



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

# ACORN



The Village Newsletter

July 2018

## MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

# Family Fun Day!

Saturday 7th July, 3pm

Fun day at the Club for all

with

**Bouncy Castle  
BBQ  
Disco in the evening  
Guest Ale**

## Mottisfont Village Fete 2018

The Fete will be held at the Village Hall on Sunday 12th August, from 1pm - 4.30pm.

The **Mottisfont and Dunbridge Scarecrow Competition** will take place again this year. Please start to display your scarecrow creations now so we can photograph and upload them onto the Village Hall Facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/mottisfontvillagehall/> ready for the competition. Voting this year can be done via the Village Hall Facebook page or on the day of the Fete, where the photographs will be displayed.

**Summer Hat Competitions** will take place this year, one for under 16s and one for 17s and over. There is no specific theme, just something fun and summery. Hats will be judged on the day during the parade, which will take place in the arena during the afternoon.

The **Cake Bake Off** this year has the theme of The World Cup. Cakes should be presented in the hall for judging at 2pm.

We would appreciate any help setting up and packing away on the Saturday and Sunday of the fete weekend. If you can spare some time, please contact Sarah Cox on 278834 / 07903 652016 or email [sarah.cox63@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sarah.cox63@hotmail.co.uk). Also, if you would like to have a stall at this year's fete, please let me know.

The next Village Fete meeting will be held at 7pm on Friday 13th July at the Mill Arms. Everyone welcome!

## GRAND DRAW

I will be running the Grand Draw at the Village Fete once again this year, on Sunday 12th August.

In previous years we used to attach books of draw tickets to the Acorn for all households in the village, but this year I have again decided not to do this.

If you would like to sell books of draw tickets before the fete, or if you would like to give a prize, please contact me at 1 Mill View, Barley Hill, Dunbridge, or telephone me on 340398. This would be very much appreciated.

Tony Stemp

## JAPANESE KNOTWEED SPOTTED

Martin Fletcher has spotted a patch of invasive Japanese Knotweed by the side of the road, opposite Berry's Pond.

Hampshire County Council have scheduled to deal with this patch in July.

## WI is collecting bric-a-brac

The WI is collecting bric-a-brac and small items of furniture for their stall at the Village Fete.

A percentage of money raised will be given to a cancer charity.

Please contact Cathie Wood on 340129.

The deadline for inclusion of items in the August edition of the Acorn is 16th July.  
Please email items to [acornnews@mandercom.co.uk](mailto:acornnews@mandercom.co.uk).



**National  
Trust**

Dear friends and neighbours,

Well, what a rose season it has been! A combination of particular weather conditions and of course the hard work and care of our gardens' team resulted in a truly spectacular display in the walled garden. Both the roses themselves and the companion

planting have really seemed to burst forth with intensity this year. Coming in through the side gate because of the building work in the frameyard, you're also hit by a wall of fragrance that's very special.

It was so lovely that GMTV decided to come and broadcast the national weather from here on Friday 15th June – it meant a bit of an early start for the gardens' team, but we were very proud to share our beautiful walled garden with people across the country. The garden is still looking lovely, and of course the lavenders and later summer border plants are now coming into their own, so do use your Parish Passes and pop in if you've time.

We tried a different approach with the overflow car park this year, and directed members to the upper overflow from the start of the day when we expected to be busy, and it's worked well to keep the traffic flow steady. We're also working on another kind of flow – the weed cut taking place on the rivers. This is an essential part of our river management, keeping the flow of the water steady and ensuring that we have a balanced mix of wildlife habitats and stretches that are suitable for fishing. Watch out for the emerald-green clumps moving downstream, where they will be collected and recycled as fertiliser.

At the Abbey, we'll be gearing up for a summer with *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and *Mog the Cat*. We will have a wonderful exhibition of illustrations by Judith Kerr, who created these much-loved children's book characters and many more. I'm most excited about the giant tiger model that is coming with the pictures – visitors of all ages will be able to sit down at the tea table with him, and he's absolutely lovely!

