

Mottisfont & Dunbridge





August & September 2017

TISFONT VILLAGE F at the Village Hall Sunday 13th August, 1pm - 4.30pm featuring: Family Dog Show ~ The 'Great Mottisfont Bake-off' Village Scarecrow Judging ~ Tony's Famous Draw 'The Bus of Many Things' with Kids Art Club Bungee Trampoline, Slide, Carousel, Tug of War Loads of games and stalls Face Painting, Hair Braids, Glitter Tattoos Flying Fishing Auction ~ Vintage Cars and Tractors Live Music from The Bernie Boozle Band BBQ, Street Food, Teas and Cakes, Beer and Cider, Pimm's and Prosecco After fete entertainment at Mottisfont Social Club With live music from 'Eve 'n' Song and a BBQ Dog show by Hansards Pet Suppliers, judged by Kate of K8's K9 and Jennie of 'Fun 2 Train Dogs'. Cake Show judged by Jill the Cake Maker

Free admission and parking ~ Wheelchair friendly venue

HELP NEEDED!

Can you spare an hour or two on Saturday 12th August from 10am to put up tents and gazebos?

And on Sunday 13th August to set up stalls, and also after the fete to help clear up?

TOMBOLA!

Donations can be left at

the Social Club, or in the

Peter's house, Dunelm

House on Barley Hill

(next door to Tony

Stemp).

donation of prizes for

We are open for

porch at Julia and

the Tombola!

BAKE-OFF!

Under 14s: 6 cup cakes, or one big cake. Men only: bake anything you like, so long as you are a chap! Best of British Best in show: entry our judge likes best

Bring your entries on the day

USED TOYS!

Please donate any good condition used toys to the toy stall at the fete. All proceeds go to the Mottisfont Children's Christmas Party. Call Catherine Jenkins on 340922 or Tracey Sheppard on 341939 to arrange to drop off.

Fete contact: Ali Mckay, tel: 341971 Registered charity no.: 291629

The deadline for inclusion of items in the October Acorn is 16th September. **NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ACORN IN SEPTEMBER**. Please email items for the October edition to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.



Greetings from Mottisfont Abbey! At the time of writing, we're putting the finishing touches to our 'Gruffalo and Friends' exhibition and trail, which we think is really going to delight our younger visitors

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National has been designed especially for them, with no labels, original artworks hung low enough on the

walls for them to see, and lots of colourful pictures and objects to set the scene (my favourites are the cushions that look like logs, which are brilliant!).

Out in the real woods, our Countryside team have been hard at work, and have so far managed to avoid encounters with monsters, real or fictional. Our woodland grant scheme has now been approved, so we have full funding for conservation work in the woodlands for the next five years. The team has also been doing some tidying and clearance through Dunbridge Springs and around the estate path, enabling better access for anyone out for a walk.

We've had a team of volunteers from HSBC out helping us to paint the estate fence, and we're planning to repair the fence through the village down to our main car park in September, after the summer holidays. This will require traffic measures to be in place as it's right next to the road, but we'll request that these are only there out of rush hour and peak traffic periods. The work should take around a fortnight to complete.

As this issue covers September too, I'll also give any crafters, guilters and knitters out there advance notice of our next exhibition, which will bring together lots of different work by Kaffe Fassett, whose incredible colourful textiles have earned him worldwide fame. It opens on Saturday 16th September, and is going to be a real treat for the senses.

Hope you all have a lovely summer, and do drop in to see us,

With best wishes.

Louise Govier General Manager, Mottisfont & SW Hants Group

For families... The Gruffalo and Friends: the Art of Axel Scheffler

Until Sunday 3 September 11am-5pm

Discover colourful, characterful works by the muchloved children's illustrator Axel Scheffler in our gallery over the summer holidays.

This family-friendly exhibition showcases illustrations from The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child, as well as Stick Man, The Snail and the Whale, Room on the Broom, Zog and many more. A family activity trail will run

alongside the exhibition.

There are some extra Gruffalo-themed activities in August too: get involved with making a sculpture on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd August, and a mural on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th August, 11am – 4pm. You can also make your own mask or puppet to take home.

Little Adventurers

Thursdays 28 September – 19 October 10.30-11.30am

£3 per child, normal property admission for parents or carers.

