



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



The Village Newsletter

February 2018

Village beetle drive with pie and mash supper

Village Hall Saturday 3rd March 7.30pm

Don't forget to book your place on the beetle drive and supper. The hall will be open from 7pm.

Cost is £10 a head, and a £5 deposit is needed as we have to order the pies in advance. All profits from the evening will go towards funding the annual maintenance cost of the two defibrillators in the village. Cheques should be made payable to: "The Community Heartbeat Trust".

Let us have your choice of pie with a £5 deposit. You can choose from:

- Steak and kidney
- Chicken and mushroom
- Cheese and onion pasty

All served with mashed potato and gravy. Bring your own drinks.

Donations of prizes for the raffle will be welcome.

Early booking is advised, as numbers will have to be limited to 40.

Bookings to Dave & Pat Francis at Hawthorn Cottage in Lockerley Road, Dunbridge, tel. 340609 or email patfrancis-dot-romsey-at-g-mail-dot-com (remove the dashes, change "at" to "@" and "dot" to ".").

Why do we do this to email addresses? The Acorn is put on a web site, so is available for the world to see. Unfortunately some computers have been programmed to search web sites for email addresses that are collected and sold to people who then send unwanted email (spam) to these addresses. Disguising email addresses helps prevent them from being found in this way.

MICROWAVE, TO COLLECT, FREE

4 in 1 combination microwave oven, i.g.c., with instruction booklet.
Ring 368346

PARISH WEB SITE NOW LIVE!

Funded by the Parish Council, we now have a web site at

www.mottisfontpc.org.uk

The site has been designed for use by people who live in the parish, rather than as an advertisement about us to the rest of the world. It's not fully populated with information yet. It has also been designed so that it works on screens of all sizes, including mobile phones, tablets and PCs.

What would you like to see on our web site?

When you have had a look round the site, click on the "contact us" link on the left hand side, and let us know what you think could be added. One idea is information for newcomers to the area, but what should this include?

All reasonable ideas will be considered!

By the way, there is no intention to replace the printed version of the Acorn!

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

We're delighted that the "Meet the Neighbours" chat-over-a-drink events at the Mill Arms continue to be popular!

The next one will be on

Thursday, 15th February at 7pm

Annual General Meeting Mottisfont Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to all villagers on

Thursday 22 March at 7.30pm

for
Drinks and Nibbles

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



**National
Trust**

Dear friends and neighbours,

Spring is just around the corner – we already have snowdrops appearing around the Abbey, and we're awaiting the blooming of thousands of new bulbs that were put in by the river in the snowdrop walk that Gary and his volunteers created last autumn.

They've made a lovely bark path that snakes through the flowers, and it's going to be a beautiful spot for a walk this year.

Work continues on installing the new eco-friendly waste water treatment unit in the farmyard, and on starting the construction of the new ornamental kitchen garden in the frameyard, the first section of the walled garden. It will also begin to tell the story of our beautiful rose collection, and we can't wait to see the designs start coming to life on the ground.

The decorators are hard at work all over the Abbey, refreshing the paint on the walls of the Coach House Café, the West Corridor of the house, and also the gallery. All the lovely colours that we added to the walls for the Kaffe Fassett exhibition have been put back to more neutral tones (I'm a bit sad about that, but I'll get over it!), and by the time this edition of Acorn is published, we'll have opened our latest exhibition, Heath Robinson: Dreams and Machines. It features some wonderfully comic drawings of contraptions by the great inventor of unnecessary devices, as well as showcasing his beautiful book and magazine illustrations and the landscapes that he painted for pleasure.

Hopefully also by the time this appears, our contractors will have been able to start work replacing the boundary fence that runs through the village. At the time of writing, they are awaiting permission for a temporary road closure from the council; as there were several others requested by other people before Christmas, quite understandably they've said that we need to wait a little while so that local residents have a break in between works that require off-peak road closures.

At a national level, we've welcomed the news that Hilary McGrady has been appointed new Director-General of the National Trust. She will take over in March from Dame Helen Ghosh who, after six years with us, and having put in place an ambitious ten year strategy, is going to be Master of Balliol College in Oxford.

Hilary is currently the Trust's Chief Operating Officer, so is responsible for the care and operation of all of our properties. Originally trained in graphic design, Hilary's career path started in the drinks industry in brand and marketing. In 1998, she moved to become director of a national arts charity and was

subsequently seconded in 2002 to become CEO of Belfast's bid to become European Capital of Culture. A two year return to the private sector as cultural tourism consultant preceded her move to the National Trust, where she has been Regional Director in Northern Ireland, Wales and London & South East before her current national role. She has visited Mottisfont many times, and will I'm sure be back to see us again soon.

