



# Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN



The Village Newsletter

October 2014

## Crocodiles at Mottisfont Abbey!

As one of the many Volunteers at Mottisfont Abbey, I have for weeks (maybe years) been challenging the idea that Mrs. Russell kept a crocodile in her bath, but reluctantly went along with what I thought was a good story.

I now have to eat humble pie and apologise to Kerri at the NT, as she has been given some photograph albums which include a photo of Martin Russell proudly holding his new pet crocodile.

Like me, others in the village have discounted the idea, so if you know anything about it, we would all be glad to add a bit to the story. And I will have to show more enthusiasm for the children's trail and search for the little model crocodiles.

Furthermore, I believe we may soon be able to see one of the deadly beasts in the bath in Maud's bathroom when it is open in a few weeks' time.

Life is full of surprises!

Valda White.

## Tracing the Winslade Family

Hugo Mackenzie from Port Erin on the Isle of Man is trying to trace the Winslade family who lived on Hatt Hill from about 1945. The Winslade Family was related to Hugo's paternal grandmother.

Hugo is interested to make contact with anyone from the family who may still live in the area, or from anyone who may remember them.

If you are able to help, please contact Hugo via [hugoontour@gmail.com](mailto:hugoontour@gmail.com), or by post at 22 Ballahane Close, Port Erin, Isle of Man, IM9 6EG.

## Hotel for a hound?

We are looking for someone local to look after our cocker spaniel for odd days, nights, and occasionally for longer periods. She is a very friendly dog who loves people, and gets on well with other dogs and children. We would of course be paying for this. If you or someone you know are interested, please give us a ring on 340105. Jackie and Michael Horne.

## Village Fete

We would like to thank everybody who helped with our village fete this year. We have made over £2,000, which will help greatly with the running costs of the hall, e.g. rent, repairs, insurance, etc.

Next year's fete will be on Sunday, 9th August.

We would like someone with new ideas to share the organizing/coordinating of the fete. If you (as an individual or couple) would like to consider sharing this role, please ring me on 340105 or email [hornes@btinternet.com](mailto:hornes@btinternet.com).

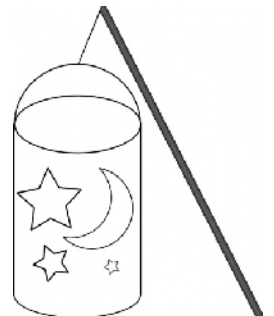
Michael Horne

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the myriad of bottles and tins for our Tombola stall. We had great fun arranging it all in the high winds that day, and are pleased to say we raised well over £100! Thanks again.

Karon, Roger and Sarah Townsend

## Annual Lantern Parade

The Third Annual Lantern Parade in Romsey will take place on Friday, 5th December. This is a wonderful, colourful, early evening event including bands, music and choirs.



It is quite something to see, but much better to be part of. Any Mums, Dads and children who would like to take part can make a lantern from willow, tissue paper and cling film, paint and decorate it, then light it up with an LED light.

We will be holding a workshop on how to do this at Mottisfont Village Hall, provisionally on Saturday, 11th October from 10am for about 3hrs. All materials will be provided, and the cost is about £3.50. You can keep your lantern!

To be part of it, please contact us, Gordon/Cathie Wood, on 340129 or email us on [david.gordon@mottisfont.plus.com](mailto:david.gordon@mottisfont.plus.com)

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

As the summer holidays have finished and we approach the half-way point in National Trust's financial year, it's a good time to reflect on how things have gone over the last 6 months at Mottisfont, Stockbridge (Down & Marsh) and New Forest. I'm pleased to say that so far "It's all good!" Visitor number-wise, we are doing pretty well, largely thanks to a very popular Litchfield exhibition in the spring, an excellent June rose season and a brilliant summer programme (including the Quentin Blake gallery and trail). People seem to like the fact that there is always something different going on. We have the Open Show to look forward to next, and our Christmas programme is themed around Nutcracker, which we are looking forward to very much....something for everyone in that one!

