



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



The Village Newsletter

August - September 2018

**Sunday 12th August, 1pm - 4.30pm
at the Village Hall**

Mottisfont Village Fete



featuring



**Family Dog Show - Agility Dogs - The Great Mottisfont Bake Off
The Village Scarecrow Judging - Tony's Famous Grand Draw
Huge Inflatable Slide - Tug of War - Lots of Games and Stalls
Photo Booth - Face painting - Hair braids - Glitter and Henna Tattoos
Flying Fishing Auction - Live Music from The Romsey Ukulele Group
BBQ - Street Food - Candy Floss - Teas, Coffees and Cakes
Bric-a-Brac and Books - Preserves - Tombola - Used Toys
Bar - Pimms and Prosecco
*and much more!!***



Dog Show and Judging by Hansard's Pet Supplies



Cake Competition - Judging by Lauren Williams of Amazacakes

Free Admission - Free Parking - Wheelchair Friendly - Dog Friendly

HELP NEEDED!

Can you spare an hour or two on Saturday 11th August from 10am to put up gazebos and stalls?



Also on Sunday during or after the Fete to help clear up?

TOMBOLA!

We are open for donations of prizes for the Tombola!

Donations can be left at the Social Club or at Bengers Cottage, Bengers Lane.



BAKE-OFF!

Any design you like in the theme of The World Cup.

Under 16s:

6 Cup Cakes or one big cake.

Adults:

A Show Stopper!



USED TOYS!

Please donate any used toys in good condition for the toy stall at the Fete.

All proceeds go to the Children's Christmas Party.

Please call Catherine Jenkins on 340922 or Tracey Sheppard on 341939 to arrange to drop off.

Fete Contact: Sarah Cox on 278834 or 07903 652016

Registered Charity no: 291629

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



**National
Trust**

Dear friends and neighbours,

We had a successful rose season despite the heat-wave that developed towards the end of the month – though the plants, trees and lawns could really do with some rain now, as could the rivers and streams.

This rose season, we tried a new system of filtering members coming down Bengers Lane straight into the north paddock overflow car park from the start of the day, which eased the traffic flow considerably and lessened the number of vehicles coming through the village. One advantage of the dry weather is that the lower overflow next to our main car park is now able to be used, so if it's needed during the summer holidays, we'll be able to take people straight into there.

If you have little ones around over the next couple of months, or if you have happy memories of reading stories of Mog the cat or the Tiger who Came to Tea, do pop in to see the new exhibition in the gallery.



Louise, about to take tea with her new friend.

There are wonderful illustrations by the author and artist Judith Kerr, and a fantastic little play kitchen for our younger visitors, complete with a giant cuddly tiger for photo opportunities! As usual, there's a trail around the grounds as well.

There have been some reports of anti-social behaviour in Spearywell Woods, with people riding on motorbikes along the tracks. They have been reported to the police, and National Trust rangers are also on the look-out for this behaviour. We are also speaking to neighbouring land-owners who have experienced similar problems, to see if there's anything more we can do to prevent this.

With the temperatures currently soaring so high, we would be very grateful if everyone could be vigilant about discarded rubbish or fly-tipping, particularly

anything involving glass bottles or reflective materials, to minimise the fire risk. If it's a piece of rubbish, we'd really appreciate it being collected and disposed of by anyone seeing it; for significant fly-tips, please as always let the estate office know at Mottisfont, on 344001.

Hope you all enjoy the summer, and manage to stay cool at least some of the time.

With best wishes,

Louise

For families...

Judith Kerr: The Tiger Who Came to Tea Until Sunday 2 September, 10am-5pm

We're celebrating the 50th anniversary of this much-loved classic with an exhibition and family trail. The exhibition - originated by Seven Stories, the National Centre for Children's Books - brings this delightful and enduring picture book to a new generation of family audiences.

The magic of The Tiger Who Came to Tea story is brought vividly to life with a giant cuddly tiger and an interactive kitchen, so that children can make their own tea for the tiger, as well as enjoying Judith Kerr's iconic drawings. You'll also be able to see over 30 original illustrations from other well-loved works by Judith Kerr, such as the Mog stories.

In the gardens...

A display of colourful cosmos within the outer borders of the central walled garden provides colour in August. Flowering right through until October, the herbaceous borders continue to boast a huge variety of plants chosen for their structure, scent and eye-catching colours. Bordering two sides of the historic central pathway in the walled gardens, these deep flower beds boast many of Graham Stuart Thomas's favourite perennials.

In the gallery...

The Mottisfont Open Exhibition 2018 Saturday 15 September – Sunday 11 November, 11am-5pm

A wide variety of media and styles submitted by artists from all backgrounds, selected by a panel of specialists. The Open Exhibition is a popular fixture in Mottisfont's calendar, giving any artist the opportunity to display work in our gallery.

