



## Sunshine and Crowds

by Andy Simmonds

Sunshine pulled in the crowds at Mottisfont Fete.

Around 500 people enjoyed the traditional village fete with games and attractions such as coconut shy, splat the rat, and a grand draw, along with activities for children.

It was certainly a different story to last year's event when blustery conditions put a damper on the fete.

Romsey firefighters put on a display for visitors to enjoy, and a family pet show also drew in a crowd of canine fans.

Visitor numbers were well up on last year's, and fete organiser Mike Horne was pleased with the turnout. "It was extremely successful and we sold out of Pimms. We had lots of new stalls this time, and also new helpers at the fete. It was a very good turnout with between 400 and 500 people visiting the fete. We had *Guess the number of balloons in the Mini*, *Ping Pong* and lots of other things," said a delighted Mike.

Other attractions included a local history display, an exhibition of Mottisfont Art Group's work, a book stall, bric-a-brac, a National Trust information tent, a fundraising stall in aid of St. Andrew's Church, and the Three Rivers Community Rail Partnership had a stall promoting rail transport in the area and the group's latest publication: *Station Walks*.

There were also old tractors on display, and former Mottisfont Estate forester John Surplice had an exhibition of his carefully crafted wood sculptures.

Former Mottisfont farmer Eric Chase was signing copies of his book *The Farming Story* at the fete. Eric, who worked the land at Hatt Farm on the Mottisfont Estate for more than half a century, now lives at Whiteparish with his wife Margaret, and he wrote the book to give people an insight into how agriculture developed through the centuries.

There was a good selection of entries in the family

pet show too, judged by Shelia Simmonds.

"It was good to see plenty of entries in the dog and puppy categories this year. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves. It's a shame they couldn't all be winners." said Sheila.

Prettiest puppy class was won by six-month-old Jake, a cocker spaniel cross owned by Nancy Milner of Mottisfont. Prettiest/most handsome dog/bitch class was won by Bob, a 15-month golden doodle owned by Hendrik Van Drie of Awbridge.

Cutest small furry animal class was won by Maximus Cookie, a hamster owned by Tabetha and Hugo Rowan of Mottisfont.

Most unusual pets were two Bedlington terriers, Sapphire and Seeta, owned by Julia Rolfe of East Tytherley.

### **From Mike Horne:**

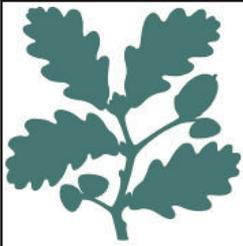
Thank you to all who helped in so many different ways, such as agreeing to have signs in their gardens, planning, helping put stands up, running stalls, and for coming.



*In preparation for the village fete, the ad hoc tent erection sub-committee holds another meeting - Eds.*

It was great to have so many new people from the villages involved, bringing new ideas and joining the many locals who help every year.

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## PARISH PASS

The new visitor reception, shop, café and toilets are progressing well, and we are looking forward to the opening in 2016.

As we get closer to the opening, we also wanted to re-ignite the offer to all residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge to allow free access to the house and grounds. We will need to administer this in the following way:

1. We will issue a "Parish Pass" to those residents who would like to take up this offer – an individual pass for each member of a family.
2. If you would like a "Parish Pass," please email [mottisfontabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:mottisfontabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk).
3. We will forward a form for you to fill in and return to us, together with proof of residence in the parish.
4. Once we have received all of this, we will send the pass(es) to your home address.
5. You will need to re-apply for your pass(es) each year.
6. Further ID might be requested on entry to the property by our visitor reception staff.
7. The passes are restricted to residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge only, and allow access to Mottisfont Abbey only (i.e. no other National Trust properties – you will need to buy National Trust membership for that). No other family or friends will be allowed in on the passes, unless they live in the parish and have their own passes.

It is our hope that the residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge will take up this scheme and register for the free passes, so that they can come to visit us on the property to see the beauty of this estate all year round, and to visit different exhibitions, trails and events throughout the year.

*Paul Cook, General Manager*

### In the house and gallery...

On display until 15 November, *Arborealists: the Art of Trees*, is a unique new exhibition created by a group of contemporary artists, drawing on a rich tradition of the tree as a vital subject for art. On display are intricate pencil drawings of root systems, autumnal colours, and beautiful natural sculpture.