Our projects are progressing well: WildPlay & WaterPlay are open and seem to be going down well with families; StoryScape, our big interpretation project, is on track and opens on 20th September, when Laura Beresford (one of Maud Russell's grandchildren) is coming down for the opening ceremony; Café refurbishment starts on 26th September and should be complete for October half-term; our Walled Garden appeal is up and running and Jonny Bass (our new Head Gardener, who has started very well indeed) is working up plans for how it will look.

The Heritage Lottery funded project at Foxbury in the New Forest to restore heathland, plant native trees and improve educational facilities is on track, and we have made good progress on both Mottisfont car park and farm yard feasibility studies for potential development work 2015/2016.

The big new visitor facility project will start work at the end of October now the ground works have been completed, and should be finished before the end of 2015. It will look fabulous and give us a new visitor reception, toilets and shop at the front of the property, and an additional cafe situated where the shop is now in the stable yard.

Another project that's already well underway is our Arts Council funded "Artist in residence" programme. The latest work to exhibit, which opened yesterday, is "Mappa Mottisfont" by artist Louise O'Reilly. The work is her illustration of a Mottisfont medieval map. Just fantastic.

We introduced volunteers into the visitor reception this year, which has worked phenomenally well; we have a new team of volunteers to help with the Winter Garden; our volunteer-led learning programme sees schools and teachers coming to Mottisfont for educational activity; we have new walks and talks from the outdoors guides, such as

the charcoal walk; and the bookshop is looking better and better with new displays and promotions.

In the countryside our fishing beats look excellent this year after a very harsh winter; New Forest has been nominated by the National Trust's regional leadership team as a "Big 6" landscape for support and focus after making good progress with our HLS (Higher Level Stewardship) project; Stockbridge is seeing Juniper re-seeding and the river-bank restoration work is complete. The Mottisfont estate work is now showing some really important restoration and regeneration gains (...lots of compliments on how this area is looking from CEO of Test Valley BC).

In the garden, the restoration of the herbaceous borders looks lovely and we have started to protect areas more robustly, such as the Great Plane.

In the house, donations from the Winchester Association National Trust supporter group will make such a difference as we restore the Russell furniture and reintroduce it into the house, along with the Istrian marble benches to go outside next to the west entrance.

Last but not least, our Green Team is up and running (a blended team of staff and volunteers) and are busy working their way through a list of actions to improve our environmental performance.

So as always, lots going on and another busy six months. Thank you again to all of our staff, volunteers and supporters for their hard work and support.

Paul Cook  
General Manager

### **This autumn at Mottisfont**

It's really exciting this season at Mottisfont. It is a beautiful time of year when the grounds are filled with vibrant reds, golds and orange shades as the leaves change on the stately plane and beech trees. We have just opened our major interpretation project, Storyscape. You can now go behind the scenes and discover untold stories as we have opened up new spaces including the servant's corridor in the house and loose boxes in the stable yard.

### **In the gallery...**

Our next exhibition, Mottisfont Open Show 2014, opens on 27 September. We had more applicants this year than we have ever had before and it features the work of many local artists – come and see who got in.

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### Events...

- Half term at Monstrous Mottisfont! Saturday, 25th October to Sunday, 2nd November. Join us throughout half term for a monstrous trail and lots of fun activities.
- Mottisfont Big Draw: Saturday, 25th October, from 12pm, free (normal admission applies).
- Fungi Foray: Monday, 27th October, 9am at Foxbury and 11.30am at Spearywell, £5.
- Forest Play at Foxbury: Tuesday, 28th October, 10.30am, £5 for children and £2.50 for adults.
- Wild Bushcraft at Mottisfont: Wednesday, 29th October, two sessions 10am & 1pm, £6 for children and £3 for adults.

To book, just call 340757.

### Keep in touch...

Our website ([nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont/](http://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 e-newsletter.

If you would like to sign up to our email newsletter just email [victoria.bell@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:victoria.bell@nationaltrust.org.uk) and you will be added to our list.

## MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

The September meeting was attended by 19 members and two guests. The speaker was Kim Phillips, and his subject was 'Painting for Joy'. We were shown how to create a masterpiece on canvas in just one hour. This was a very interesting and entertaining evening, and the painting was donated to the branch to be raffled at the next meeting in October.



Members will be involved in various activities during October including a village quiz evening and a skittle evening. In November, an evening at the Plaza Theatre to see the play the 'Shell Seekers' is planned.

An *Apple Pie Morning* will take place on 8th October at 10.30am until 12 noon. The cost for this is £4.50, to include a slice of pie and coffee or tea. There will also be a raffle and book stall. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a sociable morning with us.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 14th October at 7.30 at Mottisfont Village Hall, when there will be a visit from the organisation *Woofability*. Guests will be very welcome on this evening.

Mary Batten

## Parish Council News

The Parish Council discussed parking and the speed of traffic on Barley Hill at their last meeting, and parishioners present at the meeting felt that while parked cars slow down the traffic, there are still concerns for the speed. PCSO Jo Cole has agreed to have a black box installed on Barley Hill. It will log the speed of traffic and the number of cars over a period of a week. This will give the parish actual data to work with, and if speed of traffic is demonstrated to be a problem, the Parish Council can discuss it with the Highways Department. She also suggested the Community Speed Watch scheme again, which may be safer to do now that the footpath has been built. It was noted that the Parish Council received very little interest from volunteers to run a scheme when advertised last year, but please let us know your views now.

The Parish Council will be utilising funds from the lengthsman budget to have Church Lane resurfaced later in the year, and Hampshire Highways have also re-surfaced Back Lane over the summer.

Hampshire County Council is providing free electric blanket safety checks on 1st October at Romsey Fire Station. **Old or worn blankets can be a fire hazard!** Please telephone Trading Standards on

01962 833358 and make an appointment to get your blanket checked

The electoral registration system changed in June 2014. The new system is called 'Individual Electoral Registration'. In the Test Valley area, around 15% of electors may need to take action to join the new register, even if they were registered in the past. This is the biggest change to the voter registration system in 100 years. For more information, please visit [www.gov.uk/yourvotematters](http://www.gov.uk/yourvotematters).

The Parish Council is planning to update the Parish Plan for Mottisfont. Please let us know if you would like to be part of that process. A Parish Plan is a community plan and not a land use plan. It is a plan for the future which covers housing, local economy and transport.

### Future Parish Council meeting dates

Wednesday, 26th November 2014  
Wednesday, 21st January 2015  
Wednesday, 18th March 2015  
Annual Parish Meeting: Wednesday, 22nd April, 2015  
Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, 13th May, 2015

Everyone welcome!

Dear Friends,

October is the month of mists and mellow fruitfulness; it is I confess the month I was born, so perhaps I am a little bit biased, but without doubt this rather beautiful month is filled with movement and change as it witnesses the colours of autumn and moves towards the final quarter of the year, pushing from light to darkness and winter.

The year is constantly on the change. No sooner are we getting used to warmth and light, then the season moves us on like the White Rabbit of Alice in Wonderland, who looks at his pocket watch and declares "I'm late, I'm late, for a very important date!"

Some of us in the last few weeks have been upset at the loss of very special people within the parishes who have passed into God's care. For me these have been Baron, my close neighbour and friend, and Veronica with her quick wit and concise mind; we shall miss them both.

"Change and decay in all around I see," wrote Henry Francis Lyte, the Anglican priest and vicar of All Saints Church in Brixham, who for most of his life suffered from poor health. His daughter, Anna Maria Maxwell Hogg, recounts the story of how he would regularly travel abroad for relief, as was the tradition in that day. Nevertheless, he developed tuberculosis and, at the age of 54, nearing the end of his life, he wrote the great hymn "Abide with Me".



"In all of this change," wrote Lyte, "God abide with me." In that abiding there is very great reassurance and succour, for Christ is the one who turns the darkness into new life and light and the ending of the season into the beginning of resurrection!

Thanks be to God!

Blessings from Ron.

