



Mottisfont Village Fete, Sunday, 9th August at 2pm

Arrangements for this year's Village Fete are progressing well, but we still need:

- more **people to run stalls** such as Name the Rabbit, Bat The Rat, Teas and Coffees, and others;
- **donations for the Tombola.** There will be boxes in the Mill Arms, the Social Club and the Village Hall for people to donate items for the Tombola such as tins and bottles. Alternatively, donations can be dropped off at my house, 4 Mill Rise, Dunbridge;
- **volunteers to have a sign** advertising the fete put up in their garden;
- **home-made cakes** for our cake stall;
- someone to do **face painting**;
- a **bouncy castle** we could borrow or hire.

If you can help with any of these, please contact me as soon as possible on 340105.

Michael Horne

GRAND DRAW

I will be running the Grand Draw at the Village Fete once again this year, on Sunday, 9th August. In previous years we have attached books of draw tickets to the Acorn for all households in the village, but this year I have decided not to do this.

If you would like to sell books of draw tickets before the fete, please collect them from me at 1 Mill View, Barley Hill, Dunbridge, or telephone me on 340398. This would be very much appreciated.

Tony Stemp

Update on Abe

Just a small update on our little grandson Abe. Since his operation in March 2013 he has been having intensive physiotherapy, horse riding, and swimming. In the last few months he has progressed from his sticks and will generally walk independently around indoors - now starting to walk in the garden, even kicking a football. He is obviously unsteady at times and falls down a fair bit but manages to get up saying 'I'm alright'. He is such a brave little boy with a great sense of humour.

Thanks to everyone for their help towards his operation, without which he would not have gained the independent walking he has achieved to date.

Abe is currently attending a 3 week course at the Footsteps Foundation near Oxford, an intensive specialist physiotherapy centre. This will hopefully give him even more confidence before he starts school in September.

Thanks again for all the good wishes, support and encouragement.

Cliff and Margaret Astur



As the National Trust owns so much of the land and buildings in and around Mottisfont (1,650 acres, including 62 properties, village hall, sports field, four fishing beats, allotments and two tenanted farms), the editors of the *Acorn* asked that we use this column to keep the community up-to-date with the work on the wider estate, as well as the mansion and what goes inside the pay perimeter.



Although we have covered the former in previous *Acorns*, an update on the latter would probably be most useful, as the new visitor facility is really starting to take shape. The building now has a frame, a floor and a roof!

Here's one of the more interesting views of the building from a crane (...no I didn't take it!)

The building should sit well within the landscape, and whilst it will not be seen from the historic mansion, it will provide a much better introduction to the property and facilitate a more enjoyable visit. There will be toilets at the front of the property, along with the shop and



a new visitor reception, creating space for a new café in the stable yard, where the shop is currently. It looks like the completion of the building will be some time towards the end of the year, and will be open to the public in the New Year. We will then start work on the new café, and try to have that open in time for February half-term...all being well.

Our summer programme is really exciting this year. We will have Lauren Childs' "Charlie & Lola" as an exhibition and trail. Lauren has even given us our own picture of Charlie & Lola in our Great Plane tree for the trail programme! Please do visit us in July to try out the trail; it should be fun!

Best wishes,

Paul Cook

General Manager – Mottisfont & SW Hants Group,
National Trust

Lockerley Primary School

Bizarre Bazaar on Friday, 3rd July, 6-8pm

Bar, BBQ, raffle, Tombola and family games
Please come and join us for a fun-packed evening!

NEW DATE!

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Saturday, 18th July, 7.30pm til late Hamper Ball

**Theme: Wartime and Victory
at Lockerley & East Dean Village Hall**

Lockerley Primary School PTA fund raising event.

Book a table for a minimum of 6, maximum of 8.
Please bring your own food and crockery, but no alcohol or drinks as a bar will be provided! There will also be a raffle and music.

Tickets £10 each available from
Beccy Rose 341266, Linda Kirkham 341572 or
Lockerley School 340485

The WI

A visit to the Water Buffalo Farm at Broughton was enjoyed by members, husbands and friends on Tuesday evening. It was a dry but chilly night and all enjoyed a hot buffalo burger after returning from a walk across the fields to see the buffalo. We were told about the farming methods used in the raising and care of the animals, and about the planting of various trees and the food chain for these magnificent animals.