Little Adventurers is our outdoor learning group for children aged two to five years old and their parents or carers. Have fun with exciting activities that promote physical activity and adventures in the great outdoors.

Outdoor theatre...

The Secret Garden by Heartbreak Productions Wednesday 9 August 5pm (gates open at 4pm for picnics)

Adult £16 Child £8 Family of four £42

Pack a picnic and enjoy this captivating retelling of a classic children's tale. Mary Lennox, after being orphaned in India, is sent to live on her uncle's estate.

A rather sour and unhappy little girl, she struggles to find her feet in a strange new place. Her stubborn curiosity leads her down a garden path to a locked door, overgrown and forgotten. Behind the door, this secret garden holds the restorative magic that will bring hope, kindness, and friendship that crosses social divides...

Recommended for ages 6 and up.

In the gallery...

Kaffe Fassett's Colour at Mottisfont Saturday 16 September - Sunday 14 January 2018 11am-5pm (closes dusk if earlier)

Celebrating the dazzling work of world-renowned artist Kaffe Fassett, this vibrant exhibition showcases a wide range of textiles from a career spanning over 50 years. Our gallery will be transformed with pools of colour, providing the perfect backdrop for Kaffe's distinctive knitwear, tapestry, guilts and more.

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.

VILLAGE BUS TIMETABLE CHANGE

On trips to Southampton on the first Wednesday of the month, the return time has been changed to 1.30pm until futher notice.

The WI

Unfortunately, due to rain the planned visit to Ordnance House

Gardens was cancelled. However, at very short notice 14 members attended the Village Hall and were entertained with a talk from Mike Southwell. We were told about his various posts and experiences within the Police Force, in particular an unsolved case regarding The Jolly Farmer Public House that caught fire in 1989. Mike also spends time giving various talks on board cruise liners.

We will be having a stall at Mottisfont Fete on 13th August, and we would welcome any bric-a-brac that you may have. We can arrange for this to be collected if necessary. Telephone Cathie Wood on 340129.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th August at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall, when the speaker will be Mr. Pitman telling us 'What the Butler Saw'.

The meeting in September, also at the Village Hall, will be on 12th September at 7.30pm, and the speaker will be Dr. Alick Jones, whose subject will be 'Garden Weeds - can we ever win?'

Guests will be welcome at both these meetings, to share an enjoyable evening and a cup of tea or coffee.

Mary Batten

Villagers' Fly-fishing Tickets 2017

Fly-fishing residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge are eligible to purchase a Village Ticket to fish the waters of the Mottisfont Estate during August or September.

We offer one £20 ticket per applicant, and the tickets are strictly for Mottisfont / Dunbridge residents, not for non-local friends or family members.

You do not need to be an expert, but you must have some fly-fishing experience, your own kit, and a rod licence. Please email Sarah on admin@mottisfont.org.uk.

Fly-fishing Tuition 2017

There will be an opportunity for up to 6 local residents interested in learning fly-fishing to have an afternoon's tuition from Neil, the NT river keeper, on Sunday 10th September. Tickets are £10.

To reserve a place, please email neil.swift@nationaltrust.org.uk.

If you have your own fly-fishing kit, please bring it!

Test Valley Lecture Wednesday 20th September

Our first lecture of the new 2017-2018 season of Test Valley Lectures will be on Wednesday 20th September at Winchester's historic Water Mill. There will be a presentation on the history of milling on this site given by a senior miller, followed by a tour of the working mill assisted by our own Peter Jenkins, who volunteers as a miller.

Please note the early start to the event of 6pm for refreshments, with the talk starting at 6.30 pm. There is local city parking. The normal TVL entrance fee of £4 applies, and we will be making a donation to the 'Save the Mill' fund, so please support this venture.

Please could you confirm your interest in attending by email to peterwjenkins "at" me "dot" com, so that the Mill can manage the tour to our best advantage.

River Open Day: An Invitation to Local Residents

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 20th 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 20th August.

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

Dear Friends,

So that we can begin to know what people think about their local church, and what they want from their local church, we are going to be brave and a



church, we are going to be brave and ask for their views via a Deanery-wide survey.

