



Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN

The Village Newsletter



April 2015

That Abbey comes to this Abbey...

Followers of the ITV series *Downton Abbey* will no doubt be disappointed by the recent announcement that that the forthcoming series will be its last.

However, due to essential maintenance work at Highclere Castle in North Hampshire where the series has been filmed, the production company has settled on Mottisfont Abbey as an alternative location for some of the indoor scenes.

"Furthermore," said a representative, "we will be needing a number of extras for a party scene. We'd like to encourage local people to apply. If they have suitable period costume, so much the better!"

Posters giving all the details will be put up at the station and the Social Club early in April, probably around the 1st.

VILLAGE HALL WORKING PARTY



This is a reminder that the Village Hall Working Party needs more hands!

The main tasks are decorating and cleaning.



On Saturday 11th April, work will be led by Andy Sacree, and will get underway at 10am. The following day, Sunday 12th April, Dave Francis will take over, also starting at 10am.

It would be very helpful if you are able to bring paint brushes and dust sheets.

Superfast broadband: don't hold your breath!

Many households in Mottisfont and Dunbridge scrape along with just a few megabits per second of broadband, barely enough to watch BBC iPlayer.

This is doubly annoying when seen in the light of the national average broadband bit rate: 23Mbit/s!

The technical reason for our rather meagre service is that we are quite a long distance from the telephone exchange in Lockerley that serves us. At present, broadband comes down our phone lines, all the way from the exchange, and the distance means that the lines cannot handle high data rates.

The solution will be to provide a fibre optic connection from the Lockerley exchange to street cabinets in Mottisfont and Dunbridge. Optical fibres can carry extremely high data rates over long distances. The data will still arrive at our homes over phone lines, but it will have travelled over them only from the street cabinets, so will be able to achieve much higher data rates.

Hampshire County Council is running a £28.4m programme to provide high speed broadband, but Mottisfont and Dunbridge is in Wave 2, which runs from 2016 to mid-2019. Completion of Wave 2 should make superfast broadband available to at least 95% of premises in Hampshire. At present, information is not precise about when we will get the new service. More detailed information is promised by September this year.

The web site at www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com gives a lot of useful information, and a facility to register interest. Sadly the number of households who have registered in our area is reported to be just four! Raising the number might possibly influence the date of installation, so if you are interested in having a modern broadband service in the parish, please make sure you have registered your interest!

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



National Trust

Every year we commission a bird survey across the estate, which is completed by one of our volunteers. This year's report tells us that we have a total of 85 species recorded over the last 12 months, which included six on Schedule 1 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended under the CRoW Act 2000. These include Red Kite, Northern Goshawk (sadly no breeding pairs), Barn Owl, Common Kingfisher and Tawny Owl (not Schedule 1 species).

Readers might also be interested to know about the other wildlife recorded on the estate over the last 12 months, which includes: bank vole, barbastelle bat (one of the rarest bats in Europe), hare, harvest mouse, shrew, stoat, vole, water vole, weasel and wood mouse.

Please let us know if you would like a copy of the full report, which describes all of the species of birds on the estate, and lists butterflies and insects too. We have a separate report for northern commons of the New Forest, which is available too. We are delighted to report that we now have over 22 European nightjars at Foxbury, which represents over 20% of the entire nightjar population of the New Forest - an incredible achievement. Laura Baker, Outdoor

Ranger for this area, runs regular nightjar walks in the summer, so if you would like to find out more, go to:

<http://nurture.nationaltrust.org.uk/new-forest-northern-commons/things-to-see-and-do/events/>

And finally, we're pleased to say that the granddaughter of Maud Russell (donor of Mottisfont to National Trust), Emily Russell, is writing a book on the War Diaries of Maud Russell, due to be published next year. If you have any stories, recollections or pictures from that time, she would be very interested in receiving them.

Paul Cook

TEST VALLEY LECTURES

'Mosquitoes - Are We Safe?' by Dr. Jolyon Medlock, Wed 15th April 2015

There are 34 species of mosquito in Britain. Most do bite humans, but none carries infections. But there are now concerns about continental strains of mosquito, like the large and aggressive Asian tiger mosquito, which can carry dengue fever and is

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I Easter Fun

Bring along the family to unleash their inner explorer with adventurous trails taking place at Mottisfont and Foxbury, in the New Forest.

Mottisfont
Nr Romsey, SO51 0LP
3 - 19 April
10am - 5pm

You are cordially invited to the Easter Bunny ball this Easter holiday. Complete the tasks to gain entry to the ball and earn a Cadbury egg head. £2 per trail, normal admission prices apply

New Forest
Northern Commons,
SO51 6AQ
5 - 6 April
11am - 4pm

Take on the explorer trail at Foxbury to discover nature's hidden secrets in the New Forest. £4 per person, includes entry and trail

To join in with the fun, visit www.eastereggtrail.com or call us on 01794 344020

National Trust



MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute, 23 members and guests attended a meal at the Old House at Home Public House in Romsey on Tuesday evening. The meal was excellent and the evening was enjoyed by all.