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 SUPPER

Please put 10th November in your diary as we plan to hold a village supper on that date.

If you could volunteer to make a savoury or sweet dish for the meal, please let me know.

More details of the menu will be in the October Acorn.

Pat Francis
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The WI



'BINGO!' This was the sound heard at our last meeting!! There were 14 members present to enjoy a very happy evening playing bingo, which was provided by one of our members. The meeting was very informal and gave a chance for members to chat and enjoy a biscuit or two with a cup of tea or coffee.

Whilst this was an informal evening, we did discuss our entry for the WI tent at Romsey show also forthcoming events. Lunch has been arranged at the Lavender Farm on Thursday 26th July; also a visit to Houghton Lodge for afternoon tea on Thursday 16th August. We will also be having a Bric-a-Brac stall at Mottisfont fete on Sunday 12th August. If you have any items for our stall we would welcome these and collection could be arranged by phoning Cathie on 340129.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th August at 7.30 in Mottisfont Village Hall. The speaker will be Godfrey Collyer, and his subject will be 'Southampton & The Stage Coaches'.

The meeting in September is on Tuesday 11th at 7.30pm at Mottisfont Village Hall, when there will be a talk on the RNLI from Caroline Tilley.

A warm welcome awaits any visitors, or ladies interested in joining our group.

Mary Batten

We're taking a break!

Even though we may already have had most of the hot weather, the *Acorn* editors will be taking their summer break from preparing the next edition while slaving over a hot computer.



If all goes according to plan, the *Acorn* will return with the October edition.

We wish you a very pleasant summer!

Julia and Peter

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

Come and join neighbours and friends for a chat over a drink at the Mill Arms.

Thursday, 30th August at 7pm

Come and join us! The break will do you good!

Don't forget the new village web site:

www.mottisfontpc.org.uk

for the village calendar and lots of other information!

Send us your ideas of what you would like to see on the web site.

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus Committee

Charity Number: 284910

There is an ongoing need to recruit a small number of new volunteers to drive the Community Bus. In the first instance we are looking for people aged between 21 and 70, with a normal car licence (to include Group D – on the reverse), and willing to make a contribution to the village and community life. The commitment is not onerous, and duties are planned and negotiated.

Full briefing and familiarisation is given.

If you are interested, please contact either Peter Broome on 301635, or George Vaughan on 301045.

A message from St. Andrew's Parish Church

How's your number been? Healthy and happy I hope, but if not, where could you have found help and comfort?

In St. Andrew's Church you could find small take-away cards with an abridged version of the 23rd Psalm on them, part of which says "Because the Lord is my shepherd I have everything I could ever want or need". I wonder if you believe that. I truly have found that this quotation has carried me through all sorts of circumstances, particularly when I've felt desperate and thought that I'd never get through the day.

I'm sure I've read the 23rd Psalm more than any other. It refers to just about everything we meet in our lives, whether good or not so good. That's the 'want or need' bit. Try using it as a prayer, and remember that the 'Because' bit which I quote above is very important. Oh, and 'want or need' is nothing to do with the Lottery.

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

	5th August TRINITY 10	12th August TRINITY 11	19th August TRINITY 12	26th August TRINITY 13
8am	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
11am	-	-	-	MOTTISFONT Family Communion CW
6pm	-	-	-	HOUGHTON Evensong

CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

	2nd September TRINITY 14	9th September TRINITY 15	16th September TRINITY 16	23rd September TRINITY 17	30th September TRINITY 18
8am	BROUGHTON HC CW	-	BROUGHTON HC BCP	-	-
9.30 am	BOSSINGTON HC BCP ----- BROUGHTON The Bible Uncovered	BROUGHTON HC CW ----- HOUGHTON HC CW	MOTTISFONT HC BCP	BROUGHTON Family Communion CW	HOUGHTON HC CW for the Benefice
11am	-	MOTTISFONT Messy Church Club	BROUGHTON HARVEST Family Service followed by a "Bring and Share" lunch in the church	MOTTISFONT Family Communion CW	-
6pm	MOTTISFONT Evensong	-	-	HOUGHTON Evensong	-

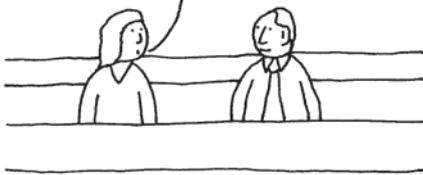
HC = Holy Communion

CW = Common Worship

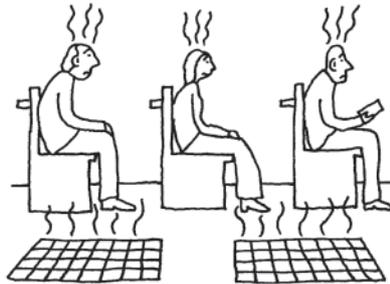
BCP = Book of Common Prayer

THE SUMMER

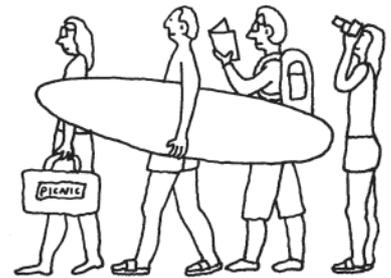
IT MEANS I DON'T HAVE TO
WASTE THE WHOLE DAY...