We need the results of this survey to inform our Deanery planning day on 16th September, so we want to receive as many responses as possible from across all of the parishes. We will then know more about the real views of our local communities, rather than relying on what others think they might be.

We are going to seek this information in two ways:

1. The best way whenever possible is to ask you to

complete a survey on line – which can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/yourlocalchurch. The advantage of using Survey Monkey is that we don't have to distribute paper surveys by hand (although we do have to publicise it). It will then collect the data for us, and supply it to us in a way that we can analyse easily. This will save a huge amount of admin and typing!

2. The same questionnaire will be in a paper booklet for people who don't have access to a computer, or prefer not to do things on line. These will be available in church.

With blessings

Ron.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2017									
	6th August TRINITY 8	13th August TRINITY 9	20th August TRINITY 10	27th August TRINITY 11					
8.00 am	BROUGHTON HC CW	- BROUGHTON HC BCP		-					
9.30 am	BOSSINGTON HC BCP	BROUGHTON HC CW HOUGHTON HC CW	BROUGHTON Family Service MOTTISFONT HC BCP	BROUGHTON Family Communion CW					
11.00 am	-	MOTTISFONT Messy Church Club	-	MOTTISFONT Family Communion CW					
6.00 pm	-	-	-	HOUGHTON Evensong					
CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2017									
	3rd September TRINITY 12	10th September TRINITY 13	17th September TRINITY 14	24th September TRINITY 15					
8.00 am	BROUGHTON HC CW	-	BROUGHTON HC BCP	-					
9.30 am	BOSSINGTON HC BCP BROUGHTON The Bible Uncovered	-	BROUGHTON Family Service MOTTISFONT HC BCP	BROUGHTON Family Communion CW					
11.00 am	-	MOTTISFONT HC CW for the Benefice	-	MOTTISFONT Family Communion CW					
6.00 pm	MOTTISFONT Evensong	-	-	HOUGHTON Evensong					
		ednesday 9.30am St. Mary's nunion; BCP = Book of Com							

The Thomas Dowse's Charity: **BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR** What do we do? Can we help? Thursdays at 2.30pm in the Meeting Room at St. Mary's Church, Broughton The Thomas Dowse's Charity is able to provide grants to individuals up to the age of 25, living in **Events for September** Broughton, Bossington, Mottisfont and Dunbridge. 7th September: Members meeting 14th September: Mrs. Linda Milburn The grants are for educational purposes, including 21st September: Members meeting such things as the cost of school trips, music tuition, 28th September: Members meeting overseas educational trips, uniform, swimming (preparation for Anniversary Service) lessons, transport to educational establishments, laptops, and books. Everyone welcome, please come and join us. Here are a few of the thank you messages we have Please note: received recently: there will NOT be anv Bright Hour during August. "I've recently returned from my rugby tour ... a massive thank you for your donation" Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466 "... we are so thrilled, it will be such a help to us ..." **BOSSINGTON MEDITATIONS** "Thank you very much for the donation. It is much needed and will help me so much over the next We had good attendances at our last series, and vear." this has encouraged us to present a new series in the autumn. "We are so pleased. He is going to have an amazing first trip. Thank you." Our theme will be "Christian Entrepreneurs" and we have chosen Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Applications are treated in strict confidence. Army, for September; Dr. Barnado, founder of the Applicants must demonstrate need, but there is no children's homes, for October; and John Wesley, means testing. founder of the Wesleyan Church, for November. Applications for consideration at the next meeting Services start at 6pm on the third Sunday of the should be received by the secretary by Sunday, month, last half an hour, and are followed by 10th September. refreshments. Grant application forms are available from St. We shall be glad to welcome you. Mary's Church, Broughton, Mottisfont Church, Broughton Primary School, or by email from tinastuart1 at gmail dot com. Keeping up with the grass Our grass at home has grown amazingly quickly in spite of the dry weather, and I've heard the mowers busy nearby, so when I visited the Churchyard in Church Lane it was good to see that it has had a short cut, courtesy of our sponsor. Tel: 01264 810 601 timlowden@gmail.com I think most local people visit their family graves STOCKBRIDGE MUSIC from time to time and give them an extra tidy. If not, please consider it. Of course, there are those **DELMEGE STRING QUARTET** graves for which no relatives or friends are local. It Stockbridge Town Hall would be guite in order for anyone to adopt one of Saturday 16th September, 7.30pm these and give them a tidy occasionally. Tickets (£14) available from: Thank you to all those who already help in this www.jumblebee.co.uk/stockbridgemusic mammoth task. The Lights Theatre Box Office (01264 368368) Roger Tym (01264 810363) Valda White Robinsons Butchers, Stockbridge for St Andrew's Church and at the door