### St Andrew's Church organ update

The organ builder's detailed estimate and schedule of works is available for anyone to inspect. There is a copy on the notice board at the back of the church, or contact 368346.

There is an almost empty space where the organ normally is because it was carefully taken to pieces and transported to the workshop on the Isle of Wight. As you can see from the photo, this was a mammoth task and we wait with baited breath for the reassembly in due course. We hope that completion will be before Christmas.

rare small pipe organ which he tells us was once



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The organ builder has kindly loaned us his own rather

### SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

	5th October Trinity 16	12th October Trinity 17	19th October Trinity 18	26th October Trinity 19
8.00	<b>Broughton</b> HC CW	-	<b>Broughton</b> HC BCP	-
9.30	<b>Bossington</b> HC BCP and Harvest Festival	<b>Broughton</b> HC CW and Sunday Club	<b>Broughton</b> Family Service ----- <b>Mottisfont</b> HC BCP	<b>Broughton</b> Family Communion CW and Sunday Club
11.00	<b>Houghton</b> Harvest Festival	<b>Mottisfont</b> Messy Church	<b>Houghton</b> Family Communion CW	<b>Mottisfont</b> Family Communion CW
6.00	<b>Mottisfont</b> Evensong	<b>Houghton</b> Evensong	-	<b>Houghton</b> Evensong

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

## Table top sale - advance notice

A table top sale will be held at the Village Hall on 15th November between 2pm and 4pm in aid of St. Andrew's Church. To reserve a table at £7:00 each to raise funds for your group, charity or your Christmas fund, please contact Lesley on 340942 after 7pm.

## 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

## Zozulenka from Ukraine

St Mary's Church, Broughton  
Friday, 7th November at 7.30pm

This exciting teenage group are coming back to delight us with a concert of traditional singing and dancing.

No tickets, just turn up. In aid of Hope Now, working with orphans, the poor and refugees from the east of the country. Hope Now is a charity supported by St. Mary's Church.

## BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

### Events for October

2nd October: Members Meeting  
9th October: 81st Anniversary Service  
16th October: Rev'd Jill Bentall  
23rd October: Mrs. Kitty Boxall  
30th October: Mrs. Bev Kidley (Morning Star)

The Bright Hour Anniversary Service will be held in St. Mary's Church on Thursday, 9th October at 2.30 pm. This will be followed by tea in the Village Hall. Our guest this year will be Marilyn Baker. ([www.mbm-ministries.org](http://www.mbm-ministries.org))

Marilyn, who became blind as a child, has travelled around the world becoming one of Britain's most popular Christian singer-songwriters.

If you want more information or would like to come and join us on this special day, please contact me on the number below.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BROUGHTON  
SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 10am – 12 noon.

Everyone is warmly invited to come along and enjoy a cup of coffee and browse the Bring and Buy Table so bring a friend, a neighbour, your children and support Macmillan.

We welcome donations of nice bric-a-brac, gifts, cakes, jams, produce and books. Quoted from Macmillan:

"We are a source of support, helping with all the things that people affected by cancer want and need. It's not only patients who live with cancer; we also help carers, families and communities. We fund nurses and other specialist health care professionals and build cancer care centres.

People need practical support at home, so we provide anything from some precious time off for a carer, to a lift to hospital. People need emotional support, so we listen, advise and share information through our cancer support specialists, website and trained professionals. People need financial help to cope with the extra costs cancer can bring, so we give benefits advice, and grants for anything from heating bills to travel costs. Together we listen, we learn, we act to help people live with cancer."

Sally Josling, 301292

## TEST VALLEY LECTURE: The Local Big-thinkers who Founded the Royal Society

by Norman Thorne, Wednesday, 15th October

It may come as a surprise to know that five of the dozen big-name scientists and philosophers involved in founding the world's oldest and most prestigious scientific institution lived in our local counties of Hampshire, Wiltshire and Dorset. They include the economist, William Petty, a friend of Pepys, who was born and buried in Romsey. The other heavyweight thinkers were: Robert Boyle (of Boyle's Law), Robert Hooke (polymath & inventor of the microscope), John Wallis (mathematician) and Sir Christopher Wren.