Inspired by the exhibition, we're revealing the stories behind some of our furniture. Learn more about

some pieces of our wooden furniture when you next visit the house, from the types of trees the wood comes from to the story of how they came to be at Mottisfont.

And take a moment to admire our new dining chairs, based on 1950s photographs which show the last chairs used by the Russell family.

### In the garden...

Our grounds are filled with spectacular displays as our many trees are crowned with glowing autumn colours. Take a fresh walk through the gardens or along the river to take in these stunning sights. You can pick up self-led trails or join guided walks that will take you to significant trees in the grounds.

Installed in September, an immense bronze sculpture from David Breuer-Weil, *Alien*, is making a new home among our trees. Towering high above the average person, the former London landmark will be here for the next year – don't miss it!

### Family fun...

**Land Art Days:** take part in a free, community project creating a large-scale piece of 'land art' on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th October, using natural materials to make patterns around one of our trees. Suitable for all the family.

**Half-term fun: 'Tree-mendous Trail':** pick up our Hallowe'en themed trail this October half term and seek out our spookiest trees around the grounds. Suggested donation £1.

### 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 Facebook and Twitter pages (@MottisfontNT) and our own monthly e-newsletter. If you would like to be added to our email list, simply get in touch with Marketing Officer Sophie on [sophie.wilkinson@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:sophie.wilkinson@nationaltrust.org.uk).

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We raised £2,400 for the Village Hall, which will cover either the decorating we are having done this year, or the new boiler.

On top of this, money was raised for the WI, the church and the Children's Christmas party.

So thanks to all for making it a great day!

Alison McKay from Hatt Farm will be taking over next year as organiser of the fete.

Many thanks.

Michael Horne, Village Hall Committee.

## The WI

21 members and guests enjoyed an evening of magic on Tuesday. The tricks were performed by George Yates and his assistant Lesley, with quite a lot of participation from those present.



The Bric-a-brac stall held at the Fete in August was very successful, and has enabled the branch to make donations to four local charities, namely: Romsey Young Carers, Down to Earth Farm in Millbrook, Heartbeat and Piam Brown Children's Cancer charity. Thank you to all of the people that kindly donated items for the stall.

It is planned to hold an Apple Pie Morning at Mottisfont Village Hall on Tuesday, 27th October at 10am until 12 noon. The cost will be £4. Everyone will be welcome to come along and have a slice of pie and a cup of coffee or tea.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 13th October at 7.30 in Mottisfont Village Hall. The speaker will be Wendy Batten, talking about her work with young offenders. Guests will be very welcome on this evening.

Mary Batten

### TEST VALLEY LECTURE: **Why Should We Care About Punctuation?**

by Professor Chris Mulvey  
Wednesday, 21st October

The opening lecture of our new season will be an very entertaining look at the fascinating history and culture of punctuation. How did we end up with the collection of symbols we use today? Why do we care about them so much? Is it time to invent new ones? (People have tried!) We'll also hear stories of the Great Punctuators.

Christopher Mulvey is Emeritus Professor of English at the University of Winchester. With an MA from Oxford and a PhD from Columbia University, Chris is the recipient of awards from the Arts and Humanities Council, the British Academy and the University of Virginia, and was appointed a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts in 2008. His articles and books are numerous.

Join us at Broughton Village Hall at 8pm (doors 7:30pm). Price £3 includes wine & snacks, free to students.

Further information from [nick.lodge@iee.org](mailto:nick.lodge@iee.org).

## BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

### Events for October

- 1st October: 82nd Anniversary Service.
- 8th October: Mrs. Linda Rowe (Gideons).
- 15th October: Revd Dodie Marsden.
- 22nd October: Mrs. Helen Carter (Fair Trade).
- 29th October: Members' Meeting

### 82nd Anniversary Service

This year's Bright Hour Anniversary Service will be held in St. Mary's Church on 1st October at 2.30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Peter Gladwin.

Peter was barely one year old when a domestic fire left him partly disabled and badly scarred. The third of nine children, he was raised on a rough housing estate in Halifax. Peter was always in trouble with the police, in and out of care homes, spending his time on the streets. As he grew older, every relationship failed, and for years he took refuge in gambling, drinking and drugs. In his late twenties Peter became a Christian and his life changed forever.

