



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



The Village Newsletter

March 2016

MOTTISFONT CRICKET CLUB



QUIZ

at the

Mottisfont Social Club

on

Saturday, 16th April, 8pm

£2 per person

Teams of up to 6

Raffle in aid of
the Cricket Club



PLAY AREA AT MOTTISFONT VILLAGE HALL

The Parish Council and Village Hall Committee have been considering building a play area in the grounds of the village hall.

However, before attempting to raise funds, it is important to know if this is something that would be a popular and well-used facility.

A play area at the village hall would be sited well away from the houses in Keeper's Lane and would be designed for the under twelve age group.

Please let us have your views by emailing acornnews@mandercom.co.uk, or by completing the slip below and leaving it with either Michael Horne at 4 Mill Rise, Dunbridge or Andy Sacree at Rose Cottage, Mottisfont (opposite the Social Club).



Please tick this box if you would make use of a play area at the village hall.

Comments:

VILLAGE FETE

If you can contribute ideas for stalls, food, drink, entertainment or anything at all, we would love to see you at our fete-planning meetings at

THE MILL ARMS

4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm

(next meetings: 22nd March, 26th April)



Contact for the village fete is Ali McKay
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Name:

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



**National
Trust**

Eight years in the making, we're delighted to say that the infrastructure work in the mansion grounds is now complete. The new shop and visitor welcome centre opened for the second week of January and we're so pleased with it.

Thank you to everybody who has come to see the new building and who have been so generous with their kind feedback. As well as a new reception at the front so that we can welcome you all properly, there are toilets, a shop and a plant sales area so that you don't have far to take your purchases to your cars (...and the new spring range is looking fabulous).

And now I'm pleased to say that the new cafe is also open, where the old shop was in the Stable Yard. Taking its design theme from its time as a garage where Maud Russell parked her Rolls Royce, it looks superb and will sell hot and cold drinks, a wide variety of sandwiches and cakes, as well as a one pot hot dish. The new ice-cream parlour will open on days when the weather is nice too.

The cafe in the house should now be less crowded and will serve a full range of hot food, but in somewhat more "tranquil" surrounds now, we hope!

So do come and see us and enjoy our new facilities and remember that if you live in the parish, entry is free with your parish passes.

Best wishes,

Paul Cook
General Manager - Mottisfont & SW Hants Group

In the gallery...

Thelwell: Ponies and Places
On display until 10 April

A major exhibition from the family archives of Norman Thelwell, whose popular cartoons of plump girls on ponies are joined by many other satires of twentieth-century life.

Less familiar are Thelwell's beautiful paintings of local landscapes – he lived close to Mottisfont and captured the surrounding countryside in a series of stunning watercolours, many of which have never been exhibited before.

The exhibition has proved really popular, especially with local residents, so make sure you catch it before 10th April.

For families...

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt
25 March - 10 April

Pick up an Easter hunt sheet, full of brain teasers and craft activities.

Follow the trail to discover giant eggs hidden around our grounds, and complete challenges with your family to earn a delicious chocolate treat.

£2 per trail, normal property admission applies.

In the café...

Our new Coach House Café is now open. Come to the stables for light lunches, snacks and treats. Try a bowl of soup, find hot and cold sandwiches to eat in or take away, and stock up on cakes and drinks.

Everything is served on high quality disposable tableware, all of which can be composted or recycled.

This café is very accessible for families, with seating both indoors and outside.

The Old Kitchen in the house will continue to serve a full range of hot meals, cakes and drinks on china.

In the house...

New for this spring is a harpsichord for the Boys' Room, on loan from the University of Southampton as part of an ongoing research project.

Maud and Gilbert Russell's son Raymond was a keen harpsichord performer and a leading figure in the early 20th-century harpsichord revival; we're delighted that the unique sound of this instrument will once more be bringing our house to life.

In the gardens...

Enjoy a fresh spring stroll around the grounds this March.

Our gardens offer delightful displays of spring flowers, including daffodils, crocuses and tulips.

Keep in touch...

Visit our website, nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont, to keep up to date with things to see and do. You can also find us on social media – look out for us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @MottisfontNT for regular updates.

MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting dates

Wednesday, 16th March
Annual Parish Meeting:
Wednesday, April 20th
Annual General Meeting:
Wednesday, 18th May

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

GET INVOLVED!

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a councillor.
If you are interested in actively helping your
community,
please email the clerk at
mottisfont.clerk@tesco.net
for further information about this role.