A successful jumble sale was held on Saturday 14th March, and despite the cold the attendance was good. Donations are to be made to local charities, to be decided by the members.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th April at 7.30 in Mottisfont Village Hall. The speaker will be Rev. Bryan Taphouse, and his subject will be 'Man of the cloth - a talk about textiles'. Visitors will be very welcome on this evening to come and enjoy the talk and a cup of coffee or tea.

Mary Batten

Rose planting

WI Inspiring Women - that's the Women's Institute motto, and so INSPIRATION was the name chosen for the new rose celebrating their Centenary.



Mottisfont's own original WI was formed in 1918 and continued until its golden anniversary in 1968, after which it was disbanded. The present group (Mottisfont and Dunbridge WI) was founded by Jane Kew and friends in 1997, and two of the founder members, Molly Jackson and Cathie Wood, recently planted

an INSPIRATION rose at the Village Hall.

On the same morning Andy Clarke came to tell us about Woofability, a charity providing and training assistance dogs, which can, for instance, help deaf people and those with mobility problems and various other disabilities. Baba demonstrated his skills and was a great hit with the 16 people who attended.

Later there was an opportunity to chat as we enjoyed soup, bread and cheese.

Donations to Woofability were invited and gratefully received. Anyone wishing to know more about this charity (local to Hampshire, Somerset and South Wiltshire) will find the Woofability website (woofability.com) useful.

Another WI INSPIRATION rose will be planted later in the year in Mottisfont Abbey Gardens, a fitting place for a new rose.

Valda White (local WI President)

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus Committee

Charity Number: 284910



Excursions 2015

Last year's excursion programme was very successful. Most trips went off with the bus full. The committee plans to run the following excursions during 2015. This reflects the discussions at the Annual General Meeting earlier this year.

DATE	DESTINATION	DRIVER
20/5/15	Chichester/ Bognor Regis	Volunteer awaited
17/6/15	Isle of Wight	Michael Horne
15/7/15	Weymouth	Michael Hoskins
19/8/15	Mystery Tour	Volunteer awaited
16/9/15	Swanage	Volunteer awaited
21/10/15	Windsor	Peter Broome
19/11/15	Street	Michael Hoskins

You will be pleased to hear that we are able to hold the fares for the second year running. There will be no increase on last year's price of £14.00 per person per trip. As before, there will be a supplement to cover the ferry costs on the Isle of Wight trip. Bookings can be made with Pam Dawkins on 301203. Please do not contact her before the first day of the month in which you wish to travel. It is important to note that bookings once made must be paid for. The start time is 9.30am from the Square.

George Vaughan – Honorary Secretary - 301045

Dear Friends,

Easter is one of the most wonderful times of the year. Not only is it a time when nature is renewing itself with new life bursting forth everywhere, but it is also a time when God brings us the promise of new life through his love and resurrection.

In the Gospel of St. John, Mary Magdalene's life is turned inside out at meeting the risen Lord. The only thing she can proclaim to the disciples is 'I have seen the Lord', and so the woman whose expectation of sitting with death at the tomb is filled with resurrection knowledge after speaking to the risen Jesus, who calls her by name ... Mary!

This has profound consequences for all of us as it shows that God is the God of the resurrection, and that our eternal life is with a Heavenly Father, who cares for us and calls us to life after this life is done.



Please join us across the Benefice churches for fellowship as we meet to worship and praise the Risen Lord this Easter.

With Easter Blessings.
Ron.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

	5th April Easter Day	12th April Easter 2	19th April Easter 3	26th April Easter 4
8.00	6.30am Sunrise service at Nutley Farm HC CW	-	Broughton HC BCP	-
9.30	Bossington HC BCP ----- Broughton Family Communion CW with Easter Egg Hunt	Houghton HC CW for the Benefice	Broughton Family Service ----- Mottisfont HC BCP	Broughton Family Communion CW and Sunday Club
11.00	Houghton HC CW Mottisfont Family Communion CW	-	Houghton No service	Mottisfont Family Communion CW
6.00	No service	-	-	Houghton Evensong

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April, 7.30pm, **Eucharist and Foot Washing** at St. Mary's

Good Friday, 3rd April, 10am, **Family Service** at All Saints, Houghton

Good Friday, 3rd April, 2pm, **Music and Meditation** at St. Mary's, Broughton

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

Future of Mottisfont & Dunbridge Station Yard

I am aware that the land owner (Mr Bullivant) has recently spoken about this to a couple of people in Dunbridge and I thought it would be helpful to comment, as there may be some concerns: Many residents who were living here (particularly in Dunbridge) in 2004 will remember that, at the end of the Annual Parish Meeting, Mr Ian Bullivant and Mr Neil Beasley (Architect) introduced their proposal for a development on this land. The main part was for a number of small terraced houses, grouped around a green area open to the road echoing the green at Mill Rise and there were also additional houses, some with attached workshops and parking areas. If I remember correctly, the plans received general approval and a number of useful suggestions were made at the meeting. They then had a pre-planning meeting with TVBC, who didn't like the 'village green' layout with houses at right angles to the railway (which we generally preferred) and advised him not to submit plans in that form. Unfortunately, I think there was a general downturn in house building, so he didn't take this any further at that time.