Today, after years working in drug rehabilitation and as a Probation Service Officer, he now speaks about his experiences in churches, schools and prisons in order to reach out to others.

Tea will be served at Broughton Village Hall after the service. Everyone will be welcome, so please come and join us.

Barbara Perry,  
Booking Secretary, 301466

## MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting dates for 2015 and 2016

- 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.

### VOLUNTEER WEBMASTER NEEDED

The Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to set up and run a website on which to post agendas and minutes. If you can carry out this function, please contact the clerk, Sue Holder, at [mottisfont.clerk@tesco.net](mailto:mottisfont.clerk@tesco.net).

Dear Friends,

October brings with it the winds of change as we move into the winter and take on warmer clothes, log fires and dark nights. Part of that change is an ever-changing world and creation.

Change can be both inspiring and challenging, and is something none of us can alter as the world continues to move through its seasons, which is both constantly fascinating, challenging and at times threatening.

We look therefore for stability and hope which as Christians we have found in the Rock who is Christ. We also look to our Christian Community whom we hope will grow and flourish within community in our villages.

Saint Benedict, whom we focused on in our Lent Course earlier this year, teaches that growth comes from accepting people as they are, not as we would like them to be. His references to the stubborn and the dull, the undisciplined and the restless, the careless and the scatterbrained, have the ring of reality. Though Benedict was no idealist with respect to human nature, he understood that the key to spiritual progress lies in constantly making the effort to see Christ in each person, no matter how irritating or tiresome...(Benedict's words).

Stability, says Benedict, (which helps us in our own communities) means monastic pledges of lifelong commitment to a particular community. To limit

oneself voluntarily to one place with one group of people for the rest of one's life makes a powerful statement.

Contentment and fulfillment do not exist in constant change; true happiness cannot necessarily be found anywhere other than in this place and this time. For Benedictines, stability proclaims rootedness, at-homeness, that this place and this monastic family will endure.

Likewise, by fidelity to the monastic way, Benedictines promise to allow themselves to be shaped and molded by the community: to pray at the sound of the bell, when it would be so much more convenient to continue working; to leave pet projects for the sake of community needs; to be open to change; to listen to others; and not to run away when things seem frustrating or boring or hopeless.

The Book of Common Prayer has a prayer which calls on God to assist us in a period of change with these words: "Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".

Ron Corne

Rector



## SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

	4th October Trinity 18	11th October Trinity 19	18th October Trinity 20	25th October Bible Sunday
8.00 am	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC CW	-	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC BCP	-
9.30 am	<b>BOSSINGTON</b> HC BCP <b>HARVEST SERVICE</b>	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC CW for the <b>BENEFICE</b> with <b>Bishop Jackson</b> <b>from Uganda</b> and Sunday Club	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Family Service Samaritan's Purse <b>Shoe Box Service</b> ----- <b>MOTTISFONT</b> HC BCP	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Family Communion CW and Sunday Club
11.00 am	<b>HOUGHTON</b> Family Service	-	<b>HOUGHTON</b> Family Communion CW	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Family Communion CW
6.00 pm	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Evensong	-	<b>BOSSINGTON</b> Meditation	<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

## Romsey Deanery Pre-Advent Course

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November

Moving forward together with God

In these four sessions we will explore together how, as individuals and as churches, we can grow and move forward in our relationship with God and be 'good news people' in the places we live and work.

Each evening will include  
input/discussion/interaction/refreshments/fun!

This course is an opportunity for church members from across the Deanery to come together to share with and learn from one another, in line with our Deanery Vision & Mission Action Plan.

Venue: Poppies, Choice Plants, Timsbury, SO51 ONB

Time: 7.30 – 9.30 pm  
Plenty of parking available

Advance indication of numbers attending will be helpful:  
please email [Braishfieldbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:Braishfieldbenefice@gmail.com)

## All Souls Service

Sunday, 1st November, 6pm,

All Saints Church, Houghton

Please join us for this yearly act of remembrance as we commemorate the faithful departed.

It is an opportunity to give thanks for the lives of our loved ones who are no longer with us and, if you wish, to light a candle in their memory.