The 1660's were turbulent in London: the monarchy had just been restored, there was a great fire and a nasty plague. Among our local natural philosophers there was wealth, reputation, friendship and rivalry - but who were these people, and what motivated them? Norman will tell us in his unique blend of story-teller, historian and scientist.

Norman Thorne was educated at Oxford and spent his working life as an inspirational chemistry teacher, becoming Head of Science at Andover College. Now retired, he lives in Winterslow and is a passionate local historian.

Join us at Broughton Village Hall at 8pm (doors 7:30pm). The price of £3 (free for students) includes wine and snacks. .

### Mottisfont FC Update

Mottisfont have finished their pre-season, and have begun the season proper. Things have started very well with a 6-1 win over Sporting Compass and a 6-0 win over JSC at Mottisfont, leaving them top of the table after two games.

The team has a new strip on the way, and did very well from the Gruck race. Many thanks to everyone who contributed, helped and cheered on the Grucks.

Upcoming fixtures (dependent on league changes - latest fixtures at [www.cssfl.org.uk](http://www.cssfl.org.uk)):

- Sunday, 14th September (10.30 a.m. Kick off)  
Unity v Mottisfont, Green Park, Conor Willis
- Sunday, 21st September (10.30 a.m. Kick off)  
Mottisfont v Bannister Park, Mottisfont, Huw Evans
- Sunday, 28th September (10.30 a.m. Kick off)  
A.F.C. Spitfire v Mottisfont, Riverside Park, John Ward

There will also be some cup games to be announced. Supporters welcome!

### What's on at the Mill Arms



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.

We will be holding a **Halloween party night** suitable for both children and adults, hopefully on the 31st itself. There'll be prizes and competitions such as best fancy dress. Details and times will be confirmed, so please keep an eye on our website.

We're also going to have a **curry night** after the Lockerley firework display, to warm everybody up again! We'll make sure there's something for everyone! Again we'll advertise nearer the time.

Our **autumn menu** is on the way and should be ready by the end of September featuring more game dishes. Please check the website ([www.millarms.co.uk](http://www.millarms.co.uk)) for details.

Kaye and Richard

### WALKING GROUP

Our little group usually walks on the second Friday of each month. Walks are sometimes local, sometimes a bit further afield, in which case we share cars there and back.

Our next walks will be on Friday, 10th October, 14th November and 12th December. If you would like to join us but a Friday date isn't suitable, we may be able to be flexible, so please just give me a ring.

The walks are typically from 6 to 10 miles. Dogs are welcome if well behaved (as with their owners!). Why not join us ?

Gordon & Cathie, 340129

### Yoga Classes

Braishfield, the Church Room, every Wednesday  
7.00-8.00pm: Yoga4back & General Yoga- suitable for all levels.

8.00-9.00pm: Dynamic Yoga- with elements of Ashtanga practice.  
£28.00 for 4 week block (consecutive weeks) or £9.00 drop in fee.

The classes are designed to work all your muscles and joints, stimulate particular internal organs and release energy from stress prone areas.

Contact: [yoga4backs@gmail.com](mailto:yoga4backs@gmail.com), 07909 545311



### Art Group

We meet each Thursday at Mottisfont Village Hall, 2 to 4pm.  
We are just a bunch of amateurs who enjoy drawing or throwing paint around.

Even if your name is Rembrandt or Picasso you are welcome to join us.

Only £2 and refreshments provided.

Gordon, 340129

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played as part of a festival in the Royal Albert Hall.

The total cost of our refurbishment as at 7 July 2012 was £17,850 plus VAT at 20% which meant that we had to raise £21,800.

Two years and two months passed before we reached our target (including £10,000 from an anonymous benefactor), and we anticipate receipt of Gift Aid tax refunds on several contributions. Nevertheless it seems not unreasonable that costs have increased and there is an additional £1500 + VAT to be found. We see no reason why eventually we should not be able to reclaim the VAT and repay the internal transfer of funds used to cover this addition, which enabled us to give instructions for the work to begin. Hopefully we can still reach the target soon, aided by two events in the offing - a quiz and a table sale. It's a Catch 22 situation: no funds = no permission to begin the work, no work = no receipted invoice for tax reclaims and grants .