You will probably be aware that TVBC now has a large quota to meet on new housing, so it is not surprising that this project is likely to be resurrected now, but obviously in a format that should meet TVBC approval. I have seen the new concept drawings and spotted an important detail (missed in 2004) that could provide extra parking at the station

at minimal cost (very important) and, in addition, would also provide a better site layout. Therefore, the project has effectively gone back to the drawing board, and as the final plans will be very different, there is obviously no point having a public presentation (as in 2004) any time soon, as the 'important detail' involves negotiating with Network Rail, which could take some time. The parish council has not discussed this and our view is that there would need to be a public presentation, as in 2004 before we form a view.

One final point on station car parking: The Three Rivers Partnership, who runs our local rail services, has wanted extra parking at the station and one suggestion has been to purchase some land from Mr Bullivant. However, this would be very expensive and would inevitably result in pay parking at the station and if you want an object lesson of how bad that would be for Dunbridge, go to Grateley Station and see how much of the surrounding area is double yellow lined (their on-line PC minutes over the last two years are also very enlightening, as this is still an on-going issue there!).

If anyone has any questions about this not covered in the above, please give me a call.

John Millns, Parish Council Chairman
340347

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Speakers for April

- 2nd April: Mrs. Gina Livermore.
- 9th April: Mr. Malcolm Green.
- 16th April: Mrs. Linda Rowe (Gideons).
- 23rd April: Mr. Desmond Graves.
- 30th April: Miss Barbara Hillier.

Everyone welcome. Do come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

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already in Italy.

Dr Jolyon Medlock, from Public Health England, is the country's leading expert on mosquitoes. He has recently appeared on *Countryfile* and Radio 4's *Costing the Earth*.

He will tell us about the life cycle of the mosquito, how they are distributed, the diseases they carry, and how we can prevent the spread of these diseases to the UK.

GRENVILLE QUILTERS EXHIBITION

Saturday, 18th April, 10am to 4pm

Weyhill Fairground Village Hall,
Weyhill, Andover, SP11 0QN

Weyhill Fairground is a great venue with lots of free parking and very easy disabled access. We will be in the village hall (on site). There are also various craft shops, including New Threads quilt shop. New, bigger venue with more quilts. Raffle Quilt - one raffle ticket included in entrance fee of £2 (children free!). Demonstrations throughout the day. Sales table, traders.

And of course the famous Grenville Cakes!

For further information, contact:
Cherie Lumsden: 01264 889425,
candslumsden@tiscali.co.uk
or

Dee Fenton: 01264 364082, deefenton@sky.com

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

Mottisfont Cricket Club

Please note that the

Cricket Club Spring Quiz

has been re-scheduled for

8pm, Saturday 11th April

at

The Mottisfont Cricket Club

WALKING GROUP

Our next walks will be on:

Friday 10th April

Friday 8th May

Friday 12th June

We will meet between 9.30am and 10am
at the Mill Arms.

Here's a challenge: if you tell us the area where you would like to walk, and the approximate mileage, we will come up with a route! Contact Gordon on 340129.

Whist Drives in Mottisfont

Come and join us at the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 24th April for the last of our current season's whist drives.

We will be back again on 25th September.



If you would like to learn or practise, you've all the summer, and we can help you.

It is pretty easy. We have some laughs on the

way, and the prizes are fantastic!!!



John & Frances Jenkins on 301614
Gordon & Cathie Wood on 340129

What's on at the Mill Arms

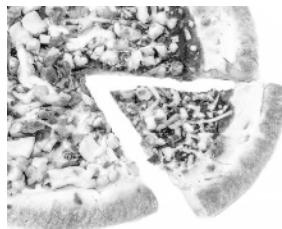
Pizza night is here! Every Friday night 6-9pm, we will be making pizzas to eat in or take away.



PIZZA MENU

12" pizzas cooked to order in our wood fired pizza oven

- Margherita: cheese and tomato sauce, £8
- Pepperoni: cheese, tomato sauce and pepperoni, £9
- Barbecue: cheese, BBQ sauce, chicken, bacon and red onion, £9



and pesto oil, £9

- Alfredo: cheese, tomato sauce, ham and mushroom, £9
- Hawaiian: cheese, tomato sauce, ham and pineapple, £9
- American Hot: cheese, tomato sauce, pepperoni, spicy beef, pepper, jalapeño, £9
- Garlic bread £3, skinny fries £3

VACANCY

The Mill Arms is looking for part-time kitchen porters.

