



Rose planted in memory of Helen and Nigel Charlton



Jason and Daniel Charlton with their families

On 2nd April, family and friends of Helen and Nigel Charlton came together at the Village Hall for the planting of a Royal Jubilee rose in their memory.

It was a lovely sunny day, but somewhat windy outside. Afterwards everyone enjoyed light refreshments inside the hall.

The family said they were very grateful for the village organising such a lovely event.

Pat Francis

Maisie wins position with Youth Music Theatre UK

Local resident, Maisie Lake, aged 16 years, has been entertaining our local community, across the region from a young age. She took the role of Emperor Ming in Awbridge School's production of

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MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

BEER FESTIVAL

27th, 28th, 29th MAY 2016

10 Guest Ales 2 Ciders



HOG ROAST Sat 4.00 till 8.00

1 Child eats free with each adult portion

UNCLE TOM'S COBBLEYS Sat from 8.00pm

BANDS & ENTERTAINMENT

FREE

FOR ALL THE FAMILY

NON MEMBERS WELCOME

Fri 7pm - 11pm

Sat 3pm - 11pm

Sun 12pm - 2.30pm

ENTRY

For more information call 01794 340521 5.30pm - 10.30pm



National Trust

Well, it's both a surprise and an honour to be writing to you. I don't think any of us were expecting Paul to be moving on, probably including Paul himself – but restoring Clandon is such an important job, and we know he'll do it brilliantly.

I'm thrilled to have been asked to lead the Mottisfont and South West Hampshire teams going forwards. This is a place that I love – I've been part of the senior team here for the last 6 years, as Visitor Experience Manager. My background before that was in museum and gallery learning (I worked at the National Gallery for a number of years), and as a university lecturer. I was also lucky enough to take part in the Clore Leadership Programme, which enabled me to do all sorts of business study, research and secondments in different organisations. The National Trust has asked me to be General Manager for 6 months initially; if it's working well, I very much hope I'll be the right candidate long term.

I'm sorry that one of the first things I need to do is to apologise for the difficulties with traffic congestion on Good Friday. The weather (and the dire forecast) meant that we had unprecedented numbers of visitors. Both car parks became full; we closed the gates and asked people to leave rather than queuing and blocking access to the village, but some of them were reluctant to move on. I will be talking to our local police team to get their advice on how to avoid this and what is best practice in such circumstances. By June, we should have the water meadow available for parking, so this should not be an issue, but I do apologise for Good Friday.

Thank you for your patience. Looking forward to meeting more Acorn readers soon,

With best wishes,

Louise Govier, General Manager

In the gallery...

The Schlee Collection: Drawings from Henry Moore to David Hockney, until 3rd July

An intriguing exhibition of drawings and sketches by some of Britain's most famous twentieth-century artists. This major private collection, on loan from Southampton City Art Gallery, features works by well-known artists including Henry Moore, Graham Sutherland, Stanley Spencer, Gillian Ayres and David Hockney. Enjoy portraits and landscapes, as well as observational drawings, abstract works and compositional sketches. Drawings for David Breuer-Weil's monumental sculpture Alien, recently installed in Mottisfont's north paddock, will also be on view.

The Schlee Collection: Curator Talk, 11 May 2 – 3.30pm

Find out how the artists in this exhibition used drawing in different ways and for a range of reasons in this lively session with Dr. Louise Govier. £10 per person. Call 01794 344020 to book.

Outdoors and in the New Forest...

Spring bird walk at Foxbury, 8 May, 8 – 11am

Join our ranger Catherine and a local expert on a walk through the Foxbury landscapes to identify some of the key species. Enjoy their flight and call in this quiet habitat and learn how our conservation work here will support population growth. £5 per person. Booking essential via 01794 344020.

Countryside Day, 14 May, 10am – 5pm

Join us for a day of activities and adventure celebrating the great outdoors. There'll be a number of interactive stalls showcasing traditional skills such as wood carving, all with a backdrop of live music from the FB Pocket Orchestra.

Get to know our rangers and find out more about the work our countryside team do on Stockbridge Down, the River Test and the New Forest.

