



The Village Newsletter

Mottisfont & Dunbridge

# ACORN



October 2018

## VILLAGE SUPPER

**Saturday 10th November**  
**7 for 7.30 pm**  
**Mottisfont Village Hall**

We hope you have already put this date in your diary!

You now just need to choose from the menu and book - by 1st November, please.



*Fish pie served with seasonal vegetables*  
or

*Chilli con carne with rice*  
or

*Vegetable bourguignon with chestnuts served with seasonal vegetables*

*Apple pie with cream or ice cream*  
or

*Fresh fruit salad with cream or crème fraîche*



Cost will be £12 per person, and a deposit of £5 per person will be needed when booking.

Tea and coffee will be available, but please bring your own wine, beer or soft drinks.

We are looking for volunteers to donate apple pies, or if you don't want to make one, please let us have some cooking apples.

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652916,

sarah\*dot\*cox63\*at\*hotmail\*dot\*co\*dot\*uk



## BROUGHTON FIREWORKS

**5th November**

Broughton's fantastic annual family firework event will once again take place on 5th November, with a children's torch procession leaving The Square (by the Greyhound pub) at 6.30pm.

The procession will then make its way to the sportsfield in Buckholt Road (SO20 8DA) where the bonfire will be lit at approximately 6.45pm.

The firework display will commence around 7.30pm and last about 20 minutes.



Free parking will be available adjacent to the cemetery/ allotments and new car park in School Lane (off Salisbury Road – please follow signs).

Refreshments, hot food and merchandise will be for sale, and

there will be a licensed bar.

Tickets will be available on the gate. Entry is £6 for adults and £5 for concessions and children.

## FOR SALE

**2 metal dog crates**, 30 inches x 20 x 22 depth. Donations will be given to Jane Scarth cancer charity Romsey. Cathie Wood, 340129

## UPRIGHT PIANO

By Nathaniel Berry, £50. Cast iron frame, so heavy! Buyer to arrange removal. Good condition, but will need tuning. Call 340793 for more details.

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



**National  
Trust**

Autumnal greetings from Mottisfont Abbey!

We are enjoying the lovely warm golden light and crisp mornings that this time of year brings. Our new frameyard garden is almost complete, with fruit, vegetables and salad already bursting forth in the first beds to have been

completed. The first few gourds are even fruiting on the long pergolas, giving us a tiny taste of what it will be like in a couple of years time when the garden is more mature.

We'll have a focus on harvest all around the Abbey grounds, from making land art with nature's bounty to harvesting leaves to make compost for next year. There will also be a scarecrow trail around the grounds over October half term, with lots of fun activities for our younger visitors (and just those who like scarecrows – after this year's summer fete competition, I think that's quite a few!).

Local artists have filled the art gallery in the Open Exhibition, open to anyone who wants to apply, and selected by a panel of local museum, gallery and studio directors. Some very close neighbours got in this year, so do pop up and see if you can spot them! Nearly all the works are for sale, and priced for a range of pockets, so you may fall in love with something and be able to take it home in time for Christmas.

Work in the countryside is carrying on apace – we've had our final weed-cut now, and we're gearing up for our busy winter season of management work. We're also looking forward to having David Chase back at work once he's fully healed after his injury earlier this year. Fingers crossed there are no further sporting mishaps in the future!

Hope to see you soon,

With best wishes,

Louise

### **Harvest time Throughout October**

Autumn is a time for harvest: from gathering fallen leaves to foraging apples. We're celebrating this seasonal bounty with events, hands-on activities and opportunities to learn more about the wider estate. There'll be demonstrations of traditional skills on select weekends, and you can help contribute to our compost. Highlight events for families include a 'Spot the Scarecrow' trail throughout October, and Land Art events on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th October.

### **In the gallery... The Mottisfont Open Exhibition 2018 Until Sunday 11 November, 11am-5pm**

An exciting mix of work, submitted by artists from all backgrounds and selected by a panel of arts specialists. The call out this year saw a fantastic

response, with over 400 entries received; works were submitted by a diverse mix of artists, with the vast majority from Hampshire and the surrounding counties. The exhibition showcases a fascinating variety of media and styles, from drawings, paintings and textile pieces to 3D works, including sculptural pieces from some unusual materials.