Parish Council MILL ARMS RE-OPENING SOON We have been encouraged by the number of local Parish Council meetings for the remainder of 2017 residents who have stopped by to enquire about our will be on: plans for the Mill Arms and when we will be reopenina. Wednesday, 20th September Wednesday, 22nd November Well, we are pleased to officially announce via The Acorn that we will re-open the bar and restaurant on Wednesday 16th August from 12 noon. We would Scarecrow Display also like to invite local residents to join us and all and Competition at our contractors on Tuesday 15th August from 6the Fete 8pm for a drink and preview of the work we have ben undertaking. Have you got your scarecrow Many of you will be aware that Gary and I already ready for the fete? run The Hunters Inn in Romsey, coincidentally a beloved local that had also been closed and If not, there are still a couple boarded up, and which we re-opened in August of weeks to go, so there's still 2013. time to get cracking! Gary spent his early years in Mottisfont, and then West Dean, before moving to Romsey, and has run a number of businesses locally. WHIST I was born in King's Somborne. My father worked The next scheduled monthly Whist Drives at the for many years at Strongs, and then Whitbread, and Village Hall are: I also started my career at Whitbread and then Grand Met (Watneys). After a career in Human • Friday 29th September Resources that included 5 years in the US, I Friday 27th October returned to Romsey in 2004, and run an HR • Friday 24th November Consultancy business. and don't forget our fantastic Christmas Whist Drive We manage our other business interests, along with our passion for hospitality, by employing fantastic on Friday 15th December. managers for the day to day running of our pubs (many of you know Shona Pickering at The The cost will remain at £2 per person. As ever, Hunters). I will be very pleased to introduce my refreshments are included; there's a raffle, and sister, Lorna Burton, to you, who along with her more importantly, good company with a laugh or husband, Mike, will reside at the Mill Arms. Lorna two. has worked part time at The Hunters, and following There will be a pre-whist drink at the Mill Arms in a catering course at Cricklade, Lorna worked at hotels in Winchester, Crowthorne and Windsor. early September. More recently she has worked for the Civil Service. Gordon & Cathie, 340129 It's rare to get the opportunity to do a major refurbishment. However, taking on a pub that is **FISH USURPING SHEEP!** already closed gives us the opportunity to undertake a lot of works in one go. The conservatory has I went into Lockerley Primary School this afternoon been replaced, and the gardens have been opened and about fifteen children, spent a couple of hours up to provide a wider choice of outdoor seating. painting my fish, or rather our 'Three Rivers The chimneys have been repaired, and we're Community Rail Partnership Fish': salmon, trout, looking forward to roaring fires in the winter. (rainbow & brown) and grayling. We still have major works to undertake on the letting These will replace the various Shaun The Sheep, rooms and function room, but the function room will be available for Christmas functions, and letting

currently on Mottisfont and Dunbridge Station, which are now getting a bit old.

The fish should be on display by the time you are reading this.

Gordon

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Gina McDonald

rooms should be available from mid- September.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Mill

Arms and becoming a part of the local community.