There's plenty of family fun to be had, with craft and wild play activities. Children can get close to wildlife and become a countryside ranger for the day with our mini-ranger trail.

Normal property admission price only.

Wild Play Day at Foxbury, 31 May 10.30am – 1pm

Come to the 'wilds' of the New Forest for a day of outdoor adventures, from bug hunting and fire lighting practice to loads of 50-things-to-do-before-you're-11¾ challenges. Have a go at den-building, mud pie-making and creating some really wild art, then round off the day with toasted marshmallows around the camp fire. Rangers will be on hand to make sure you enjoy your day.

£5 per child, £2.50 per accompanying adult. Booking essential via 01794 344020.

For families...

Half term fun: Doodling around Mottisfont, 28 May – 5 June

Explore the grounds and complete fun drawing challenges with our May half term trail. What weird and wonderful creature will you create?

Suggested donation £1 per trail, normal property admission applies.

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.

The WI

15 members enjoyed a talk on the History of English Canals and the decorative art of Canal Painting.



There was also an opportunity for members to try their hand at doing some of the traditional painting in the style of the roses used on various items, also decorated items to see and purchase.

On 23rd March members attended a dinner at The Blue Hayes restaurant to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Woman's Institute. It was a very enjoyable evening with a delicious meal and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th May in Mottisfont Village Hall at 7.30pm, when there will be a talk on the 'History of Knitting 1800 - 1965'. This will be followed by the AGM.

Visitors and guests will be very welcome to come along and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit.

Mary Batten

VILLAGE FETE

Can you contribute ideas for stalls, food, drink, entertainment, or anything new? If so, we would love to see you at our fete-planning meetings.

These are held at the Mill Arms on the 4th Tuesday of the month, at 7pm. (Next meetings: 24th May, 28th June)

Contact for the village fete is Ali McKay
Tel: 341971 email alimckay@ekit.com

Test Valley Villages Lecture

Broughton Village Hall,
Wednesday 18th May at 8pm

Trials, tribulations, and tributes: The work of a junior doctor in cancer research

Speaker: Dr. Siân Pugh

Siân Pugh is a junior doctor and Medical Research Council clinical research fellow working at the University of Southampton. Her interest in research was sparked during her undergraduate years and since then she has been committed to becoming a clinician scientist. During her training as a junior doctor Siân has been fortunate to obtain both academic and clinical fellowship positions which have allowed her to pursue her research interests alongside her clinical training. Currently she is undertaking a PhD, supported by a clinical research training fellowship from the MRC.

During an evening of talk and conversation, Siân will tell her personal story as a junior doctor undertaking cancer research. This will include the highs and lows of undertaking clinical trials, why research should be part of every doctor's job, and her personal views on the move towards precision cancer medicine. At a time of much media interest in junior doctors and turbulence in the NHS, Siân will give her thoughts on returning to the NHS to complete her clinical training.

All are welcome. £3 for admission, including a glass of wine or juice.

The "University of Broughton" will be having a long summer holiday, and the next talk in the series will be in September.

REVISING THE PARISH PLAN

TVBC has started an initiative to involve local communities in the process of creating or updating their own local planning statements. Since our Parish Plan was written in 2009 it is now in need of review and update. Parish Plans are intended to outline issues that are important to local residents and that will influence future neighbourhood planning. Typically the plans cover road and transport subjects, community facilities and events, housing and planning matters, environmental, local landscape and open space issues. Such plans are important as they may be used to ensure local concerns and characteristics are taken into account before local planning authority decisions are made.

The Government and local authority recommended course of action for Parish Plans is that they should be created by members of the community and be subject

to widespread and effective community involvement.

Local parish councils such as Lockerley, East Dean, East and West Tytherley are also considering their Parish Plans and, as there is some common areas of interest between our parishes, there may be some value in considering each other's proposals.

It is important that our revised Parish Plan represents, as far as possible, the views of the entire parish so a first meeting to get the ball rolling will be held at the **Mill Arms on Tuesday 17th May at 7.30pm**. Please make a note in your diary and come along.