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

Our gardens are ablaze with colour in autumn, decorated with glowing colours from October through to November. We're home to the National Collection of plane trees, which includes the great plane, thought to be the largest of its kind in Britain. Framing the east side of the house, this veteran tree boasts a dazzling autumn display. Chestnut trees lining the upper half of our main pathway glow with yellow-orange leaves, and the acid green summer foliage of our tulip trees turns a magnificent pale gold.

You may have seen our new Kitchen Garden developing in the area formerly known as the Frameyard. This will be fully open to the public in autumn – come and take a stroll under elegant new pergola walkways and around brick-and-flint raised beds abundantly planted with heritage salad leaves, herbs and edible flowers.

### **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.

## **LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING AND MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

**Wednesday 17th October  
9.30am to 12 noon**

We would like to invite the local community and all current and prospective parents to visit our school on Wednesday 17th October. This will be an opportunity to meet the staff, tour the school and see the children in their learning environment.

We are supporting the MacMillan Coffee Morning on this day, and refreshments will be served in the main hall from 8.45am.

We look forward to welcoming you.

For further details please contact Julie Black, the School Admin Officer, on 340485 or call into school.

Applications for children due to start primary and junior school in September 2019 will open on Tuesday 1st November 2018 at: [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions).

## The WI

At our September meeting Caroline Tilley spoke to us about the work of the RNLI, a charity that saves lives at sea. It was founded in 1824 and it's saved 139,000 lives since then.

The RNLI provides on call a 24-hour lifeboat search and rescue service. It has a fleet of more than 330 lifeboats plus a few hovercraft.

We had entered the WI show competition with our interpretation of the resolution: Farm Gate Milk



Prices, campaigning for a better deal for farmers. Crocheted squares were made for grass and flowers; coconut had been dyed for a path, a fence and gate had been made from lollipop sticks, and cows in red, green and blue had been decoupaged to represent the colours of the milk tops.



We were pleased with the position of 3rd out of 8; for a very small group I feel we did extremely well.

Thank you to all who gave bric-a-brac for our stall at the Village Fete. Despite it being a wet day, our takings were financially rewarding. Donations will be given to two children's cancer charities.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Chris Hall, and his subject: The work of the Romsey Young Carers.

We have lots of interesting speakers and outings in the pipeline. Why not come along and see what we do?

All very welcome!

Cathie Wood  
Vice President

## 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 Peter Broome on 301635.

### Time for a Change

The eyes grow dim, the fingers falter, the pen nib scratches. It's time for a change. It has been my privilege to have worked with and served the Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus Committee for the past 14 years as Honorary Secretary, but the time has come to move over. These duties are to be undertaken by Andrew Illingworth with immediate effect. You may contact him with any queries over the operation of the bus services.

As a reminder here is a list of all committee members, to reflect this and other recent changes, for your convenience.

Chairman	Peter Broome	07715 055938	
Treasurer	David Mason	301744	
Technical Manager	Rodney Allsop-Seward	301697	
Group Transport	Julie Smith	301470	
Operations Officer	Chris Hoskins	301555	
Assistant Operations Officer	Lindsey Moore	301575	
Broughton PC Rep.	Jeremy Quitman	301510	
Mottisfont PC Rep.	Peter Barnett	340793	
Hon. Secretary	Andrew Illingworth	301295	Aillingworth2000@yahoo.co.uk
George Vaughan			
Outgoing Secretary			

## An Update from St. Andrew's

Greetings all....good news! We are delighted to announce that at long last, after much lengthy deliberation, and under the expert guidance of Revd. James Pitkin, our Area Dean, and The Ven. Dr. Peter Rouch, our Archdeacon, the post of Priest-in-Charge to our new Benefice has now been advertised. It is indeed a great step forward and quite a relief to see it there in black and white in the Church Times and on the Diocesan website. Why has it taken so long? The answer is a small thing called the 'Benefice Profile' (actually 25 pages!) which accompanies the advertisement. In truth it's a not so small document about our individual parishes, our hopes for the future of our new large Benefice, our aspirations regarding mission, fresh expressions of church in our communities, statistics and finance, even a bit about the local geography and the Rectory in Stockbridge, including maps, photographs, and so on....and it all has to be put together in an honest, and positive format, and meet the approval of all concerned. Then there is the task of putting into words the kind of person we are hoping to attract who has the gifts and enthusiasm to help us all grow in the knowledge and love of God.