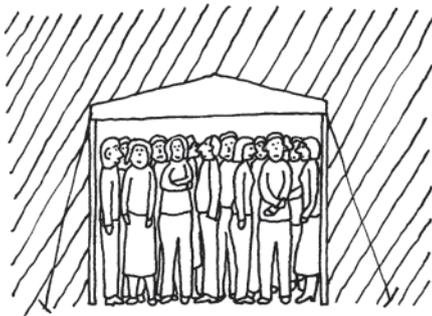
EARLY MORNING SERVICES
BECOME POPULAR



THE HEATING FINALLY
STARTS WORKING



A RELIEF CONGREGATION IS
BROUGHT IN TO COVER ABSENTEES



PARISH PICNICS
TAKE PLACE



THERE ARE NOT AS
MANY E-MAILS



MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH
SEND POSTCARDS

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I wonder if you believe you will meet the 'Shepherd' one day, and meet your loved ones too. It's so often mentioned in the news at times of disaster. 'Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones.'

I don't know all the answers, but I do believe that one day the bigger picture will be revealed.

May God bless you.

Valda White

Mottisfont & Dunbridge Railway Station

Cathie and I have been volunteers at the station since the set-up of the Three Rivers Community Rail Partnership many years ago.

I feel I would like to stand down, and maybe there is someone out there who would like to take over and plant up the summer and winter flowers, and have an interest in the station.

Expenses for money spent on the station are reimbursed, and there are just a couple of meetings each year, held at the Mill Arms with the volunteers from Romsey & Dean stations, chaired by Mark Miller.

Further information from Gordon Wood, 340129.

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for September

6th September: Mrs. Mary Savage

13th September: TBA

20th September: TBA

27th September: Members Meeting

12th September: Lunch at Rosebourne
Garden Centre

19th September: Members Meeting

26th September: Tea at Ann's

Everyone welcome, please come and join us.

Please note: there will not be any meetings during August.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

River Open Day An Invitation to Local Residents

Mottisfont Fly-Fishing Club and the National Trust are pleased to invite residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge to enjoy the beautiful riverbanks of the Oakley, Rectory and Dun beats on Sunday 26th 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 6pm.

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 26th August.

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

STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY CINEMA

Wednesday 29th August



Finding Your Feet (Cert 12A)

On the eve of retirement, a middle class, judgmental snob (Imelda Staunton) discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend, and finds refuge with her estranged, bohemian older sister Bif (Celia Imrie). But could the change in scenery and dynamic be just what Sandra needs, especially when she joins a community dance class?

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall, SO20 6HE, at 4.30pm and 7.30pm. Doors open 30 minutes before the start time. Air conditioning has now been installed in the hall for your added comfort. Tickets £5.00 from Garden Inn and John Robinson in Stockbridge, or online via our website: www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk.

The difference between precision and accuracy

An article in a recent edition of New Scientist nicely illustrated the difference between precision and accuracy.

A reader received directions to a holiday cottage they were renting, in the form of GPS co-ordinates. So many decimal places were given that the precision of the location was less than the width of a human hair!

Unfortunately the location given was several miles away from the correct address...



Villagers' Fly-fishing Tickets 2018

Fly-fishing residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge are eligible to purchase a Village Ticket to fish the waters of the Mottisfont Estate from August to October. We offer one £20 ticket per applicant, and the tickets are strictly for Mottisfont or 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: admin@mottisfont.org.uk.



Fly-fishing Tuition 2018

There will be an opportunity for up to 6 local residents interested in learning fly-fishing to have an afternoon's expert tuition from the riverkeeper on Wednesday 15th August. Tickets are £10. To reserve a place, please email Neil: neil.swift@nationaltrust.org.uk. If you have your own fly-fishing kit, please bring it!



More Internet Scams

Hampshire Alert has recently sent out warnings about two scams:

Argos

People have been receiving texts purporting to be from Argos and stating that you are owed a refund. If you click on the link in the text, it takes you to a fake web site that is designed to look like it is run by Argos, but is actually operated by the scammers, and is designed to steal your log-in details.