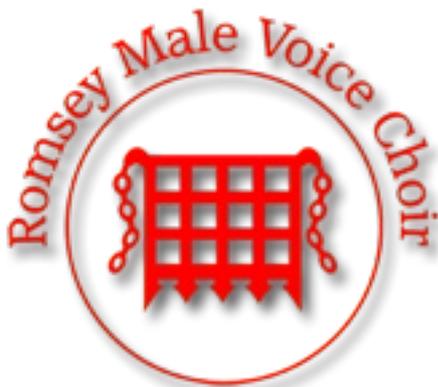


We will be having a stall at the Mottisfont Fete on 8th August, and we will be pleased to receive any bric-a-brac. You can arrange for collection by telephoning Cathie Wood on 340129.

The next meeting will be on 14th July at 7.30pm when we will be planning our entry for The Romsey Show, and there will be a buffet and a chance to have a chat. Visitors will be very welcome to join us on this evening.

Mary Batten

Do come and be entertained by



on
Saturday, 18th July, at 7:30pm
in United Reform Church, Romsey.
Raising money for
The Royal British Legion.



Tickets at £10 available now from:
Nigel Charlton (340911), any Choir Member,
The Tourist Information Office,
or The British Legion, Romsey

TEST VALLEY LECTURE

'The Future of our Woodlands'

by Prof. Julian Evans, OBE,
Wednesday, 15th July

How sure can we be that our trees and woods have a sustainable future? Prof. Julian Evans will look at the issues, both old and new: traditional coppicing and pollarding, new alternatives to clear-felling known as continuous cover forestry, what we know about the nutrient demands that trees and forests make, and how all this links to biodiversity. He will also address pest and disease threats, climate change and what protections are in place to ensure that the woods we love can't simply be cleared away by development.

Julian Evans, OBE, is one of the country's most eminent foresters, formerly Professor of Forestry at Imperial College, Chief Research Officer at the Forestry Commission and President of the Institute of Chartered Foresters.

Join us at Broughton Village Hall at 8pm (doors 7.30pm) price £3 includes wine & snacks. Free to students.

Nick Lodge (nick.lodge@iee.org).

MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

Following the recent elections, the parish council welcomes Lee O'Connell to the team, and we say goodbye to Joyce Southwell, but thank her for her valued contribution at our meetings. The elections also left us with a vacancy to fill, and Julia Barnett was co-opted onto the council at our Annual Meeting. John Millns was re-elected Chairman at the Annual Meeting and Jeff Channing, Vice Chairman.

At our next meeting on the 15th July, we have an agenda item for children's play areas in the parish, and would welcome any comments or offers of help from the parish, so please do get in touch.

Clerk: Mrs. Sue Holder
mottisfont.clerk@tesco.net, 340130

Meeting dates for 2015 and 2016

Wednesday, 15th July, 2015
Wednesday, 23rd September, 2015
Wednesday, 25th November, 2015
Wednesday, 20th January, 2016
Wednesday, 16th March, 2016
Annual Parish Meeting:
Wednesday, April 20th, 2016
Annual General Meeting:
Wednesday, 18th May, 2016

All meetings will be at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Dear Friends,

After a hectic period of valiant fund-raising spearheaded and coordinated by Valda White, the refurbishment and re-installation of the historic organ at St. Andrew's was completed earlier this year by organ tuner and restorer, Andrew Cooper, and his associates.



Andrew is a highly talented organist and returned to Mottisfont in June for the blessing of the organ at an evening recital and to demonstrate some of the acoustic capabilities of the refurbished organ. And, what an evening it was!

We were not disappointed. Andrew explained the work which had been carried out on the organ and then played it with great skill, creating an exquisite sound. The best description I can give is that Andrew made the organ sing.

All of this was only possible because of the generosity of many of you within this village and the donations received from some grant making bodies. For all of this we are so very grateful and we were delighted that many were able to join us for the evening.

St. Andrew's is a gem of a grade 1 listed ancient church and it is open during the day to welcome all of those wanting or needing a bit of peace and tranquillity away from the busy world. Whether you are a person of some faith or none, please do call in to the church if you are passing, take a look at the gleaming organ and enjoy some time in this special place.

Blessings,

Gill

Can you help Oasis?

Our Romsey-based Oasis Christian Centre is looking for volunteers to help in our book and gift shop. We have opportunities for morning and afternoon four hour sessions. Serving in the shop not only includes helping customers but also some computer-based admin, and stocking shelves (this can involve moderate lifting).



We are also keen to hear from volunteers who are able to help with non-retail support activities such as marketing, administration and computer support, which will assist with the running of the Trust.