For more information contact: Julia Barnett (340793) or Jeff Channing (340555). A copy of the 2009 Parish Plan is available by email from:
survey@performance-hr.co.uk.

Dear Friends

Farewell!



Having completed my training contract, Andy and I will be leaving the Benefice at the end of June to take the next step on our journey. I have been blessed to live in the beautiful village of Mottisfont and I have enjoyed getting to know people. It scarcely seems like four years have gone by and yet I have learned so much.

It has been a privilege to walk with parishioners on their journeys, coming alongside families at times of transition including baptisms, weddings and funerals. I hope I have shared God's love with all of those that I have met along the way.

Ron has been a steady mentor and patient guide and I owe a huge debt of gratitude to him. Gina and many others across the Benefice have encouraged me, and I am grateful to everyone for their support.

It has been a joy to help to introduce new initiatives, such as Mottisfont's Messy Church Club, and I hope that these will continue to flourish.

This coming month, the Church celebrates both Ascension (5th May) and the birth of the church at Pentecost (15th May).

When Jesus bade farewell to his followers to ascend and return to heaven, He promised that he would not leave them alone. At Pentecost we celebrate that promise becoming a reality. God sent the Holy Spirit and the Church was born. The Holy Spirit equipped the first disciples and equips Christ's followers today with the gifts we need to help us to live our lives as followers of Christ, to guide us as we journey through life and to help us to bear witness to God's transforming love.

God's Holy Spirit makes all things possible, and I believe God's Holy Spirit journeys with me and enables me to do things that I would never have thought likely!

And so, as we prepare to embark on the next stage of our journey, I wish you every blessing on your own journeys.

Gill

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY 2016

	1st May Rogation	8th May Easter 7	15th May Pentecost	22nd May Trinity	29th May Trinity 1
8.00 am	-	-	BROUGHTON HC BCP	-	-
9.30 am	-	BROUGHTON HC CW & Sunday Club	BROUGHTON Family Service MOTTISFONT HC BCP	BROUGHTON Family Communion CW & Sunday Club	MOTTISFONT HC CW for the Benefice
11.00 am	BOSSINGTON HC CW for the Benefice (Outdoors, weather permitting)	MOTTISFONT Messy Church Club	-	MOTTISFONT Family Communion CW	-
6.00 pm	-	HOUGHTON HC BCP	-	HOUGHTON Evensong	-

Thursday 5th May, Ascension Day: Hymn singing from St. Mary's Tower at 6pm, and a Deanery Service at Romsey Abbey at 7.30pm

Every Wednesday 9.30am at St. Mary's Church, Broughton, HC BCP

HC = Holy Communion; BCP = Book of Common Prayer; CW = Common Worship

Romsey Deanery Praying Together, 5th - 15th May

As part of our Deanery Mission Action Plan we have planned to share in worship and prayer between Ascension Day, Thursday 5th May, and Pentecost, Sunday 15th May, building on the Prayer Week we had in March 2015. We are also taking part in the Archbishops' Call for a 'Great Wave of Prayer' for Evangelism leading up to Pentecost. We will be focussing on praying for the mission and evangelism initiatives in our parish action plans.

Our aims:

- to focus on prayer, developing what we already do and exploring new ideas;
- to pray in particular for the mission and evangelism initiatives planned by the parishes in our deanery.

We begin on Thursday 5th May, Ascension Day, with a Deanery Eucharist in the Abbey at 7.30pm, to which everyone is invited. Please come, and bring a full car!

There will be events in many places across the deanery. All are open to all-comers! We want to grow in confidence in crossing parish/benefice boundaries in our deanery. It's great to have such a wealth of opportunities where we can pray together, in different ways. Please try to join in with something, somewhere, during the week.

We end on Pentecost, Sunday, 15th May, with celebrations in our own parish churches across the Deanery, and a lively evening celebration in Winchester Cathedral.