## Lockerley Primary School

### Open Morning and Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thursday, 15th October, 9.30am til 12 noon

If you would like to visit our school and have a coffee to support MacMillan Coffee morning then please call in. We look forward to welcoming you.

Online applications for children starting school in September 2016 can be made at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions), or for further details please contact Julie Black on 340485 or call into school.

## Burundi Update for the Romsey Deanery Overseas Committee

Burundi continues to be in turmoil; the president has been sworn in for a third term but it hasn't been recognised by any of the major western powers, or even by the African Union. Many people have been shot dead, including the ex-Army chief and the Vice President, and 100 people have been murdered either by the Army or by Government forces.

However, the human crisis is more desperate - there are now over 160,000 people who have fled the country, many of whom are from the churches and who we know. They have gone to Rwanda and Tanzania and now are in refugee camps where cholera and malaria is rife. Within the country, the economy had come to a standstill and many small businesses are simply folding. Many of the banks have closed and there is a great tension and concern across the whole country. The Anglican Church is maintaining a stance of peace and reconciliation and is not entering into the debate on the overt criticism of the Government. Many church leaders who have stayed have done so to seek to maintain a sense of peace.

This is no longer a tribal issue between Tutsis and Hutus but has gone down the political divide of pro- and anti-Government. Effectively a country which was growing into democracy has slid back into a dictatorship. Recently I met with one of the Anglican clergy from Bujumbura who is over in this country and seeking to do a Masters in Uganda. He is fiercely critical of the Government and is at a loss as to why western powers are not intervening - I have subsequently written to the Archbishop of Burundi and will take this up with Caroline Nokes, our local MP. There's no point in sending money at present to projects since we have no idea what is happening with the banking system. What our brothers and sisters need to know is that we are praying for them, that we are on their side and that there is a sense of "Do not be afraid, God is with us and will see us through this desperate, difficult time".

On a more positive note, Steve Muneza, the Archbishop's son who did a placement with us, is now in Durham. He has been given a House for Duty post and is hoping to begin PhD studies, and his wife Christine who is also part of the parish here has a scholarship to do an education degree. Bishop Paul Butler has been wonderful in finding them help and support.

If you want to follow more about the situation in Burundi, simply type Burundi in the search engine of the BBC website then you get the best up-to-date news.

Tim Sledge, September 2015

## CLARENDON ART GROUP EXHIBITION & OPEN DAY

Farley Village Hall  
SP5 1AH

Saturday 14th November 10.00 - 4.00  
& Sunday 15th November 10.00 - 3.30



Meet the artists and enjoy the exhibition  
All items for sale  
Homemade cakes & refreshments available all day  
Free parking

## Romsey Christmas Lantern Parade

Friday 4th December  
(early evening – from about 4.30/5pm)

### Come on Mums, Dads and Children!

We will run a lantern-making workshop at Mottisfont Village Hall on a Sunday morning either the end of October or early November, followed by you painting and decorating your lantern.

It's good fun – let your creative self spill out!

The lanterns are made of a willow frame, then covered in cling film and tissue, and illuminated with a LED light.

Cost will be £3.50 per lantern. Coffee/juice and biscuits provided. You keep your lantern afterwards.

Gordon/Cathie, 340129,  
david.gordon@mottisfont.plus.com

## Art Group



Looking for something creative to occupy Thursday afternoons?

We meet every Thursday afternoon at the Village Hall between 2 & 4pm.

Good company, refreshments - plus a bit of painting, etc.!

Gordon, 340129

## Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper was held on 12th September at the Village Hall.

What a nice way to spend an evening, with friends enjoying a wonderful meal.



Thank you to Ali & John, Niamh & Phil, for your super cooking.

Cathie & Gordon Wood. (Photo by John Millns)

## AWBRIDGE RUNNERS...

...meet every Saturday at 9am. We are a friendly running group of all abilities.

Come along and try it out FREE, whether you are a new runner or want to put those running shoes back on!

If you would like to join the team, membership is £20 for the year.

Beginners sessions are available - please contact me for more details, so I can get you quickly up to speed to join the rest of the group!

LOCATION: The Square, Carters Clay Road, Awbridge, Romsey.