Hope to see you soon,

With best wishes,

Louise  
Louise Govier, General Manager, Mottisfont & SW  
Hants Group

### **For families...**

**Judith Kerr: *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*  
Saturday 7 July – 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.

### **Outdoor theatre...**

#### **The Importance of Being Earnest**

**Monday 23 July, 7-9pm (gates open at 6pm for picnics)**

Immersion Theatre invite you to an evening of open-air decadence and hilarity as they present Oscar Wilde's wittiest comedy. Join foppish bachelors Jack and Algernon on their latest Bunburying exploits replete with mistaken identities, icy women, trivial banter and, of course, muffins... Prepare your cucumber sandwiches and spend the evening in the glorious sunshine enjoying one of literature's most trivial comedies for serious people... there'll be handbags at dawn!

### **In the gardens...**

The peak of the rose season may be over, but there's still plenty of colour in the walled gardens throughout July. The herbaceous borders provide a wonderful floral colour palette right through until October, showcasing a huge variety of plants chosen for their structure, scent and eye-catching colours. Agapanthus, geraniums and peonies mingle with pinks, lilies and phlox. The centres of the borders are a mass of soft blues, pinks and whites, whilst stronger yellows, oranges and dark pinks draw your eye along the length of the border. Avenues of purple lavender give both the walled gardens and north lawn a distinctive fragrance.

### **In the countryside...**

Weed cutting on the River Test continues in July. This is a vital management practice that enables us to maintain diverse and productive habitats. 'Clearing off' days - when the weed is freed from any bridges or obstacles in its way and pushed downstream - result in huge rafts of weed can often be seen floating down the river at this time. The weed will eventually reach Romsey, where it will be removed from the river, collected by the Environment Agency and composted.

### **Keep in touch...**

Visit our website, [nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont](http://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.

Friday 6th July

Lockerley Primary School

## Bizarre Bazaar, 5 - 7pm

BBQ, Bar, Tombola, Raffle,  
Bouncy Castle and Family Games

*Come and join in the fun!!*

### ROAD CLOSURE ORDER EXTENDED

An extension of the temporary closure order relating to part of Oakley Road, Mottisfont, has been granted to allow BT access for telecom network maintenance and upgrade works.

The order applies from the junction of Oakley Road with Bengers Lane to a point 200 metres to the north. It applies from 1st July for 3 months, or until the works are complete, whichever is sooner, but is expected in practice to take from 2nd to 6th July.

### Upholsterer goes bing-bong!

In addition to her day job as an upholsterer, Leanne Courtney-Stokes from Hatt Lane, Mottisfont, has recently become an Avon representative for the Mottisfont and Dunbridge area.

Rather than leave brochures at every house, Leanne will supply a book on request by text, call or email. She can also take orders via [www.avon.com/store/leannec-s](http://www.avon.com/store/leannec-s).

Leanne can be contacted via 07901 821491 or [courtneystokes@btinternet.com](mailto:courtneystokes@btinternet.com).

### Superfast Broadband

The Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme has upgraded the BT roadside cabinet between the station and the Mill Arms. This means that homes near this cabinet should now be able to get much faster or even superfast broadband (with speeds of more than 24Mbps - megabits per second).

If you are too far away from the upgraded cabinet to get superfast speeds, please note that the Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme is looking to reach more premises all the time, so an upgrade may come in due course.



### The WI



We were pleased to welcome 16 members and visitors to our June meeting, when we enjoyed an evening of poetry from James Haddow. He told us about his life and experiences when he was a taxi driver, but instead of just 'plain chat' these were told to us in poetry which he has written. He now takes his poems and entertains quite a lot of different groups of people.

As a group we have organised outings in July to the Plaza Theatre, a visit to Lyburn Cheese Farm, lunch at The Lavender Farm and tea at Houghton Lodge in August.

We are also having a bric-a-brac stall at Mottisfont Fete on Sunday 12th August and would be pleased to receive any items to sell. Arrangements for collection of items can be arranged by telephoning Cathie Wood on 340129.