CYNTHIA FLETCHER	Annie's Kitchen and Tea Room			
It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Cynthia Fletcher on 20th July, after a long illness.	Hi Everyone,			
Cynthia was born in Fleet, Hampshire, and her father was a police constable. She moved to Mill	Wow, how busy we have been at Annie's! We even missed the July edition of the Acorn, that's how busy.			
Lane in Romsey in the early 1940s. She met her husband Angus at the Crosfield Hall in Romsey, and moved to Dunbridge from Danes Road in 1965/6, when they took over Dunbridge Stores from George	I sit here today in bright sunshine with the hopes that it will remain like this throughout August. So, what do we have on in August?			
Fletcher. They retired in June 1989 and closed the Stores.	As always, we have Fish Friday - but special for August at £9.95.			
Cynthia loved gardening, and was a member of the Mottisfont Gardening Club. She also liked dancing, and for many years made cakes for the village fete.	Family Fun Day, 16th August. Hook-a-duck, coconut shy, face painting and loads more - bring the family.			
(Thanks to Tony Stemp - Eds.)	FREE evening of entertainment at our special fundraising evening at Annie's Kitchen & Tea Room on 30th August. Optional buffet at £9.95pp for 'The Frontline Walk', to raise money for ABF The Soldiers' Charity. Please come along.			
ALL CHANGE!				
A new era dawns at Mottisfont & Dunbridge Station this month. <i>First MTR</i> * will take over running				
passenger train services from South West Trains on Sunday, 20th August.	We have a Quiz Night on 12th September, starting at 7pm. £14.95 with buffet.			
First MTR has declined to release details of its South Western Trains livery until services take to the tracks, but infrastructure at Mottisfont & Dunbridge Station has been redecorated in advance of the changes.	We are always looking for ideas for events at Annie's, whether that's Blues nights, Bingo, Dominoes nights, skittles nights. TELL US WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ON AT ANNIE'S. Let us know at enquiries@annies.co.uk.			
First MTR's contract will last seven years, and if the new company's services meet government criteria	See you soon The Annie's Team			
and the public's expectations, the franchise is likely to be renewed when it is up for grabs in 2024.	www.annieskitchen.co.uk enquiries@annieskitchen.co.uk			
A spokesperson for the company said: "The timetable changes we propose in December 2019 (the first opportunity we will get to implement our	Kimbridge Lane, Timsbury SO51 0LE			
proposals) will need to be consulted upon, as will all timetable plans."	FISH AND CHIPS			
First MTR is investing more than one billion pounds into improvements of the train services across its network. "Our proposals already mention plans to invest in stations, improve customer information, refurbish trains to include wifi aboard and charging points, and increase the number of Sunday services," added the spokesperson.	There is a change of date for the August Fish and Chips from Dawn and Keith. They will come to Mill Rise on Monday 7th August between 5 and 6pm.			
The new company's operating name will be South Western Trains - almost identical to the current franchise holder (Stagecoach) South West Trains.	From September they plan to be back to the first Wednesday of every month. However, if there is any change to this we will put posters on the village			
Andy Simmonds	notice boards, and if time, put			
* MTR comes from the name Mass Transit Railway.	Pat and Dave			

Pat and Dave

MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

The club is involved in many competitive leagues:



Mondays: Snooker and Ladies' Darts

Tuesdays: Billiards and a new Ladies' Darts team playing in the Eastleigh League

Wednesdays: Pool League, which is run by the club

Thursdays: Crib League, and also there is Bingo - don't forget the club opens at 5pm Fridays: Men's Darts League, and don't forget the club opens at 5pm

Sundays: Skittles League also run by the club.

If you are interested in any of these, please come to the club and speak to Linda or a committee member.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

Sunday 13th August: The Committee would like to invite everyone to the Club after the fete, when there will be a BBQ and entertainment.
Saturday 2nd September: there will be a quiz at the Club in aid of the Football Club. 8pm start.
Saturday 23rd September: Mottisfont Cricket Club Presentation evening.

The Skittles league will be starting in October. If you are interested in playing, please either contact the club on 340521 or email david "dot" chase159 "at" btinternet "dot" com.

MOTTISFONT FOOTBALL CLUB



at the Social Club Saturday, 2nd September starting at 8pm

Teams of up to 6

Raffle

Entrance £2 per person

MOTTISFONT CRICKET CLUB presents

GRUCK RACING

on the Abbey Water at Mottisfont Abbey Sunday 3rd September at 4.30pm

> An event of eight races First race at 5pm

ADMISSION FREE

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	Councillors	Julia Barnett	340793			(request to be put through to Romsey to		
		Peter Barnett	340793		speak to Joar	nna Cole)		
					Non-emergen	cy calls	101	

Who's Who, What's What and Where's Where in Mottisfont & Dunbridge

The Acorn is also available at www.theacorn.org.uk, where you will also find links to local schools, pubs, trains, council, church, WI and more

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