That's it for now - I hope everyone's recovering from this winter's horrible colds and 'flu, and that we'll see you for a stroll through the snowdrops soon.

With all best wishes,

Louise

Louise Govier

General Manager, Mottisfont & SW Hants Group
01794 344006

In the gallery...

Heath Robinson: Dreams and Machines

20 January – 14 April 2018 11am-5pm (4pm until 5 February)

From quirky machinery to exquisite watercolours, this exhibition showcases the wit and talent of this household name. In the 1930s, Heath Robinson became known as "The Gadget King", and he is still most widely remembered for his detailed drawings of eccentric, over-complicated contraptions. But he was also a talented painter, trained at the Royal Academy. Our exhibition features over 60 works covering the extraordinary breadth of his work, from humourous magazine illustrations to dream-like watercolour landscapes and scenes from Shakespeare.

For families...

Heath Robinson inventions trail

20 January – 29 March 11am-5pm (4pm until 5 February)

Experiment and play around the grounds with a Heath Robinson-inspired family trail. Known as "The Gadget King", Heath Robinson was famous for his hilarious drawings of over-complicated inventions. This trail introduces his quirky imagination, with gadget-themed activities. You'll even get the chance to make your own curious contraption - and we're running a competition for the best designs. £1 per trail.

In the grounds...

The winter garden continues to boast beautiful colours into early spring, from brightly coloured bark to flowering perennials. At the start of February, drifts of snowdrops will decorate our waterways – we've created a new pathway beside the river to take in the best displays. The first spring flowers may start to appear towards the end of the month, around the winter garden

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STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY CINEMA

Sunday 4 February

Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty (Cert U)

Recorded Live Ballet with sumptuous sets and costumes, evocative lighting and masterly storytelling.

You will be transported in time from the halcyon days of the late Edwardian era through to the modern day. A world full of magic, fairies, vampires, love and romance, all brought to life by uniquely talented dancers.

Will Princess Aurora ever find her true love again?

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 4.30pm and 7.30pm

Friday 16 February
In Between (Cert 15)

Drama following the lives of three strong, independent minded Israeli-Palestinian women who find themselves in between the free and unfettered lives they're aspiring to lead, and the restrictions imposed on them by their country and families.

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm

Wednesday 21 February
Victoria & Abdul (Cert PG)

Abdul Karim arrives from India to participate in Queen Victoria's golden jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself.

As Victoria questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy.

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 4.30pm and 7.30pm. Doors open 30 minutes before the start time.

Tickets £5.00 from Garden Inn and John Robinson in Stockbridge, or online via our website www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk.

Please see our website for more information and special Stockbridge meal deals.

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and under our ancient trees.

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



2018 started off with 16 members and 1 guest present to hear a talk by James Montgomery on his 30 years in television. He started working in Australia, and then returned to work with Southern Television, where he spent time on various types of programmes.

An evening meal is planned for 7.30pm on 22nd February at the Mill Arms, Dunbridge. If you'd like to come along, please contact me on 514384, as we will have to let the pub know the numbers attending beforehand.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th February at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall. We are to have a visit of Feathered Friends from the Ferndown Owl Academy, together with Mick. Visitors and guests will be very welcome to come along and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and biscuit.

Mary Batten

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.

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men, women and children of all ages. It is hoped that people of Broughton and the surrounding district will join them.

The service has been translated into more than 95 languages and 1000 dialects, and it starts in Samoa as the sun rises, ending as the sun sets off the coast of American Samoa.

We will be joining people all around the world, who care about our world and the people who live in it. We will know that people from Suriname, and many others, will be praying with us on 2nd March.

Our service starts at 2.30pm. There will be refreshments after the service. Please come, and thank you. Ann Ridout.

Thoughts from St. Andrew's

Although we are now into February, we hope that it's not too late to wish you all a Peaceful and Blessed New Year!

New years and new beginnings often go hand in hand. But how many of those resolutions, so honestly made at the start of January, last on into February?

The problem with resolutions is that we tend to be too ambitious in our targets. A Keep Fit regime is spoiled by a pulled muscle; an Eat Less regime is spoiled by a birthday blow-out! Life can be so cruel at times. Our well-intentioned plans and aspirations can be thwarted in a moment. The unexpected ever lies in wait around the hidden corner. Change is ever waiting in the wings.