The next meeting will be on 10th July at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall, and this will be a games evening. A warm welcome will be given to any guests.

Mary Batten

### MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

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

**Friday, 27th July at 7pm**

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

**Don't forget the new village web site:**

**[www.mottisfontpc.org.uk](http://www.mottisfontpc.org.uk)**

**for the village calendar and lots of other information!**

### 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.

## Thoughts from St. Andrew's

"I will lift up my eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made Heaven and Earth." So begins the 121st Psalm, and what a beautiful world God has made for us. It is a sad reflection on us that we do not always appreciate it as we should.

We have not taken as much care of the environment as we should, and there are too many conflicts worldwide, which divide and destroy our communities, driving people away from their homes in the search for peace.

Let us resolve to do a kindness every day, to our families, friends and neighbours, and to a stranger perhaps, so that our world, God's creation, can become a world of which He may be proud, filled with love and kindness to all His people.

Trish Armstrong, Susan Clutterbuck

## BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

### Events for July

5th July: Boat trip on Alison MacGregor  
12th July: Lunch at Rosebourne Garden Centre

19th July: Members' meeting  
26th July: 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

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They romped through a hunting song full of musical imagery by the Scotland enthusiast Mendelssohn. They sang the much loved *Ave Maris Stella* by Grieg (his great grandfather was Scottish), and a group of traditional folksongs, one of which was the pastoral love song *Ca' the yowes* (drive the ewes to the hills) arranged by Vaughan Williams. This was a truly special performance, a solo tenor's voice filling the church accompanied by chorale style chords.

*A Child's Prayer*, by the Scottish composer James MacMillan, written in response to the 1996 Dunblane tragedy, was also sung beautifully by two sopranos from the church's west end, accompanied by the choir in the east.

Index Cantorum's membership may have changed since Mr. Williams founded the choir thirty years ago, but the philosophy hasn't – themed concerts of the highest standards. *Caledonian Connexions* was a fine example.

James Montgomery

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

	1st July TRINITY 5	8th July SEA SUNDAY	15th July TRINITY 7	22nd July TRINITY 8	29th July TRINITY 9
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	10am HC CW at LONGSTOCK for the MID-TEST BENEFICE
11am	-	MOTTISFONT Messy Church Club	-	MOTTISFONT Family Communion CW	-
6pm	MOTTISFONT Evensong	-	-	HOUGHTON Evensong	-

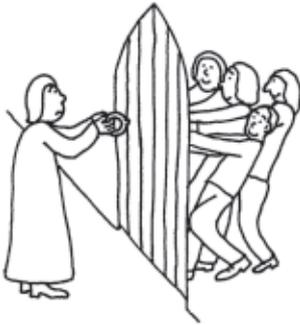
HC = Holy Communion

CW = Common Worship

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

# SUPPLY CLERGY

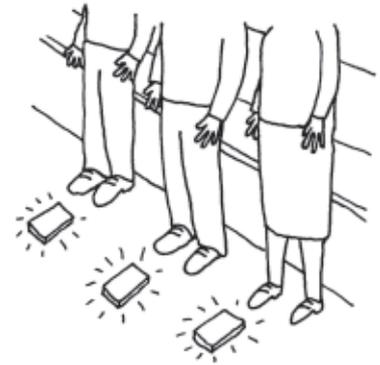
WHEN CONGREGATIONS MISBEHAVE



HOLDING THE DOOR SHUT



"WE HAD THESE READINGS  
LAST WEEK"



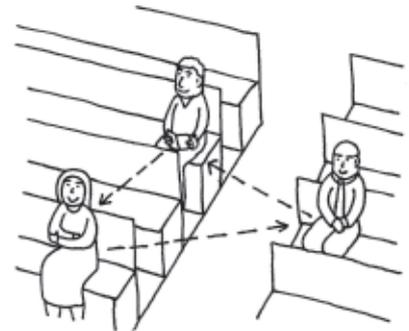
ALL DROPPING HYMN BOOKS  
AT THE SAME TIME



"WE DON'T HAVE A VESTRY"



MUMBLING THE HYMNS



SITTING IN THE WRONG PEWS

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

## Review: Stockbridge Music – Index Cantorum

St Peter's Church, Friday 8th June, 2018

This concert, called *Caledonian Connexions*, proved full of contrasts, twists and turns: choral music that intrigued and enlightened at once. Obviously the theme was Scotland – mostly by association. As Index Cantorum's founder and director Mark Williams described in the programme, through the evening we'd hear anything from Scottish composers and those inspired by Scotland, music for Royal courts, folksong, contemporary music, and works from the Renaissance – eighteen pieces in all, some short, some longer.