The WI

The pleasant sound of bells was heard at this month's meeting when a visit from Bishop's Bells entertained 19 members to a very enjoyable evening. Members were also given the opportunity to 'have a hands on experience' by ringing the hand bells. With a lot of serious concentration and a little help from the ladies of Bishop's Bells, a recognisable tune was achieved! Well done to those who took the plunge and had a go.



It being Pancake Day we were served with pancakes by one of the members, and this was appreciated by all.

The meeting next month will be on Tuesday, 8th March at 7.30 in Mottisfont Village Hall. The speaker on this evening will be Susan Howe, talking about 'Eccentrics, Heroes and Tea'.

We would welcome visitors to this evening, so why not join us and also enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a friendly chat.

Mary Batten

Test Valley Villages Lecture 8pm on Wednesday, 16th March at Broughton Village Hall

For our March lecture, we are switching from history to science. The title is "Who do you think you are: How genes work", and the speaker is Andrew Seber CBE, who is well known for making science subjects accessible for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Knowledge and understanding about how life is passed down the generations has expanded immensely since the 1950s, when DNA had only recently been identified as the chemical at the centre of genetics.

Almost daily, there is news of advances in the understanding of genetics, chromosomes and the molecules that make them up, giving us tantalising glimpses of how we are shaped by our genes and what research may hold for the future.

This talk is an opportunity to review the basics of DNA and other molecules that are the fundamental building blocks of life, and how they contribute to making you who you are.

Whether you have a background in science or not, this talk will give a fascinating insight into how genes work.

Andrew Seber studied biochemistry at Oxford and York Universities, and specialised in the study of cell membranes. He spent most of his working life in public service education and leadership. One of his retirement activities has been using his teaching experience to explain to a wide audience the basis of molecular biology. He runs short courses, and talks to a variety of groups including the University of the Third Age, Café Scientific and WIs. He maintains his links with the Biochemistry Department in Oxford.

This lecture might be useful revision for any young people studying science for GCSE and A level, who may attend without charge. As usual, the cost for adults is £3 to include a drink. All are welcome.

The April lecture will be on Wednesday, 20th April.

Mottisfont Parish Passes

Parish Pass application forms for residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge are now available from the Estate Office at Mottisfont National Trust.

This pass will entitle each family member entry to Mottisfont so that you can enjoy the mansion, gardens and estate free, all year round.



National
Trust

We hope that as many parishoners as possible will take up this offer.

If you have not received an application form and would like to apply, please contact the office on 340757 for further details.

Dear Friends,

I love this time of year with its signs of new life, new beginnings and new hope.



Over 2000 years ago, Jesus shared his last supper with his friends and then experienced the darkness of betrayal and denial. He was arrested, tortured and suffered death on the cross. His body was taken down from the cross and placed in a tomb. It was a time of despair and of wintry darkness.

Winter is gradually giving way to spring; snowdrops and daffodils are in full bloom. As the days begin to lengthen, blossoms are appearing and the hedges are coming back to life. Fair weather friends like swifts and swallows are returning from their winter migrations and newborn lambs are taking their first steps.

But this wasn't the end of the story because three days later, the darkness of Good Friday gave way to glorious new life. On Easter Day, when Jesus Christ rose from the grave, he conquered sin and death, and nothing could be the same again. Although humanity had rejected God's Son, God gave humanity a new start.



Join us as at our services around the Benefice as we journey from Palm Sunday through Holy Week, and reflect on Jesus's death on the cross.

Christianity is a faith of new life, new beginnings and new hope. Later this month, Christians around the world will be celebrating our most important festival: Easter, the day on which the world changed, when winter gave way to spring, when God gave us a new beginning.

Come and celebrate at our Easter Day services and rejoice that Jesus is risen and give thanks for the new life and new hope that the resurrection offers to each of us.

Happy Easter!

Gill

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2016

	6th March Mothering Sunday	13th March Lent 5	20th March Palm Sunday	27th March Easter Day
8.00 am	BROUGHTON HC CW	-	BROUGHTON HC BCP	6.30am BROUGHTON Sunrise Service HC at Nutley farm
9.30 am	BOSSINGTON HC BCP	BROUGHTON HC CW & Sunday Club	BROUGHTON Procession from the Village Hall to the Family Service and blessing of the palm crosses MOTTISFONT HC BCP	BROUGHTON Family Communion CW BOSSINGTON HC BCP
11.00 am	-	MOTTISFONT Messy Church	-	MOTTISFONT Family Communion CW HOUGHTON HC CW
6.00 pm	MOTTISFONT Evensong	HOUGHTON HC BCP	-	-

Every Wednesday 9.30am St. Mary's Church, Broughton, HC BCP
 HC = Holy Communion; BCP = Book of Common Prayer; CW = Common Worship
Maundy Thursday, 24th March at 7.30pm at St. Mary's, Broughton:
Holy Communion and washing of feet
Good Friday, 25th March at 10am at All Saints, Houghton: Family Service
Good Friday, 25th March at 2-3pm at St. Mary's, Broughton: Music and Meditation

**Talk on Deanery link with
South Rwenzori
Monday, 14th March at 2pm**

Following her visit in February, Jane Horne of the Deanery Mission Committee will be giving an illustrated talk about the latest news from our Deanery link, South Rwenzori on Monday, 14th March at 2pm in the Church Rooms behind Romsey Abbey.