Kerry Daley, 07824 905168, kerry2177@gmail.com



## Action Fraud advice: How to protect yourself when shopping online

- Payments made via bank transfer are not protected should you not receive the item.
- Always make payment via a credit card or PayPal where you have some avenue of recompense should you not receive your product.
- Conduct some online research on the website, company name and business address to identify any poor feedback or irregularities.
- Check the authenticity of websites before making any purchases. A search using <https://who.is> will identify when the website was created; be wary of newly formed domains.
- If the item advertised seems too good to be true, it probably is.

## KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

### Lemon and lime posset

This recipe serves 6 people.

#### Ingredients

3 lemon zest and juice  
2 lime zest and juice  
900ml double cream  
250g caster sugar  
For the biscuit:  
187g plain flour  
125g butter  
63g caster sugar

#### How to make it

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

Grate the zest of the lemons and limes using the fine side of the grater and place into a saucepan with the cream. Gently heat and simmer for about 5 minutes, then take it off the heat. Meanwhile, place the sugar and the juice together in another bowl and mix. Add to the hot cream and mix together until the sugar has dissolved. Once the mix has cooled, pour into the glasses and place in the fridge to set for a minimum of 5 hours (overnight is best). Whip a small amount of cream and pipe in a swirl onto the top of the set posset.

#### To make the biscuit

Soften the butter but do not melt it. Combine the flour and sugar and add the butter. Mix together until it becomes a smooth dough, then roll into a sausage shape about 2cm diameter, wrap in cling film, and chill for 1 hour. Then cut the dough into biscuits, place them on a baking tray lined with parchment paper and cook for 7 minutes on 180°C (160°C fan)/Gas Mark 4 to 5 or until the shortbread starts to go golden around the edge. Remove from the oven, and while still hot, sprinkle with caster sugar and leave to cool. Once cold, serve a biscuit with each posset.



Kate Buchan,  
Sous Chef  
at Kimbridge  
Restaurant

### What's on in October

- ▶ All Fridays are Fish Friday! Homemade battered cod with tartare sauce, 12 noon till 3pm, £9.95.
- ▶ All Saturdays are family day. Children under 12 get the main course free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.
- ▶ All Sundays: roast lunch with gravy and vegetables, £10.45
- ▶ 3rd October: Closed for a function - sorry.
- ▶ 22nd October: Live music and singing with Dave and Steph, £10.95, including hot buffet. Start 6pm.
- ▶ 28th October: Kimbridge Quiz. All welcome, any size of team. £8.95, including hot buffet.
- ▶ 19th November: Special Bistro evening
- ▶ 25th November: Live music evening with Flight Parade

Bookings now being taken for Christmas lunches and dinners - also Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

Sunday to Thursday, 10am - 5pm  
Friday and Saturday 9am - 5pm  
Tel. 340556 / 340777  
[www.kimbridgerestaurant.co.uk](http://www.kimbridgerestaurant.co.uk)  
[kimbridgerestaurant@gmail.com](mailto:kimbridgerestaurant@gmail.com)

### BROUGHTON FIREWORKS 5th November

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 sportsfield 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 adjacent to the cemetery/allotments (off Salisbury Road – please follow signs). Refreshments, hot food and merchandise for sale. Licensed bar. Tickets available on the gate: entry is £6.00 for adults and £5.00 for concessions and children.

### Neat Sweeps Ltd Chimney Sweeping



The season is turning and as the temperature drops, the temptation to light a fire at home increases. But is your chimney ready; is it safe to light a fire?

Some facts: the burning of carbon-based fuels leaves deposits in the flue of soot and tar. These are not merely a by-product of burning, but are a combustible material in their own right. The amount of deposit left depends upon the frequency of burning and the fuel used. Wet or unseasoned wood will leave greater tar and soot deposits. A soot-lined chimney is lined with fuel just waiting to burn, and the structure can be significantly damaged!

Neat Sweeps Ltd can help. We are a young local chimney sweeping business, qualified through the National Association of Chimney Sweeps. We principally offer a rotary power sweeping service that gives a better quality clean, enabling you to enjoy your fire.

For more information, phone 341812 or email [neatsweeps@gmail.com](mailto:neatsweeps@gmail.com).