But, at the start of a New Year, change is the one thing of which we can be certain, for life is ever changing. However, our futures are not directed solely by such changes, but by the way in which we choose to respond to them. We may choose to see only obstacles, threats and difficulties, or we may choose to see fresh opportunities, and decide to make the most of them. Our personal response to such things is ever and only in our own hands.

From a Christian viewpoint, we should never forget that we do not travel the way forward alone. The past Christmas season reminds us that Jesus is also called Immanuel, which means 'God with us'.

Christmas and the New Year are now behind us, and we look forward to the season of Lent which

begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. This is a time of deep contemplation, and an opportunity to focus on our spiritual preparation for Easter, and the true meaning of the greatest festival in the Christian Year. As ever, you are invited to join us as we enter this period of preparation. In keeping with annual tradition, the Lent course comprises a series of weekly meetings accompanied by a simple lunch. Details of times and venues will be displayed on the St. Andrew's church noticeboard in due course. You may be sure of a warm welcome.

May God bless and be with us all.

From Sue Clutterbuck and Trish Armstrong,
Churchwardens.

Bossington Meditations 2018

The dates for our next trio of Meditations are as follows:

Sunday April 15th
Sunday May 20th
Sunday June 17th

The services begin at 6 pm and last for half an hour, with refreshments afterwards.

Our general title is "Christian Thinkers", and we shall be looking at St. Augustine, St. Thomas of Aquino, and the Reverend Dr. Teilhard de Chardin, all of whom have had eventful private lives.

Do join us if you can.