A selection of cakes and tea/coffee will be served at the start of the meeting.

Tickets £5 beforehand (ring Liz Hallett on 01794 522398) or £6 on the door.

A warning – there are major works going on in the Abbey car park and you will need to park elsewhere in the town.

Our Saviour

*A cantata by Harry Brockway
3.30pm, Sunday, 3rd April
St. Peter's Church, Stockbridge*

Soloists

Rob Blakey - Katy Turner - Frances Howard
The Winterslow Singers
Reader: Rev. Tim Daykin (Radio Solent)

Retiring collection in aid of
The Alex Lewis Trust

Refreshments will be served afterwards

Centre nave seats may be reserved by emailing
Barnsiesdandj@yahoo.co.uk

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for March

3rd March: Members Meeting
10th March: Mrs. Vida Reynolds
17th March: Mr. Bill Thompson
24th March: Mrs. Ann Freeland
31st March: Mr. Desmond Graves

Everyone welcome. Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry,
Booking Secretary, 301466

**ANNUAL MEETING
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH**

St. Andrew's Church's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th April in the church at 7.30, and will be preceded at 7.15 by a special meeting when those on the church's electoral roll will be able to vote for 2 churchwardens.

If you are not on the church's roll and would like to be, please contact Valda White (368346) for a form and terms applicable.

All village residents and those interested in St. Andrew's affairs are welcome to attend the meeting.

We hope to see many of you there.

Valda White

**From Hampshire Alert on behalf of
Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau)**

Fraudsters are setting up high specification websites advertising various electrical goods and domestic appliances. These goods are below market value and do not exist. The website will state you can pay via card; however when the purchaser goes to pay, this option is not available and the payment must be made via bank transfer.

The fraudster entices the purchaser and reassures them it is a legitimate purchase by using the widely recognised Trusted Shop Trustmark. They use the Trustmark fraudulently and provide a link on the bogus electrical website to another bogus website. This website shows a fake certificate purporting to be from Trusted Shops and provides thousands of reviews for the bogus electrical website. These reviews are all fraudulent. The website has not been certified by Trusted Shops and therefore the purchaser is not covered by the Trusted Shop money-back guarantee.

Protect yourself with the following steps:

- Check the authenticity of the website before making any purchases.



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Conduct a 'Who is' search on the website, which will identify when the website was created. Be wary of newly formed domains. You can conduct this search at <https://who.is/>.

- Conduct online research in relation to the website, company name and the business address provided to identify any poor feedback or possible irregularities.

- Check the Trusted Shops Facebook page where warnings about websites using their Trustmark are published.



If you are in doubt about the legitimacy of a Trustmark then you can contact Trusted Shops on 0203 364 5906 or by email at service@trustedshops.co.uk. They will confirm whether they have certified that website.



- Payments made via bank transfer are not protected should you not receive the item. Therefore always try to make the payment via PayPal or a credit card where you have some payment cover should you not receive your product.

- **If the item advertised seems too good to be true, then it probably is.**

If you or anyone you know have been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Events at the Mill Arms



Friday, 4th March

Shamrock Keys are back. Uproarious Irish music and banter. From 8pm.

Why not get here early and enjoy our wood fired pizzas?

Sunday, 6th March, Mother's Day

As well as our traditional roasts, we'll be offering a special afternoon tea between 3 & 5pm: tea, sandwiches, cakes and scones. And a free glass of Prosecco for all mothers dining with us.



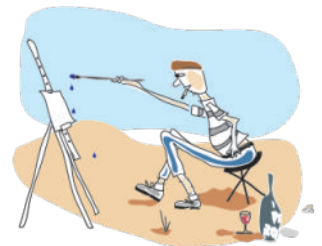
Saturday, 12th March

Chalky Gravell. This increasingly popular acoustic duo returns to perform their own songs in their own unique style.

Kaye and Richard

Art Group

The Art Group meets every Thursday afternoon at the Village Hall, from 2pm to 4pm. It costs £2 per person, to cover hall costs and includes refreshments.



