treasurer, Mr Garry Hedley, 1 Chattis Hill Stables, Spitfire Lane, Stockbridge SO20 6JS.

With blessings

Gill

Wine and cheese success

I am so grateful to those of you who came to our Wine and Cheese, Strawberries and Cream evening in July, and supported the Friends of St. Andrew's.

I am delighted to tell you that with your help and some generous donations from people who were unable to come, we raised just over £1,000. Thank you all so very much.

We were lucky to have a lovely evening and I hope you all enjoyed it.

A big thank you too to all my helpers, without whom it would not have happened.

Susan Clutterbuck

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for November

6th November: Members Meeting
13th November: Rev'd Vanessa Cole
20th November: Mr Peter Ponting
27th November: Rev'd Nona Harrison

Everyone welcome

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

£500 raised for Macmillan Cancer Care

We would like to thank everyone who came along to the Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Mary's Church, Broughton and contributed so generously resulting in a magnificent total raised of £500.

We are very pleased to organise this for Macmillan Cancer Care, and feel that we really are helping to make a difference in quality of care for cancer patients and their families.

Table Top Sale

Mottisfont Village Hall
Saturday, 15th November at 2pm
In aid of St Andrew's Church

Come along and enjoy a cup of tea with friends whilst browsing the stalls, perhaps choosing an unusual Christmas present from the items on offer whilst supporting local groups and charities.

I look forward to seeing you there.

It is not too late to reserve your table. Please give me a call after 7pm.

Lesley Taylor 340942

Deanery Shoebox Service

St. Mary's Church, Broughton,
November 16th at 3pm

Bring your gift-filled shoeboxes to the annual Deanery Shoebox event in aid of Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse International.



For more information contact:
Chris or Jane Lloyd on 301546
or
Julia Barnett on 340793

What's on at the Mill Arms



21st November – Shamrock Keys will be performing in the main bar, free to anyone. They're a traditional Irish 5/6 piece band. Perfect for a dark and drear winters night. Open fires, Guinness flowing....

We've resurrected the wood fired pizza oven. We've had a test run and are working on flavours now. Once the room is up and running we'll start doing a weekly pizza night, including takeaways – but not delivery!!

We've now started taking Christmas bookings. All details are on our newly upgraded website!!

As well as opening now from 10am for tea, coffee and cakes, we are now opening on a Monday from 10am till close as per the rest of the week.

Kaye and Richard

Mottisfont FC

Mottisfont FC has had a fantastic start to the season, winning 5 games from 5 so far in the league and progressing in all of the cup competitions.

The goals have been raining in with more than 40 scored in the games so far.

The team currently sits joint second in the league with a game in hand on the leaders, due to cup games played. Top of the league are rivals from last season, Fawley RBL, who we are yet to play.

Fixtures coming up:

26th October: Bannister Park v Mottisfont. Venue: Green Park. League Match.

2nd November: FC Wildebeast (Andover) v Mottisfont. Venue: Sutton Scotney. Cup Match

This should be followed by a number of home league games, but this is yet to be confirmed by the league.

We have a new strip and new sponsors, which will be released with pictures in the next update.

All are welcome at home games. We're playing some great stuff at the moment - and the players appreciate everyone who comes.

Anyone interested please contact Alan Stewart on 340492 or 07955 835472.

Art Group

We meet every Thursday at the Village Hall, 2-4pm.

Someone who couldn't paint six months ago sold at auction for £2000!

Anyone is welcome to join us.

Gordon 340129



BROUGHTON FIREWORKS

Broughton's fantastic annual family firework event will once again take place on 5th November, with a children's torch procession leaving The Square (by the Greyhound pub) at 6.30pm.

The procession will then make its way to the sports field where the bonfire will be lit at approximately 6.45pm. The firework display will commence around 7.30pm and last about 20 minutes.

Refreshments, hot food and merchandise will be for sale. There will be a licensed bar.

Tickets are available in advance from West View Stores or on the gate on the evening. Entry is £6.00 for adults and £5.00 for concessions and children.

New Type of Nuisance Telephone Callers

I am aware that many people (including myself) have been receiving automated calls telling you that 'you are definitely eligible for a boiler grant' (etc.) and inviting you to press a number to be put through to a call centre to then be assured that this is a Government sponsored scheme (which is total rubbish).

These calls seem to come from legitimate numbers (but are in fact spoof numbers that don't exist, so it is useless to report the call to the TPS) and unfortunately, the intention is to trick you into parting with your money.

The Information Commissioner is trying to terminate the source of the calls, so far without success. However, there is a way to completely terminate the activities of ALL these telephone pests, be they UK or international calls:

Since 2011 I have had a 'Truecall Call Blocker' device connected to my telephone that can be programmed to screen and/or block any type of unwanted call, day or night. It also has a unique recording facility, where pressing the record button at any time during a call, will save the entire call to memory.

I originally purchased it to record illegal sales calls, to send to Trading Standards (which has been far more effective than reporting the call to the TPS), so I have only used a few of the call blocking facilities until now. However, with these new pests, I have now fully programmed Truecall to screen all calls, resulting in complete peace and quiet!

I am usually very cautious about recommending something, but I can confirm that this device does exactly what it 'says on the tin'. There are two basic versions: 'Truecall Call Blocker' (as above) and the 'Truecall Care', which is more intended to protect vulnerable adults from unwanted phone calls while allowing friends, family and care workers to get through. There is also a new BT phone, the 'BT8500

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Recipe of the month: Curried apple and mint soup

This soup is just as nice served hot or cold. This recipe serves 4/6 people.