Please contact Angie Nelson on 01794 512194 or visit our website, www.oasisromsey.co.uk, for further details.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

	5th July Trinity 5	12th July Trinity 6 Sea Sunday	19th July Trinity 7	26th July Trinity 8
8.00 am	BROUGHTON HC CW	-	BROUGHTON HC BCP	-
9.30 am	BOSSINGTON HC BCP	BROUGHTON HC CW for Sea Sunday NO Sunday Club	BROUGHTON Family Service ----- MOTTISFONT HC BCP	BROUGHTON Benefice Communion CW NO Sunday Club
11.00 am	HOUGHTON Family service and three baptisms	MOTTISFONT Messy Church	HOUGHTON Family Communion CW ----- BROUGHTON Baptism (Willa Ellis)	-
6.00 pm	MOTTISFONT Evensong	HOUGHTON Evensong	-	-

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

CW = Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer

St. Andrew's Foodbank

With summer now upon us, many of us might be thinking of garden barbeques or an evening bite at the local. However, not everyone can be as lucky! So this note is just a gentle reminder that at St. Andrews we are still collecting food items for the Southampton Basics Bank.

At this time of the year, the particular need is for tinned foods, especially vegetables, fruit and meats, plus tea bags, coffee and fruit juices. There is a collection point just inside the church door, which remains open for most of the day.

Please donate if you can. Every item will be greatly appreciated by its eventual recipients!

Many, many thanks,

St Andrews PCC

MIDSUMMER DRINKS

Saturday, 4th July at 6.30pm
Snail Creep, Church Lane, Houghton

With kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Royden Roche

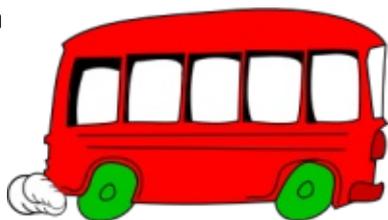
In aid of The Friends of All Saints' Church,
Houghton

Tickets: £10.00 Wine and Canapés
Tickets from: Julie Moldon on 388204 or Sue
Marshall on 388538



Free Bus Service

Each Sunday, and on
Bank Holiday
Mondays during the
summer, there's a
free bus that runs
between Romsey
and the Museum of
Army Flying at Middle



Wallop. It stops at Mottisfont and Dunbridge
station, and also in Stockbridge.

Leaflets with further details can be picked up at our
station, on the north side.

River Open Day: An Invitation to Local Residents

The National Trust and Mottisfont Fly-Fishing Club are pleased to invite residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge to enjoy the beautiful riverbanks of the Oakley, Rectory and Dun beats on Sunday 23rd August. This is during the August weed-cut period when the rivers are not fished, and so can be opened to local residents. You are welcome to picnic, walk, observe the wildlife and enjoy the riverbanks from 9am until 7pm.

The river margins are protected areas of Special Scientific Interest, so we request everyone to observe certain necessary restrictions. Please do not:

- Paddle, swim, or use boats or inflatables
- Leave litter
- Light fires
- Fish
- Drive on to the beats

Dogs are permitted, but due to the wildlife habitats they must be kept on a lead and not allowed in the river.

Access:

Dun Beat: by the bridge opposite the layby on
Hatt Hill.

Rectory Beat: from the road between the main
Abbey Car Park and Mottisfont House.

Oakley Beat: by the bridge on Oakley Lane.

The Mottisfont River-keeper, Neil Swift, will be giving a talk about the river ecosystem and river management. Please come to the Oakley Hut at 12 noon on Sunday 23rd August. All are welcome.

Parking spaces near the beats are quite limited, so please walk to the rivers if possible.

If you have a query about the River Open Day, please email river@mottisfont.org.uk.

Excursion Bookings

Potential passengers are asked not to phone Pam Dawkins before the first day of the month in which they want to travel. We need to add to this: please don't ring before 09.00 on that day.

The booking calls are getting earlier and earlier, and although Pam is an early riser, she might like to have her breakfast in peace. Thank you for your consideration.

George Vaughan

Mottisfont FC

Mottisfont FC are now on their summer break. Preparations are now underway for next season, with the usual paperwork and league meetings taking place. Late news is that we will be in division 3 next season!

We will be looking for new players this season, so if you or anyone you know is interested in playing, please let us know. We're also looking for volunteers to help with running the club and supporting games during the season; this could be helping with the paperwork, or setting up the pitch on a Sunday, or helping plan the annual Gruck Race (more on this next month) at the Abbey. We currently expect next season to start the first weekend in September.