Every day from Friday 6th to Saturday 14th May, including Sunday 8th, the following four events will take place in ROMSEY:

9.00 – 10.00am	Upstairs in Cafe Nero	Prayer Talk. Have a coffee, talk about prayer with people who pray, see prayer resources.
10.30 – 11.30am	The Hundred	Prayer in the Community: 'Say one for Me'. Two Prayer Stations.
12 noon	The Abbey	Offering the prayers resulting from 'Say one for Me'.
5.30 – 6.00pm	The Abbey	Prayers for our deanery.

MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, 18th May

At 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for May

5th May: Revd. Christopher Walker

12th May: Mr. Chris Lloyd

19th May: Visit to the United Reformed Church at
Hythe

26th May: Mrs. Margaret Pickett

Everyone welcome. Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Open garden, cream tea and live music at The Orchards, Sunday, 8th May, 1-5pm

A year ago in May, I had a benign brain tumour removed and have had an amazing recovery. Many other local people have been affected by brain tumours too, so all money raised will be donated to the Brainstrust (registered charity: 1114634). It is a charity that really helped me on my journey.

We will be serving cream teas, be entertained by local musicians, have a raffle, a bouncy castle and other activities to keep children amused. Entrance will cost £1.50 for adults and £1 for children.

We are at 'The Orchards', at the Newtown end of Carters Clay Road (SO51 0GL). Parking will be available in the field, just past The Square, opposite the phone box and post box. We look forward to welcoming you!

Nicola Peckham

In support of St. Andrew's Church, Mottisfont
With thanks to the National Trust for the use of the
facilities

Roses and Wine

Friday, 17th June, Mottisfont National Trust,
Famous Walled Rose Garden
6:30 – 8:30pm £10 per person

A unique and exciting opportunity to see the famous Abbey Gardens, which are open for one evening for your enjoyment.

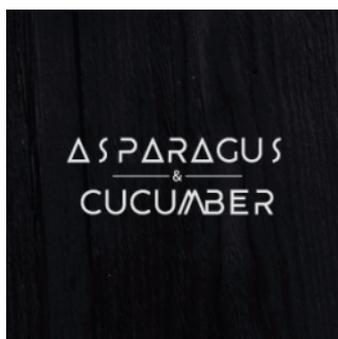
Meet David Stone, retired Head Gardener for
Mottisfont Abbey

- Ask him your rose growing and gardening questions
- Have a glass of wine
- Raffle

Pop-up Restaurant at Village Hall

Would you like to spice up your Friday evening? If so, this may be exactly what you are looking for.

Locally based food events company Asparagus & Cucumber have organised a fun, delicious and social Creole food



extravaganza pop-up restaurant at Mottisfont Village Hall on Friday, 6th May, from 7.30pm-11pm. Visit www.asparagusandcucumber.com for payment and booking details, or call Ade on 340972 for more information. Please book early as there are limited spaces available! Our last pop-up event at Romsey Football Club in March sold out very quickly.

So what exactly is Creole food? Creole food is a fusion of French, Spanish, West African, Amerindian and Italian cuisine that originated in the state of Louisiana in America. Famous Creole dishes include Jambalaya, Gumbo soup, cornbread & King cheesecake.

Come along, meet new people and try something new. Spice up your life! Hope to see you at Mottisfont Village Hall on Friday, 6th May. Save the date in your diary now.

Walking Group

Our next walk will be on Friday, 13th May - an 'overseas' visit, very exciting! Car share to Lymington, then coffee on the ferry to Yarmouth and a walk along the cliffs of the I.O.W. Maybe spot a red squirrel.



Friday, 10th June will probably be to N.T. Hinton Ampner with a walk in the gardens and woods with a pub lunch.

Why not join us? We're pretty relaxed!!

Gordon & Cathie, 340129

Art Exhibition at Stockbridge Town Hall

Artlook is a group of twelve talented artists from Hampshire and Wiltshire. They will be holding an exhibition of their original art work on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd May from 10am to 5pm.

Come in and browse, and watch the artists at work.

Are you well fed?

The sun is beginning to play more regularly now and you will (hopefully) be going on a fabulous summer holiday to your retreat in the Maldives! However, are you in shape? Concerned about what you are eating and whether you will look great on the beach? Or perhaps you or your family just wish to eat more healthy meals and remain well fed for life. Either way, professional nutrition advice is now within your reach. We have provided healthy eating talks to groups at Crosfield Hall in Romsey and at Wellow Fitness Centre in Romsey. We can also provide healthy eating advice to you personally or to your running, cycle club, local school or community group.