It was officially approved at a Section 11 meeting in late August by the Archdeacon, the church wardens or their representatives, and the patrons including the Lord Chancellor. The individuals from each parish who will sit on the interview panel were also chosen.

The advertisement closes on 11th October.

Interviews will be early December, and realistically we anticipate having a new incumbent by next Easter. Still a long way to go, but this is dictated by rate-limiting steps beyond our control.

Preparing this might be challenging enough in a modestly sized stable Benefice, but we have been simultaneously in the midst of a huge reorganisation to bring together the Benefice of Broughton with Bossington, Houghton and Mottisfont, and the Test Valley Benefice comprising Stockbridge, Longstock, and Leckford. No mean feat in itself!

However, we have made sterling progress in this too, and we will have had the first official Benefice Council meeting of the nascent Mid-Test Benefice on 24th September. It's been a difficult labour, but promises to be a wonderful birth. More of that next time I hope.

As I write we have slipped gently into that most glorious season of early autumn, and a morning chill signals the demise of summer. By the time you read this, Harvest will be behind us, and flu jabs beckon! Let's remember to thank God for the splendour of this time of year, and for his enduring love for us.

Please also pray that the right soul may find us, and offer himself or herself up as a candidate for the post of our new priest, and that in due course we may have the wisdom, perspicuity and intuition to recognise that special, if not courageous, person.

May God's blessing be with us all.

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

	<b>7th October TRINITY 19</b>	<b>14th October TRINITY 20</b>	<b>21st October TRINITY 21</b>	<b>28th October BIBLE SUNDAY</b>
8am	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC CW	-	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC BCP	-
9.30 am	<b>BOSSINGTON</b> Harvest HC BCP ----- <b>BROUGHTON</b> The Bible Uncovered	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC CW ----- <b>HOUGHTON</b> HC CW	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Family Service ----- <b>MOTTISFONT</b> HC BCP	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Family Communion CW
11am	-	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Messy Church Club	-	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Family Communion CW
6pm	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Evensong	-	<b>BOSSINGTON</b> Meditation	<b>HOUGHTON</b> Evensong

HC = Holy Communion

CW = Common Worship

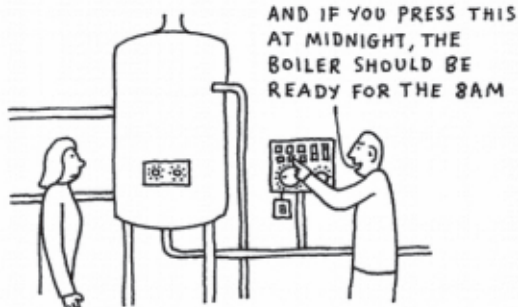
BCP = Book of Common Prayer

**Broughton Primary School Harvest Service at St. Mary's Church  
9th October at 2.30pm**

# INTERVIEWING

FOR A NEW VICAR

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READY FOR THE 8AM



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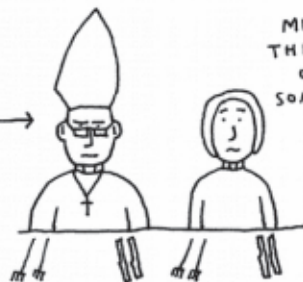


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I WOULDN'T USE THE HANDRAIL  
...OR THE THIRD STEP

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THE INTERVIEW

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

## New Vicar

As many of you know, the parishes of Longstock, Leckford, Stockbridge, Houghton, Broughton with Bossington, and Mottisfont have been without a Vicar for some months (and for some parishes nearly 2 years!). The churchwardens (and PCCs) have been working hard at coming together as the Mid Test Benefice and recruiting the first Rector. The advertisements go out in September and interviews are to be at the beginning of December. This might mean that an announcement will be possible before this Christmas.

Each parish has nominated one person to be part of the interviewing panel (but sworn to secrecy until an announcement is possible!). Please pray that the right person applies for the new post and is then selected. It is looking like 2019 will be an exciting year for the new Mid Test Benefice.