Amazon

There has been an increase in the number of fake Amazon emails. Similarly to the fake Argos texts, if you click on a link in the email, it will take you to a fake site that looks like an Amazon log-in page, but is actually there to steal your log-in details.

As Hampshire Alert says: "**Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it's a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.**"

Do you know that the text of a link (usually appearing in blue and underlined) can be completely different from the link itself? Sometimes scammers will put a link into an email that looks something like:

"...please log in to your account at www.my-bank.com"

but the link actually takes you to the scammers' page, such as www.definitely-not-my-bank.com/.

There is a simple way to check the actual destination of a link, without going there. Just position the cursor over the link **but do NOT click it**. Somewhere at the bottom of the window should appear the actual link destination; if this does not look like the site you are expecting to go to, then it's almost certainly a scam. (This should work with most email and web browser software.) But beware: some scammers get clever and set up a working link along the following lines:

[www.my-bank.com.some-random-characters.definitely-not-my-bank.com/...](http://www.my-bank.com.some-random-characters.definitely-not-my-bank.com/)

The first part is meant to convince you that you are on my-bank's site, but in reality you are on definitely-not-my-bank! The trick is to look for the "/" character, and then examine what's immediately before it.

This may all seem a bit complicated, and if so, just stick to the simple rule: **never click on a link in an unexpected email or text.**

MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting dates for 2018 – 19

Wednesday 19th September 2018

Wednesday 21st November 2018

Wednesday 16th January 2019

Wednesday 13th March 2019

Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday 24th April 2019

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday
15th May 2019*

* Please note that the date of the AGM may be subject to change in the event that the Village Hall is needed as a Polling Station for elections.

Parish council minutes, etc. can be found at
www.mottisfontpc.org.uk/pc/pc.php

The Thomas Dowse's Charity: What do we do? Can we help?

The Thomas Dowse's Charity is able to provide grants to individuals up to the age of 25, living in Broughton, Bossington, Mottisfont and Dunbridge.

The grants are for educational purposes, including such things as the cost of school trips, music tuition, overseas educational trips, uniform, swimming lessons, transport to educational establishments, laptops, and books.

Here are a few of the thank you messages we have received recently:

"I've recently returned from my rugby tour ... a massive thank you for your donation."

"... we are so thrilled, it will be such a help to us ..."

"Thank you very much for the donation. It is much needed and will help me so much over the next year."

"We are so pleased. He is going to have an amazing first trip. Thank you."

Applications are treated in strict confidence. Applicants must demonstrate need, but there is no means testing.

Applications for consideration at the next meeting should be received by the secretary by Sunday, 16th September.

Grant application forms are available from St. Mary's Church, Broughton, Mottisfont Church, Broughton Primary School, or by email from tinastuart1-at-g-mail-dot-com (remove the dashes, and change "at" to "@" and "dot" to ".").

MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

Teams are starting to prepare for the winter season. We are hoping to have a second team in the Billiards League this year and a mixed Darts team playing on a Wednesday in the Airborne League.



Fridays: Two Darts Teams, Romsey Men's Darts League.

Saturdays: Meat Draw every other week - Meat supplied by Owtons. Find the joker game.

Sundays: We have our own Skittle League, 10 people in a team. We are always looking for new teams to join.

Most of these activities take place between September and May apart from ladies' darts, bingo and the meat draw which take place all year round.

If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact the club on 340521, or pop in for a drink.

Regular Activities at Mottisfont Social Club



Mondays: Ladies' Darts Team, Romsey and District Ladies' Dart League. Snooker Team - Division 2 of the Southampton Snooker League.

Tuesdays: Billiards Team, Test Valley Billiards League.

Wednesdays: Free snooker and pool night.

Thursdays: Crib Team, Romsey Crib League. Bingo - this is very popular, with a chance of winning up to £100.

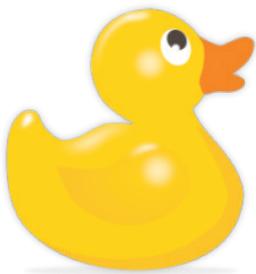
Why not pop into the club for a drink after the Gruck Racing on 5th August?



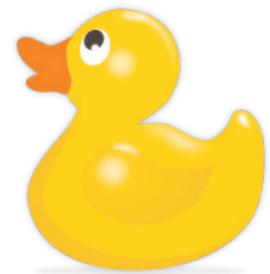
MOTTISFONT C. C. presents

GRUCK RACING

Sponsored by Green Power Projects Ltd and the Mill Arms



On The River Test At Mottisfont Abbey
Sunday 5th August, 4.30pm
An Event Of Eight Races
First Race 5.00pm



ADMISSION FREE!
BBQ - Children's Competition
Programme 25p (Lucky Programme Draw)

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