Contact your local nutritionist, Ade Samuel BSc Hons Nutrition, now for personal or group nutrition advice. The path to better health is closer than you think. Contact Ade on 07717 531 214 or on 340972, or email eat@wellfeduk.co.uk. Or visit www.wellfeduk.co.uk for more information. Eat well. Cook well. Live well.

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Flash Gordon in 2011 and in February of this year played Anita, in The Romsey School's production of West Side Story. She performed at the Mayflower Theatre in the national tour of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang in 2010, in the 25th anniversary celebration of Cats, at the NIA Birmingham in 2012 and more recently with the Hampshire Youth Theatre's production of Henry IV, Nuffield Theatre in September 2015.

Her tireless passion for musical theatre has led her to audition at a national level and she has recently successfully gained a position with the national Youth Music Theatre UK (YMTUK), with whom she will be performing The Dark Tower, in London, in August.

To aid in her successes she is required to raise £1500 at short notice. We are eternally grateful to the Thomas Dowse Trust for their generous contribution. However, in addition to their contribution, if any local business would be interested in sponsoring this venture, we would be most pleased to hear from you.

Jane Hunt (mother)
01794.340904
Email: janeahunt57@gmail.com

KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

Chicken breast with a wild mushroom, pancetta and tarragon cream

Some flavours are just natural matches: chicken and tarragon, cream and mushrooms, and the four combined are delicious!

This recipe serves 4 people.

Ingredients

100g diced pancetta
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cloves garlic, crushed
30g wild mushrooms
2 teaspoons butter
4 chicken breasts
250ml chicken stock
300ml double cream
1 tablespoon fresh chopped tarragon

How to make it

Clean and chop the mushrooms and leave to one side. Put the olive oil, garlic, pancetta and thyme into a pan with a teaspoon of butter. Season the chicken breasts, add them to the pan and cook both sides of the breasts until they start to colour nicely.

Add the chicken stock and simmer for 15 minutes until the chicken is cooked. Remove the chicken breasts and leave to rest on a warm plate.

Reserve any liquid from the pan and sauté the mushrooms in a teaspoon of butter. Add the cream, simmer until it reduces by half, and then add the chicken and any remaining stock.

Serve garnished with the tarragon.



Kate Buchan,
Catering
Supervisor
at Kimbridge
Restaurant

What's on in May

All Fridays are Fish Fryday – come and enjoy our homemade battered cod with delicious home made tartare sauce, 12noon till 3pm, £9.95.

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

All Sundays are Roast Lunch Day – the best in town served with tremendous gravy and enough vegetables and potatoes to keep anyone happy, £10.45.

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**Friday 30th April till Monday 2nd May, bank holiday weekend:** open as usual.

**Friday 6th May:** Closed for a wedding – sorry for any inconvenience.

**Thursday 19th May:** Live music with Dave and Steph, including hot buffet.

**Tuesday 24th May:** Painting with Marina: landscapes on slate in acrylic.

**Wednesday 25th May:** Quiz starts at 6pm, any size of team, includes hot buffet.

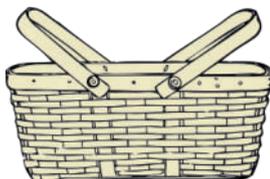
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Sunday to Thursday: 10-5, Friday to Saturday 9-5
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Picnic to celebrate the Queen's official birthday

Everyone is invited to a picnic at Mottisfont House on Sunday, 12th June from 12 noon, to celebrate the Queen's official birthday.



Please bring your own picnic, chairs, etc. Tea and coffee will be provided.

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At 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



60s and 70s Fancy Dress Disco

(fancy dress optional)

Saturday, 21st May
at 7pm

at

The Mill Arms

in aid of
Make-A-Wish
granting wishes to seriously ill children

For more details, contact the Mill Arms on 340401
or Mike on 07867 684346