Your Area Dean, James  
(Rev. James Pitkin, Area Dean of Romsey)

## BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

### Events for October

**4th October: 85th Anniversary Service at  
St. Mary's Church, 2-30 pm**

11th October: Members' Meeting

18th October: Rev'd Christopher Walker

25th October: Mrs. Ann Freeland

The speaker at this year's anniversary service will be ASR Lee Philipson, who will be representing SASRA, The Soldiers and Airman's Scripture Readers Association. All Scripture Readers have served in one or other of the Armed Services. They are all committed Christians and gifted evangelists who have undergone a period of training and assessment before being deployed to a station with the agreement of the Ministry of Defence. Lee will be speaking about his work and the importance of being able to offer spiritual and emotional support to all service personal, particularly young new recruits.

Refreshments will be available in St. Mary's after the service.

Everyone welcome, please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

## Aterword from Gina

As you may already know, the last six months have been something of a blur for me, particularly April and May, which I can scarcely remember at all.

However, what I am fully aware of is that we have been overwhelmed by the support and kindness of so many of our dear friends. The cards, the messages, the flowers, parcels of food and other offers of help have been individually appreciated and treasured. Above all, knowing that we are part of a network of prayer has been a true source of comfort.

Thank you more than we can ever say.

With blessings,

Gina

### Romsey Deanery Pre-Advent Course 2018

**Wednesdays**  
**7th, 14th, 21st and 28th**  
**November**

#### 'Growing as Disciples'

In our pre-Advent course this year, as part of our reflections and preparations for Advent and Christmas, we shall explore together what the Bible says about, and then pray for, growth as Disciples of Jesus.

Each evening will include input, discussion, refreshments, and fun!

This course is hosted by the Braishfield Benefice, but is open to all churches in the Romsey Deanery. You are most welcome to join us to share with and learn from one another as we seek to grow.

Venue: Poppies, Choice Plants,  
Timsbury, SO51 0NB  
Time: 7.30 – 9.30pm

Plenty of parking available.

Advance indication if attending will be helpful:  
please email [Braishfieldbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:Braishfieldbenefice@gmail.com)



## MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

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

**Friday, 12th October**  
**at 7pm**

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



## STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY CINEMA

### Friday 19 October: Summer 1993 (Cert 12A)

After her mother's death, six-year-old Frida is sent to her uncle's family to live with them in the countryside. But Frida finds it hard to forget her mother and adapt to her new life.



This coming of age drama is an extraordinarily moving snapshot of being a child in an adult world, anchored by flawless performances by its two young stars. (In Catalan with English subtitles).

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

### Wednesday 24 October: The Happy Prince (Cert 15)

The untold story of the last days in the tragic times of Oscar Wilde, a person who observes his own failure with ironic distance and regards the difficulties that beset his life with detachment and humour.

This great man of letters, once one of the most famous authors in England, is now on the skids and, as he lies on his death bed, the past comes flooding back to him, transporting him to other times and places.

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)

## Whist Drives

The next series of Whist Drives will be on the following dates:

Friday 28th September  
Friday 26th October  
Friday 30th November  
Friday 21st December



All at 7.30 pm at Mottisfont Village Hall.

Enjoy a night out and make some new friends!

If you would like to come along but feel unsure how to play, we can teach you in a practice session.

Cathie and Gordon Wood  
340129

## MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting dates for 2018 – 19

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.*

#### Former Station Goods Yard

The owners of the Dunbridge station goods yard asked to attend the parish council meeting on 19 September with their architects Genesis Design. They are proposing to resubmit their previous planning application for ten 2/3 bedroom 'starter homes' which would be sold at 80% of market value. The parish council was shown the latest plans which

are now displayed in the Village Hall. The proposal is very similar to those submitted previously and withdrawn largely because of technicalities. The parish council asked about design, access, drainage issues, station car parking (there would be 21 spaces), children's play area (none provided, but the homes would have small gardens), and traffic calming on Barley Hill. Our understanding is that the land owners will look especially at the traffic calming point.

The parish council did not agree to support the application. The process is that we will be consulted on the revised application when it is submitted. We will discuss it at a future meeting and comment then.