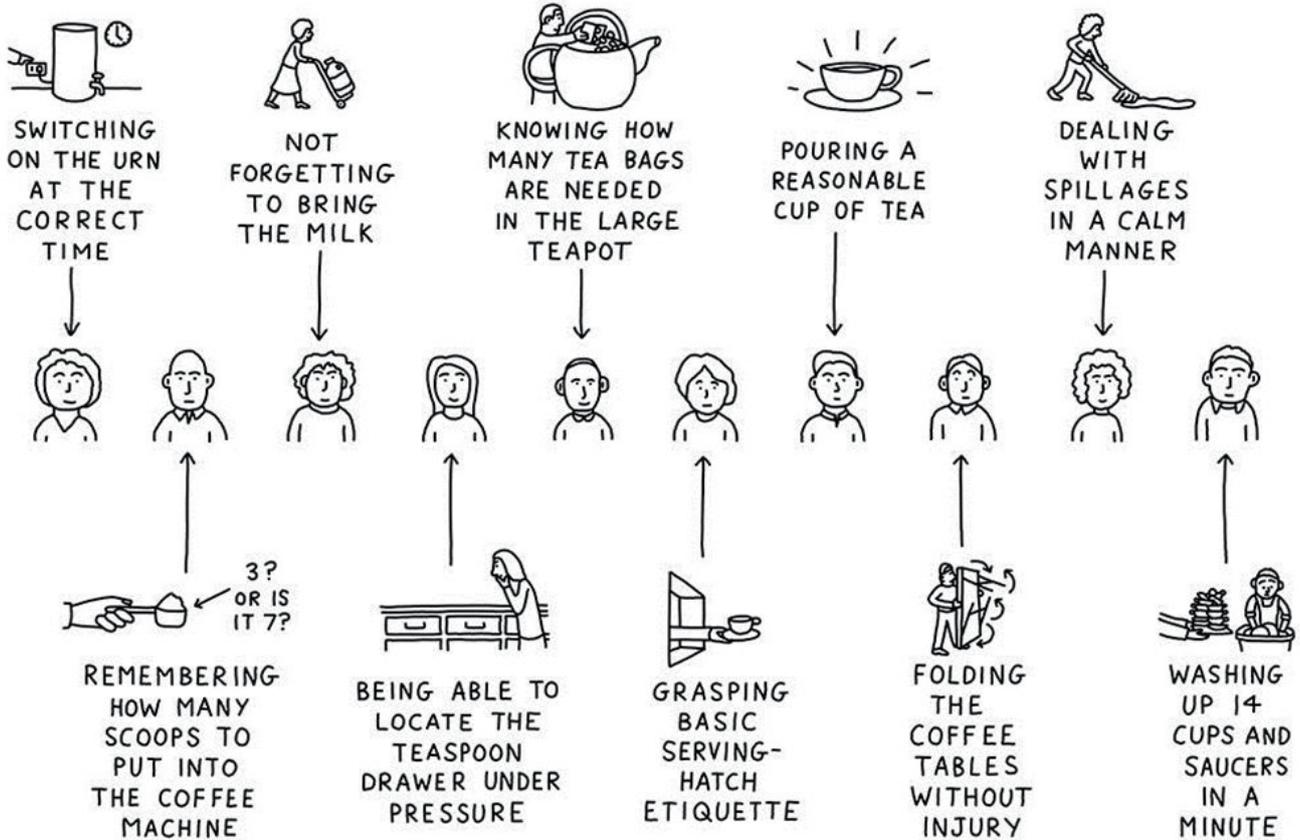
Desmond Graves

CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

	4th February Epiphany 5	11th February Sunday next before Lent	18th February Lent 1	25th February Lent 2
8.00 am	BROUGHTON HC CW	-	BROUGHTON HC BCP	-
9.30 am	BOSSINGTON HC BCP BROUGHTON The Bible Uncovered	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	MOTTISFONT Evensong	-	MOTTISFONT Evensong	-

SKILLS

GAINED OVER A LIFETIME OF CHURCHGOING



Supplied by the Area Dean, James Pitkin. © cartoonchurch.com

The Churches across the Deanery were very well-attended over Christmas and I hope that people will come to Church on other days in 2018! Visitors commented on our villages being welcoming. Thank you for being part of the Christmas Celebrations in our communities – I particularly enjoyed a 6 piece Youth 'wind band' playing at West Tytherley on Christmas Day.

This year Lent starts on 14th February (Ash Wednesday) and in our Deanery there will be a Lent Course (open to all) running at Poppies in Timsbury at 7.30pm on Wednesdays 21st & 28th February and 7th & 14th March.

Your Area (Rural) Dean, James
Rev James Pitkin - romseyareadean@gmail.com

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for February

1st February: Members meeting
8th February: Mr. David Stone
15th February: Members meeting
22nd February: Mr. Ivan Perryman

Everyone welcome. Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Friday, 2nd March at 2.30pm

World Day of Prayer at St. Mary's Church, Broughton

The Interdenominational Movement of the Women's World Day of Prayer 2018 invites everyone to attend one of over 5,000 services being held on 2nd March.

The title this year is 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' The service has been written by the women of Suriname in South America.

We have been called to join an estimated 3 million people around the world to celebrate with them this Day of Prayer. The service is for *continued on page 3*

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meetings will be on
14th March

and

25th April, 2018 (Annual Parish Meeting).

Records of last year's meetings are now available
on the new web site:

www.mottisfontpc.org.uk

STOCKBRIDGE MUSIC

Friday, 20th April
St Peter's Church, Stockbridge, 7.30pm

MAIASTRA STRING QUARTET

This string quartet will be made up of advanced students who will have been on a ten week chamber music course organised by the Aidan Woodcock Trust whose main objective is to provide each year four courses for such students.



Tel: 01264 810 601
timlowden@gmail.com

These post graduate level students are planning to make chamber music their career or part of their career. Each course culminates in three public concerts and the Trust has approached Stockbridge Music to ask if they could come to Stockbridge to perform one of their evening concerts.

They will be led by an established professional player, currently Professor Arisa Fujita of the Guildhall School.

I have never started a season with two string quartets, but, on the other hand, I have never been approached by two remarkable organisations to host such evenings, one at the top of the professional market, the other being at the top end of the student market, exactly fulfilling the aims of Stockbridge Music.

They will be playing:

Beethoven String Quartet in D major, Op. 18, No. 3
Shostakovich String Quartet in C major, Op. 49
Brahms String Quartet in C minor, Op.51 No.2

Tickets: £14 available from:

www.jumblebee.co.uk/stockbridgemusic

The Lights Theatre Box Office (01264 368368)

The local box offices will open one month before the concert.

Sponsored by: The Wykeham Gallery, Stockbridge

Great British Spring Clean

Following the success of Clean for the Queen in 2016, and the Great British Spring Clean in 2017, Keep Britain Tidy is once again encouraging everyone to get involved and carry out litter picks in their community.

This year, the Great British Spring Clean will take place between 2nd and 4th March. For more information, and to register your interest, please follow this link:

www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean



The Environmental Service will be carrying out several clean ups in support of this campaign, and we are doing all we can to promote and support it, including loaning litter picking equipment and collecting any litter.

If you have registered your interest and would like to borrow any equipment, please let us know, as stocks are limited and we are operating on a first come basis.

Thank you for helping to keep Test Valley free from litter.