Scotland's greatest 16th century composer was Robert Carver. To open the concert, Mr Williams sang an ancient tune, *L'Homme Armé*, on which many composers at the time based their works, including Carver with his Mass of the same name. The choir performed its Gloria. This is beautiful music that warms the soul, with long phrases, ornamentation and wide compass between the treble and bass parts.

Equally first class singing in the first half expressed ably grief and anguish in the Scottish-born Robert Ramsey's *How are the mighty fallen* in his setting of David's lament from the Book of Samuel at Jonathan's death. Many harmonic suspensions and musical false-relations here.

We enjoyed a charming rare secular Scottish part-song by that great musical survivor of four reigns, Tallis; a poignant anonymous Scottish Lament; and a couple of short madrigals, one by a certain Cipriano de Rore, an innovative composer with a dramatic style expressive of the text, who influenced later developments in the madrigal.

The choir relished the 16th century tribute to St. Andrew, Scotland's Patron Saint, by the Flemish composer Thomas Crecquillon. His *Andreas Christi famulus*, is a supreme piece of sustained eight-part writing.

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## ACTION FRAUD ADVICE

There is concern that victims of previous Computer Software Service Fraud (CSSF) are being re-targeted for "owed money".

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) reports that CSSF scammers are returning to contact previous victims, requesting that they pay money owed for a fake malware protection service they had provided. Alternatively, the fraudster will ask for a new subscription fee in return for protection from a new threat.

The victims that have made payments to the fraudsters have done so via credit/debit card payments. In some instances threatening and aggressive language has been used against victims, as part of the attempt to coerce them into sending money.

Computer Software Service Fraud involves the victim being contacted, told that there is a problem with their computer, and that for a fee this issue can be resolved.

The aim of the fraudster at this point is usually to gain remote access to the victim's computer and, subsequently, access to their online banking account. No fix actually occurs. The victims will often be cold-called or will receive a pop-up on their computer, prompting them to phone the suspect.

Since the beginning of this year (2018), the total loss for repeat victims of CSSF has been reported as £16,712.85. The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has noticed an increase in such reports since the beginning of May.

### Protect Yourself

- If you receive such an unsolicited call or pop-up, do not make a payment. Always ensure you know who you are talking to. If in doubt, hang up immediately.
- Do not allow remote access to your computer.
- Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank, or another trusted organisation, force you to make a financial transaction on the spot; they would never ask you to transfer money into another account for fraud reasons. Remember to stop and take time to carefully consider your actions.
- Listen to your instincts. If something feels wrong then it is usually right to question it. Criminals may lull you into a false sense of security when you are out and about or rely on your defences being down when you're in the comfort of your own home. They may appear trustworthy, but they may not be who they claim to be.

For more information about how to protect yourself online, visit [www.cyberaware.gov.uk](http://www.cyberaware.gov.uk) and [takefive-stopfraud.org.uk](http://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk).

If you have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, report it at [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk), or by calling 0300 123 2040.

## STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY CINEMA

### Friday 13 July

#### Lady Bird (Cert 15)

Christine "Lady Bird" MacPherson (Saoirse Ronan) is a high school senior from the "wrong side of the tracks." She longs for adventure, sophistication, and opportunity, but finds none of that in her Sacramento Catholic High School. Lady Bird charts her senior year in high school, including her first romance, her participation in the school play, and most importantly, her applying for college.