Please let us have your views - councillors can be contacted via the parish website.

Jeff Channing - Chair of Mottisfont Parish Council

**Parish council minutes, etc. can be found at [www.mottisfontpc.org.uk/pc/pc.php](http://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.

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, 4th November.

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 ".").

### Review: Roger Owens

**St Peter's Church  
 Saturday 15th September 2018**

The church was packed, and the audience enjoyed works by Scarlatti, Mozart, Debussy, Liszt, Tchaikovsky and Chopin.

Scarlatti was something of an innovator. Writing in the early 1700s, his sonatas showed the way for composers who'd follow, easy to understand here with Sonata in C, K 132. Remote modulations, agitation, gravitas, tension, urgency, calm – they all ignore conventions of the time.

And then, there's Chopin. Some of the most complex and challenging piano music ever written, played here with apparent cool aplomb by Mr. Owens. As he said in the last of his several amusing short introductions during the concert, playing Chopin is no joke! Only a true virtuoso can play this music to



maximum effect. Rapidly descending octaves, delicate falling arpeggios, cascade after cascade of fountain-like shimmering tumbles. Breathtaking.

Apart from the two charming Tchaikovsky works, mention must be made of a piece by Debussy played early in the concert, called simply 'Pour le Piano'. Three short movements in swift succession, the frenetic first and last with much crossing over of hands. But the gentle second, Sarabande, was played so beautifully as if the composer was in touch with the soloist.

The audience demanded encores. The last was by special request from an audience member for Chopin's most famous piano work, the spectacular Fantasia Impromptu. As with all the evening's works, note perfect, and incidentally with no music on the piano. The whole concert came from the soul. What repertoire. What a concert.

James Montgomery

## MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

The club's opening hours on Thursdays are changing from opening at 6pm to 7pm due to lack of support for the earlier time.

### Treasurer and committee members wanted

Mottisfont Social Club is looking for a treasurer and committee members. If you are interested in helping with these roles, please contact the club on 340521, or pop in.

### New video facility

The club now has a projector and large screen to show terrestrial tv sporting events, films or any other major events.

### Events

6th October - Quiz in aid of dementia. 8pm

26th October - Cricket presentation evening.

27th October - Halloween party. Come in your scariest costume.

8th December - Children's Christmas party.

15th December - Christmas raffle and meat draw.

### Regular Activities at Mottisfont Social Club

For information on regular activities at the Club, see [www.mottisfontpc.org.uk/socialclub/socialclub.php](http://www.mottisfontpc.org.uk/socialclub/socialclub.php)

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

## SCENES FROM THE VILLAGE FETE

Despite some rain, the fete attracted a good crowd who enjoyed themselves at our traditional annual event.



*Photos by John Millns*

**Test Valley Villages Lecture**  
**Wednesday October 17th, St. Mary's Church 8pm**

## **Merchant shipping - the world's most vital industry?**

**Speaker: Rory Addison**

How did merchant shipping transform itself into an industry that became so efficient that the cost of transporting goods by sea became cheap enough to trigger the start of the global economy? We will hear about the types of ships, trade routes, cargoes, quantities, seafarers and ships of the future. Our expert and enthusiast, Rory Addison, hopes that by the end of the presentation you will consider merchant shipping to be the world's most vital industry!!

Rory joined the Royal Navy at 15 and served for 8 years. On leaving he went straight into merchant shipping, sailing in tankers, crude oil and product tankers, bulk carriers, ferries and fishery protection vessels. On coming ashore, Rory studied for a degree in Maritime Studies and a Master's in Maritime Law at the Institute of Maritime Law, Southampton University. He then went on to teach maritime students at Southampton Institute, and also worked in the Maritime Policy team at the NZ Ministry of Transport and then at Maritime NZ, the Kiwi equivalent of the UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency. For the last six years, Rory has been tutoring maritime students online as well as running courses at the offices of various companies around the world.

Entrance £5, includes a glass of wine or soft drink. No booking necessary. All are welcome, and full-time students are free of charge.

Please note the change in venue to St. Mary's Church, Broughton, which is kindly hosting this year's lecture series whilst the Village Hall is being renovated.