ART GROUP

Come and join our none-too-serious group on a Thursday afternoon at the Village Hall, and create your own masterpiece.

Thursdays, 2 – 4pm, including refreshments.

Seniors £2, everyone else similarly £2.

Gordon 340129



Don't forget the new parish website:

www.mottisfontpc.org.uk

Let us know what you'd like to see on it!



**Test Valley Villages Lecture
Wednesday 21st February at 8pm
Broughton Village Hall**

**The history and cultures of
the Plains Indian Tribes of
North America
by Sue Dewey**

One of the most common images of Native American people in popular American culture is that of the Plains culture, with its fierce warriors, sacred Sun Dance ceremonies, horsemanship, tipi and buffalo hunting.

What is the history of these tribes? What was it like to live as a member of one of them?

This talk, given by Sue Dewey, will give an intimate insight into the history and way of life of the Northern Plains Native American Tribes, focusing mainly on the Teton or Lakota Sioux. It will be well illustrated with authentic Native American clothing and artefacts.

Sue has been presenting talks as well as running courses and workshops on American Indian tribal histories and cultures since 1994. Her content is entirely authentic and is based on many years of study, long standing friendships with Native American people of different tribes and frequent travel across the Northern Plains States of America where she has stayed on the reservations. Over the years she has met native people from all walks of life and this has contributed to her understanding of the many and diverse cultures of Native Americans.

Doors open at 7.30pm. £5 entry includes a drink. Free entry for students.

WHIST DRIVES AT MOTTISFONT

Our monthly whist drives are scheduled for
Friday 23rd February at 7.30pm
Friday 23rd March at 7.30pm
Friday 27th April at 7.30pm



All commence at 7.30pm.
£2 per person.



Includes refreshments and there's a raffle. Wonderful prizes. Sorry, but we cannot divulge who won the star prize of a Caribbean Cruise for two at the Christmas Special.

Easy to learn to play, just give us a ring if you would like to learn, or forgot how to play.

Gordon & Cathie, 340129

PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY

In May, new regulations come into force that will enhance your privacy by controlling the way that organisations deal with your personal information. Even the *Acorn* is going to be affected by the new regulations, and this means that we must have explicit approval from everyone whose personal details, such as email addresses and phone numbers, we publish.

This means that if, for example, you ask us to add someone's name and phone number to an article (or the Who's Who) when they join a committee, we can't do it without their direct and explicit consent, preferably in writing.

At the *Acorn*, we're already gearing up to be ready for the new regulations. It's a bit more work for us, and a tiny bit more for our contributors, but we think we should all be able to take it in our stride.

**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, 11th March.

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

Forthcoming events

Starting 3 February: Find the Joker, £1 a ticket (rules available from the Club). Also the meat draw will be starting again on that night, and will run every 2 weeks (tickets available from behind the bar).

7 March: AGM, starting 8.30pm. If you have anything to raise, please put it in writing to the Secretary of the club 7 days before AGM.

Regular events this winter

Mondays: We now have two snooker teams playing in the Southampton Snooker League. There is also the Romsey Ladies Darts League.

Tuesdays: Test Valley Billiards League and the ladies play in a local Darts League.

Wednesdays: The club is hoping to carry on staging the Pool League, but at the moment there are not enough teams. If you are interested in entering a team, please contact Peter Holmes at the club.

Thursdays: Bingo, with a chance of winning up to £100. Also the Romsey Crib League takes place.

Fridays: Romsey Men's Darts League, with two teams representing the club.

Saturdays: Meat draw every other weekend.

Sundays: Mottisfont Skittles League.

If you are interested in participating in any of the above, please contact the club on 340521 or email david-dot-chase-159-at-bt-internet-dot-com (remove the dashes, replace "at" with "@" and "dot" with ".").

The club has snooker, billiards, crib and darts representing them in local leagues.

There are two snooker teams playing in the Southampton Snooker League. See <http://snooker.southampton-social-clubs.co.uk/>. The A team are playing in Division 1 but are not doing so well this season; they are second from bottom. The B team are playing for the first time in Division 2 and are in 5th place. The teams have five players, each playing a one frame game.

There is one team playing in the Test Valley Billiards League. The league only has four teams, but we are trying to get more teams to join next season.

Test Valley Billiards League

	Played	Points
Wherwell HG	6	19
Mottisfont	6	16
Clatford	6	15
Andover Wolves	6	11

You only need three players in a team, so if you are interested in playing, please contact the Club. We are half way through the season and the club team is second in the league, and in the final of the charity shield team knock out.

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

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