If we do find that all our reclaims leave us with a credit balance - wouldn't that be nice - we shall transfer this to the main PCC account, which is struggling to keep its head above water at present.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR ONGOING INTEREST, GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT.**

Please refer any questions to Mrs. Clutterbuck, Dr. Armstrong or to Valda White.

We intend to draw up a programme of events, musical and other, to encourage you to use YOUR CHURCH and sometimes to hear the organ.

It seems appropriate that the organ builder, Andrew Cooper, has agreed to give a recital shortly after completion of the work. Andrew is highly qualified and is the regular organist at Ryde Church in the Isle of Wight.

Valda White

## Fireworks at Broughton

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.

Free parking in Buckholt Road. Refreshments, hot food and merchandise for sale. Licensed bar. Advance tickets available from West View Stores or on the gate on the evening. Entry is £6.00 for adults and £5.00 for concessions and children.

## KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

### What's on in October

- ▶ 3rd: Fish Fryday, homemade battered cod with tartare sauce. Noon till 3pm, £8.95
- ▶ 4th: Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.
- ▶ 5th Sunday Lunch, £9.45
- ▶ 8th: It's our 6th anniversary at Kimbridge. FREE EVENING BUFFET 6pm to all who book to come and celebrate with us.
- ▶ 10th: Fish Fryday, homemade battered cod with tartare sauce. Noon till 3pm, £8.95
- ▶ 11th: Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.
- ▶ 12th: Sunday Lunch, £9.45
- ▶ 14th: Marina's creative workshop, painting sunflowers in acrylic. £25 to include all materials, a morning coffee and lunch.
- ▶ 16th: DC Sax with the smoky voice of Steph, plus hot buffet. 6pm, £9.95
- ▶ 17th: Fish Fryday, homemade battered cod with tartare sauce. 12noon till 3pm, £8.95
- ▶ 18th: Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.
- ▶ 19th: Sunday Lunch, £9.45
- ▶ 22nd: The Kimbridge hot buffet plus quiz, £8.95, any size of team.
- ▶ 24th: Fish Fryday, homemade battered cod with tartare sauce. 12noon till 3pm, £8.95
- ▶ 25th: Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.
- ▶ 26th: Sunday Lunch, £9.45
- ▶ 29th: An evening with Rick Tarranta, singer/songwriter whose relaxed vocal style and impressive guitar has won many fans locally and at festivals. In addition to his own material his repertoire is rooted in American and Irish traditional music influenced by Bob Dylan, James Taylor, Jackson Brown and many others. 6pm till 9pm. A buffet meal will also be served. £9.95
- ▶ 31st Fish Fryday, homemade battered cod with tartare sauce. 12noon till 3pm, £8.95

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

### SPECIAL OFFERS

Monday to Thursday

2 for 1 on all meals off the specials board  
12noon till 2pm

Plus 2 for 1 on all full English breakfasts  
10am till 11am

and afternoon cream teas  
3pm till 4pm

T&C's apply. Offer ends 31st October, 2014  
MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE

### Where's the recipe?

Sorry! The Acorn is so full this month, there just isn't the space for it. We hope to bring it back next month.

## 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.



Saturdays Occasional entertainment, meat draw (meat supplied by Owtons)  
Sundays Skittles

### Club Opening Hours

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

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.

**100th Anniversary, 2019** The Social Club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019, and in preparation for this we would like to make a 'Journal of Memories' for all of our members. If you or any relatives have any memories that you would like included in the journal, please contact Peter Holmes at the club on 340521.

### What's On

Mondays	Ladies Darts, Snooker
Tuesdays	Billiards
Wednesdays	Now open 7-11pm
Thursdays	Bingo, Crib
Fridays	Men's Darts, Thrift Club

## The Dowse Trust

The Dowse Trust is a long-standing 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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