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

Tickets £5.00 from Garden Inn and John Robinson in Stockbridge, or online via our website [www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk](http://www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk).

### Wednesday 18 July

#### Phantom Thread (Cert 15)

Set in 1950's London, Reynolds Woodcock (Daniel Day-Lewis) is a renowned dressmaker together with his sister Cyril (Lesley Manville). Women come and go through Woodcock's life, providing the confirmed bachelor with inspiration and companionship, until his fastidious life is disrupted by a young, strong-willed woman, Alma (Vicky Krieps), who becomes his muse and lover.

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](http://www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk).



**STOCKBRIDGE MUSIC  
NEXT CONCERT**

**Saturday, 15th September, 7.30pm  
St. Peter's Church, Stockbridge**

**ROGER OWENS  
(PIANO)**

*"I really admire Roger Owens' piano playing. It is not only technically masterful, but also beautifully phrased and poetic."* - Sir Roger Norrington, conductor

*"Roger Owens has a lovely sound, open and rounded and shows excellent touch and control at the softest dynamics."* - Tim Parry, International Record Review

*"His playing has been acclaimed for combining effortless virtuoso technique with a warm palette and vivid sensitivity."* - Andreas Bode

Roger will be performing works by Scarlatti, Mozart, Debussy, Listz, Tchaikovsky and Chopin.

Roger has established himself as one of the most versatile of pianists. His repertoire is unusually wide, and ranges from Gibbons to Hoddinott, whose music he has premiered on several occasions. He has won the Royal Over-Seas League Piano Competition, the Brydon Thompson Recital Prize, and the Scottish International Piano competition.

Tickets (£14) available from:  
Robinsons Butchers, Stockbridge  
[www.jumblebee.co.uk/stockbridgemusic](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/stockbridgemusic)  
The Lights Theatre Box Office (01264 368368)  
Roger Tym (01264 810363)

Concert sponsored by: Hildon Water



**MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting dates for 2018 – 19**

Wednesday 11th July 2018

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.

**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, 9th 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](mailto:tinastuart1-at-g-mail-dot-com) (remove the dashes, and change "at" to "@" and "dot" to ".").

## MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

### Forthcoming events

#### **Saturday 7th July at 3pm: Family Fun Day**

Fun day at the Club for all with Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Disco in the evening and a Guest Ale.

#### **Snooker**

The two snooker teams playing in the Southampton Snooker League (see <http://snooker.southampton-social-clubs.co.uk/>) have now finished for this season. The A team playing in Division 1 had a better second half to the season, and managed to finish in 15th place on 83 points, winning 9 games. Eddie Eagles also managed to have the 3rd joint highest break of 40 in the league.



The B team playing in Division 2 managed to finish in 8th place in their first season, with 84 points and winning 12 games.

If you are interested in playing snooker, please pop into the club. If you would like to have a go, on Wednesday nights there is free snooker and pool.

#### **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.

**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.

### **DISTRACTION PURSE THEFTS IN ROMSEY**

Please be aware we have had an increase in distraction purse thefts in Romsey town.

Over the last couple of weeks we have had reports of customers who have been approached in the car park after they have paid for their shopping.

As the suspects approach, and one will ask for directions to distract the victim while the other suspect will take the cards from purses, wallets and or bags.

It is believed the suspects have been watching their target entering their PIN when paying at the tills.

The suspects have then used the cards to purchase items and to withdraw cash from ATMs.

Please be extra vigilant when paying for items at tills, and

always shield the key pad when entering your PIN. We also advise not to engage in conversation when approached by strangers in car parks.

The suspects are described as smartly dressed males, who are believed to be Eastern European.

### **FAKE TEXTS ABOUT EE BILLS**

These fake text messages purport to be from EE and claim that you haven't paid a bill. The link in the message leads to a phishing website designed to steal your EE account login details, as well as personal & financial information.

Don't be tricked into giving a fraudster access to your personal or financial details. Never automatically click on a link or attachment in an unexpected email or text.

For more information on how to stay secure online, visit [www.cyberaware.gov.uk](http://www.cyberaware.gov.uk)