Ingredients:

50g butter
1 medium onion, finely chopped
1kg cooking apples
1.5 litres chicken or vegetable stock
1-2 dessert spoons curry powder
3 table spoons mango chutney
100g natural yoghurt
Salt and pepper
8 sprigs of fresh mint



Kate Buchan,
Head chef at
Kimbridge Restaurant

How to make it:

Melt the butter in a large saucepan. Add the onion and cook slowly until soft and translucent. Stir in the curry powder and cook the spice for a few minutes.

Peel and core the apples, then cut them into small pieces. Place into the saucepan, add the stock, and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the apples are soft.

Add the mint to the soup and blend using a hand blender or a food processor until smooth. Return to the pan and add the yoghurt. Adjust the seasoning to taste.

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Advanced Call Blocker' (in collaboration with Truecall), which is cut down version of Truecall with fewer features.

Note: You must have Caller Display for these devices to work.

If anyone wants any further info, or programming advice, I will be happy to help.

John Millns, 340347

Some links:

- www.truecall.co.uk/home.aspx
- www.truecall.co.uk/keepcalm
- www.techradar.com/reviews/phones/fixed-line-phone-accessories/truecall-621533/review
- www.amazon.co.uk/TrueCall-The-Nuisance-Call-Blocker-White-Silver/dp/B002GP7HQM
- www.shop.bt.com/learnmore/bt-branded-products-and-services/the-new-bt8500/

KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

What's on in November

- ▶ 1st: Saturday is family day. Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.
 - ▶ 2nd: Sunday lunch, £9.45
 - ▶ 7th: Fish Fryday– home made battered cod with tartare sauce. 12noon till 3pm, £8.95
 - ▶ 8th: Saturday is family day. Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.
 - ▶ 9th: Sunday lunch, £9.45
 - ▶ 11th Marina's Creative Workshop. See in store for details. £25 to include all materials, a morning coffee and lunch.
 - ▶ 13th DC Sax with the smoky voice of Steph, plus hot buffet. 6pm, £9.95
 - ▶ 14th: Fish Fryday– home made battered cod with tartare sauce. 12noon till 3pm, £8.95
 - ▶ 15th: Saturday is family day. Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.
 - ▶ 16th: Sunday lunch, £9.45
 - ▶ 18th Christmas Flower Arranging with Pomp and Petals. See in store for details.
 - ▶ 19th The Kimbridge hot buffet, plus quiz, £8.95, any size of team.
 - ▶ 21st: Fish Fryday– home made battered cod with tartare sauce. 12noon till 3pm, £8.95
 - ▶ 22nd: Saturday is family day. Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.
 - ▶ 23rd: Sunday lunch, £9.45
 - ▶ 28th: Fish Fryday– home made battered cod with tartare sauce. 12noon till 3pm, £8.95.
- Also our Christmas meals start through till 24th December.
- ▶ 29th: Saturday is family day. Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.
 - ▶ 30th: Sunday lunch, £9.45

Bookings now being taken for Christmas
28th November – 24th December, from £14.95.

WALKING GROUP

Our two remaining walks for this year will be on Friday, 14th November, commencing 9.30am or 10am, and with a similar time on Friday, 12th December. We will think of somewhere stunning to go on these two dates of expected torrential rain, high winds or fog and perhaps a nice pub lunch on both dates!

Join us for some expected miserable weather, but we can guarantee the company's good.

Gordon & Cathie
340129

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

- 1st November: Halloween Party, all welcome for some spooky fun.
- 29th November: Peter Pod and the Peas. All welcome, club members free, non-members £2.
- 6th December: Children's Christmas party 2-4.30pm
- 6th December: Grand Christmas Draw with over £700 worth of prizes. Buy your tickets at the bar.
- 13th December: Grand Christmas Meat Draw. Buy your tickets at the bar.
- 31st December: New Years Eve Party

Mottisfont Children's Christmas Party Saturday 6th December at 2pm

It's that time of year again when Catherine and I are getting organised for the children's Christmas party. For those new to the village this is a free party for all children aged 0 – 12yrs who live in the village or who are associated with Mottisfont Social Club.

Mottisfont Social Club is kindly hosting, providing both the venue and the entertainment. Fundraising during the year has raised the money for Santa's gifts for the

children in the village, and all we ask is that non-members provide a plate of food or box of crackers for the day. To book your child a place please call me on 341939 or Catherine on 340922 – all names needed by 15th November latest.

Club Opening Hours

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
- Sunday: 7pm till 11pm
- Sunday lunchtime: Noon till 2pm
- Sunday evening: 7pm till 10.30pm

The Dowse Trust

The Dowse Trust is a charity set up to promote the education, including social and physical training, of persons under the age of 25 years in the area of Mottisfont, Bossington and Broughton. The trust is able to help with providing financial assistance for items such as uniform, clothing, tools, instruments, books or educational visits to help youngsters at school, college, university, or any other educational establishment, to prepare for a profession, trade or calling.

The next meeting of the Dowse Trust will be held on 20th November and applications must be received by the secretary, either by post or email, by 10th November (*all applications have to be circulated to trustees prior to the meeting for their consideration*). Application forms are available at St. Mary's Church Broughton, Mottisfont Church, and from Broughton Primary School, or by email from the secretary, [tinastuart1\(spam-foiler\)@gmail.com](mailto:tinastuart1(spam-foiler)@gmail.com) (leave out the spam-foiler!).

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

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