Quite a friendly group really!

Gordon 340129

Walking Group

Come and join us for our moderate monthly walks!

The next walks are planned for Fridays, 11th March and 8th April.

We usually walk about seven or eight miles, with a nice pub break at some point to look forward to.

We leave around 9.30 to 10am, using a car or the train to bring us to some unexplored areas.

Come and blow those cobwebs away and enjoy a good chat along the way!

Gordon and Cathie Wood, 340129



Whist Drives at Mottisfont Village Hall

Our next two monthly whist drives will be on Friday evenings, 18th March and 29th April at 7.30pm.



There will be a nominal charge of £2 which includes refreshments and the always-fabulous prizes such as malt whisky, chocolates (big quality boxes), the 'winning' lottery tickets and much more.

Good company, certainly not too serious.

And there's a raffle!

Gordon and Cathie
340129

KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

Orange and lemon posset

This recipe serves 6 people.

Ingredients

2 oranges, zest and juice
900ml double cream
250g caster sugar
2 lemons, zest and juice

For the biscuit

187g plain flour
125g butter
63g caster sugar

How to make the posset

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

Grate the zest of the oranges and lemon, using a fine grater. Place into a saucepan with the cream. Gently heat and simmer for about 5 minutes.

Meanwhile put the sugar and the juice into another bowl and mix. Add the simmered cream and mix until the sugar has dissolved. Allow the mix to cool, and then pour it into the glasses. Put them 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 on top of the set posset.

How to make the biscuit

Soften the butter being careful not to melt it.

In a mixing bowl combine the flour and sugar, and add the butter, mixing until it becomes a smooth dough. Then roll the dough into a sausage shape about 2cm deep, wrap in cling film and chill for 1 hour.



Once chilled, cut the dough into biscuits and place them on a baking tray lined with parchment paper. Cook for 7 minutes on 180°C (160°C fan)/Gas Mark 4 to 5 or until the biscuits start to go golden around the edge. Remove from the oven and while still hot sprinkle with caster sugar and leave to cool.

Serve a biscuit with each posset.



Kate Buchan,
Sous Chef
at Kimbridge
Restaurant

What's on in February

All Fridays are **Fish Fryday**: homemade battered cod with tartare sauce from 12 noon till 3pm, £9.95.

Saturdays are **Family Day**: children under 12 eat main course free from the children's menu when eating with an adult.

Sundays are **Roast Lunch Day**: served with gravy, vegetables and potatoes, £10.45.

1st March: **St. David's Day Lunch** Come in red and white and receive a present.

5th March: **Closed for wedding** Sorry for any inconvenience.

6th March: **Mothers Day Lunch** – Fantastic lunch with a present for all the mums. See menu on line or at Annies. Booking essential.

17th March: **Dave and Steph**, St. Patrick's live music evening with hot buffet.

24th March: **Easter Quiz Evening** Including hot buffet.

25th March: **Good Friday** Open as usual.

26th March: **Easter Saturday** Open as usual.

27th March: **Easter Day Lunch** See menu on line or at Annie's.

28th March: **Easter Monday Lunch** See menu on line or at Annie's.

March offer 2-course meal from the specials board and a dessert: £15. Monday to Thursday only. Booking essential. Ts & Cs apply. Offer ends 31st March 2016.

Easter menu, 27th and 28th March

Courgette and rocket soup; Stilton, walnut and celery salad; Kimbridge pork, apricot and sage terrine.

Roast topside of beef; Roast turkey; Roast loin of pork; Butternut squash, cherry tomato and pine nut crumble; Kimbridge baked whole trout.
Dessert board.

Sunday to Thursday: 10-5, Friday to Saturday 9-5

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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.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

The Club's AGM is to be held on Wednesday 9 March. 8.00pm start. Please come and show your support.

Mottisfont Cricket Club will be holding a Quiz Night at the Social Club on 16 April at 8.00pm.

Mottisfont Social Club Annual Beer Festival with live bands will be held over the late Spring Bank Holiday weekend, 27th to 30th May.

The Kate Fryer Annual Skittle evening will take place on Saturday, 4th June from 8pm. This event is in

memory of Kate, and raises funds for Romsey Hospital.

We now have a Karaoke machine so if you like a sing-song, look out for advertised dates, or arrange your own evening.

The Club is open every evening from 7pm until 11pm (Sunday 10.30pm) and Sunday lunchtime 12 noon until 2pm.

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 on Thursday 17th March. All applications should be sent to the secretary by Sunday, 6th March.

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 (leave out the spam-foiler!).

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