For more information, please call Kaye or Richard on 340401

We are currently compiling a new mailing list. If you would like to be kept up to date with our events, please email us at mill.arms@btconnect.com

Kaye and Richard

Art Group

Meets every Thursday at Mottisfont Village Hall, from 2pm for two hours.

Tea/coffee and biscuits, and a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Gordon 340129



Recipe of the month: Banana bread

This recipe makes two 2lb loaves.

Ingredients

400g butter
1 cup light brown sugar
1 cup caster sugar
4 eggs
6 bananas
4 cups self-raising flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons vanilla essence



Kate Buchan,
Head chef at
Kimbridge Restaurant

How to make it

For best results, freeze the bananas two days prior to making, then take them out of the freezer the night before to defrost. Make sure to place the bananas on a plate, as they will weep when defrosting. If you are unable to freeze the bananas, just use over-ripe ones and mash them well.

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C (160°C fan)/350°F/ Gas Mark 4. Grease and line two 2lb loaf tins with baking parchment.

With an electric whisk, cream together the butter, the two sugars and the vanilla essence until pale and fluffy. Add the eggs and beat in well. Add the mashed banana if using fresh, or if using frozen cut a slit in the skin and scrape out all the banana. (It should be very soft.) Once thoroughly mixed, slowly add the flour and the baking powder and mix in til smooth.

Split the mix evenly between the two lined tins and place in the oven. Cook for 25-30 minutes. Once cold, slice the banana bread and serve with butter.

Football Club

Mottisfont FC continue their good form, and are still top of the league at this late stage in the season. They have three league games remaining, and only need one victory to secure the Division 6 League title.

The fixtures are to be confirmed. Anyone interested should contact Alan Stewart on 340492.

Mottisfont were unfortunately knocked out of the Hampshire Cup, but have reached the semi-finals of the Charlie Golden Cup, and face Carnival UK on 29th March.

The League is aiming to wrap up all fixtures by 26th April.

KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

What's on in April

- 3rd Fish Fryday – homemade battered cod with tartare sauce. 12 noon till 3pm, £8.95.
- 4th Saturday is family day. Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.
- 5th Easter Sunday Lunch – Get together with your family to celebrate this special time of the year. 1 course £10.95, 2 courses £14.95, 3 courses £17.95.
- 6th Easter Monday – Get together with your family to celebrate this special time of the year. 1 course £10.95, 2 courses £14.95, 3 courses £17.95.
- 10th Fish Fryday – homemade battered cod with tartare sauce. 12 noon till 3pm, £8.95.
- 11th Saturday is family day. Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.
- 12th Sunday Lunch – roasts with gravy and vegetables, £9.45.
- 17th Fish Fryday – homemade battered cod with tartare sauce. 12 noon till 3pm, £8.95.
- 18th Saturday is family day. Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.
- 19th Sunday Lunch – roasts with gravy and vegetables, £9.45.
- 21st Painting with Marina. This month: painting a woodland walk in gouache. 10am till 1.30pm. £25.00, including all materials and buffet.
- 23rd Live music and singing with Dave and Steph £9.95. Includes hot buffet.
- 24th Fish Fryday – homemade battered cod with tartare sauce. 12 noon till 3pm, £8.95.
- 25th Saturday is family day. Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.
- 26th Sunday Lunch – roasts with gravy and vegetables, £9.45.
- 29th The Kimbridge Quiz – all welcome. £8.95, includes hot buffet. Any size of team welcome.

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April Offer

25% off total bill for
Full English Breakfasts till 11.30am
and Cream Teas from 3pm,
Monday to Thursday
T&Cs apply. Offer ends 30th April, 2015

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Sunday to Thursday, 10-5
Fridays and Saturday 9-5
340556 / 340777

Kimbridge Lane, Timsbury,

Romsey, Hants. SO51 0LE

www.kimbridgerestaurant.co.uk

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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, five 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.

Can you help?

Mottisfont Social Club is looking for new committee members. Do you have ideas about how the club could improve its facilities or events? Well, put them into action by joining the committee! Contact Tracy Sheppard or any other committee member to find out more.

Membership subscriptions

Just a gentle reminder that annual membership subscriptions are now due.

Club Opening Hours

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

Did you know...

...that the Acorn has its own web site? At www.theacorn.org.uk you can find the latest edition of the Acorn, and links to various local organisations.

Our thanks go to Jon Butler for maintaining the site!

Julia and Peter

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 25th June and applications must be received by the secretary either by post or email by 16th June (*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!).

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