If you can help at all please contact Alan Stewart on 340492 or 07955 835472.

Art Group

We meet at the Village Hall every Thursday afternoon from 2 – 4pm.



New people are very welcome.

Gordon, 340129

WALKING GROUP



The next walks are scheduled for:

10th July, 14th August, and 11th September (all Fridays).

Gentle walks, nothing too strenuous. Everyone is very welcome to join us!

Gordon & Cathie, 340129

The Mill Arms

Sunday, 9th August, after the village fete: Peter Pod's Peas are back! Free entry. Hot meat baps will be available.

Friday, 18th September: Charity Race Night (Alex Lewis Trust) – to be confirmed. This will be a limited ticket event, so please register your interest early.

Friday, 2nd October: Briefcase Blues Brothers. One of the best Blues Brothers tribute acts on the circuit. This will be a limited ticket event so please register your interest early.

Please keep an eye on our website for more details. There will be other events throughout August and September, and we will add them to our site as they are confirmed.

Kaye and Richard



Christmas Lantern Parade, Romsey

Friday, 4th December

It may seem a little early to mention Christmas but if we have enough support it is intended to run another workshop at the Village Hall making and decorating lanterns in September or October.

If you are interested, please contact me for further information.

Gordon

Email: david.gordon (at) mottisfont.plus.com
(remove the spaces and replace (at) with @)

Vehicle security tips from Hampshire Alert

- When leaving your car make sure you always close all windows and lock your car.
- If possible park your car in an attended car park, your garage, or a well-lit area.
- Don't leave anything on display; take your personal possessions with you.
- Remove sat nav holders and remove visible suction cup ring marks from the window screen.
- Do not put your sat nav under the seat of your vehicle.
- Leave the glove box open to show there's nothing inside.
- Fit an alarm or immobiliser to your car.
- Do not store your car documents in the car.
- Secure your wheels by using locking wheel locks.
- Be aware who is around you when leaving your car.
- Call 101 if you see anyone acting in a suspicious manner or 999 if a crime is taking place.

Village Hall Working Day

We are having another Village Hall working day on **Saturday, 25th July**, from 10am.

We will be doing some repointing, painting, and gardening.

Please come and join us!



KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

Asparagus and feta tartlet

A nice light summery meal and a great complement for any summer salads or as a side dish for a barbecues.

This recipe serves four.

Ingredients

250g block of puff pastry
200g feta cheese
80g grated parmesan
1 lemon rind finely grated
20 asparagus spears
Olive oil for dressing

How to make it

Pre heat the oven to 180C fan/gas 6/200C. Line a baking tray with parchment paper to prevent the pastry sticking to the tray.



Kate Buchan,
Sous Chef
at Kimbridge
Restaurant



Trim the asparagus into lengths of no more than about 10cm and place on a baking tray. Drizzle with a little olive oil, sprinkle with lemon rind, and place in the oven for 10 minutes until the asparagus has softened.

Roll out the pastry, cut into rectangles about 12x6cm and place on the lined baking tray. Score a 1cm border on each rectangle.

Sprinkle parmesan over the central rectangles, then add about five of the trimmed and softened asparagus spears to each base. Finally, crumble the feta carefully over the asparagus. Avoid any of these ingredients getting onto the pastry border.

Brush the pastry borders with olive oil and cook in the oven for 15 minutes, or until the pastry has puffed up and is golden brown. Serve warm with salad or as a side dish with a summer barbecue.

What's on in July

New Menu from 1st July!

- ▶ 1st July: The Kimbridge Quiz – all welcome. £8.95, including hot buffet. Any size of team welcome. Start 6pm.
- ▶ 3rd: Fish Fryday – homemade battered cod with tartare sauce. 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: Sunday Lunch – roasts with gravy and vegetables, £9.45.
- ▶ 10th: Fish Fryday – homemade battered cod with tartare sauce. 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. 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.
- ▶ 23rd: Live music and singing with Dave and Steph, £9.95. Includes hot buffet. Starts at 6pm.
- ▶ 24th: Fish Fryday – homemade battered cod with tartare sauce. 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, including hot buffet. Any size of team welcome. Starts at 6pm.

July Offer

10% off your final restaurant bill
any lunch time, 12-2pm,
when booked in advance and
you bring this copy of the *Acorn* in with you.

T&C's apply. Offer ends 31st July, 2015.

Sunday to Thursday, 10am - 5pm
Friday and Saturday 9am - 5pm
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