



VILLAGE GATHERING

Now that restrictions have been lifted, we plan to go ahead with the village picnic on Saturday, 7th August. The plan is for everyone to bring their own chairs and picnic lunch from 12 noon. Hot and cold drinks will be available.

If it rains on 7th we have set aside Sunday 8th as an alternative.

Do try to come along as this will be an opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours.

ART GROUP

The Art Group has not been able to meet for over a year, but now it can, and it is keen to attract new members.

We normally meet on a Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm.

If you are a budding artist, or would like some support to become one, please contact Eileen McCann on 340698.

The Hog Roast (that sadly wasn't)

I was very sad that the Hog Roast that should have happened in my garden on 17th of July did not happen. But I would like to thank those of you who have been so kind to me with your remarks, and the fact that you have sent me back your ticket payments, as a donation, has really touched me deeply, and I am so grateful to you all.

Yours very sincerely

Sue Clutterbuck

KINDLING WOOD FOR SALE

£5 a bag

Contact David on 07967 657003

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Calling all creative and inventive people in the village!

The Village Hall Committee is keen for local people to make full use of the hall again, and we are looking for ideas for events that can bring us together over the autumn and winter months.

What would you like to see? Yoga, pilates, zumba, coffee mornings, lunch club, harvest supper, quiz nights, courses, talks?

Please share your ideas with any member of the committee, leave a note in the village hall letterbox, or email us at mottisfontvillagehallbookings*AT*outlook.com (change "*AT*" to "@").

The Importance of Being Earnest

This play is being performed by RAO DS in the garden of The Island House, Greatbridge, Romsey by kind permission of Christopher and Sarah Saunders-Davies from 9th to 13th August at 7.30pm.

There is a reserve date of 15th August in case a performance is postponed due to poor weather.

Doors open at 6.15pm. Bring a chair, and picnics will be welcome.

Booking online at: www.plazatheatre.com or through the Visitor Information Centre in Romsey on 512987.

Lockerley Primary School Friday 17th September, 4 - 6pm 150th Celebrations Bar, BBQ & Games

SMALL ADS

Just a reminder that small ads can be placed in the Acorn by local people free of charge.

The Acorn does not take paid or commercial advertising.

SOUTHERN TEST VALLEY SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Test Valley Borough Council has provided this list of activities that younger people may be interested in.

Date & Time	Age	Activity	££	Venue & contact to book
Monday 2 August 10am - 3pm	11-16 yrs	Commercial Music Bootcamp	FREE	Romsey Community School www.connect4.org admin@connect4.org.uk
Tuesday 3 August 10am - 3pm	11-16 yrs	Bake Off	FREE	Romsey Community School www.connect4.org admin@connect4.org.uk
Wednesday 4 August 10.30am - 2.30pm	5-11 yrs	Family Festival Day	FREE	Stockbridge Primary School www.connect4.org admin@connect4.org.uk
Wednesday 4 August 10am - 3pm	11-16 yrs	Mystery Tour	FREE	Romsey Community School www.connect4.org admin@connect4.org.uk
Thursday 5 August 10am - 3pm	11-16 yrs	Escape to the Future	FREE	Romsey Community School www.connect4.org admin@connect4.org.uk
Friday 6 August 1:00 - 3:00pm	11-18 yrs	Football (limited places, please pre-book)	FREE	Training field behind Romsey Rapids communitysafety@testvalley.gov.uk 07899 664209
Tuesday 10 August 10:30am -12:30pm	11-18 yrs	Rounders (limited places, please pre-book)	FREE	Training field behind Romsey Rapids communitysafety@testvalley.gov.uk 07899 664209
Tuesday 17 August 10.30am - 2.30pm	5-11 yrs	Family Festival Day	FREE	Romsey Community School www.connect4.org admin@connect4.org.uk
Thursday 19 August 11am - 1pm	11-18 yrs	Fishing Coarse Experience (limited places, please pre-book)	FREE	Greenridge Farm Fishery, Green Lane, SO51 9BN communitysafety@testvalley.gov.uk 07899 664209
Thursday 26 August 1:30 - 3:30pm	11-18 yrs	Tag Rugby (limited places, please pre-book)	FREE	Training field behind Romsey Rapids communitysafety@testvalley.gov.uk 07899 664209
Weekdays 12noon - 4pm	6-25 yrs	Advice, support, counselling, sexual health, careers	FREE	Youth in Romsey 01794 500581 yirweb.yir@gmail.com
Tuesdays & Fridays 6.30 - 9pm	All ages	Detached Youth Workers - info, advice and activities	FREE	KWood Youth Club, in and around Knightwood Leisure Centre, Valley Park. www.facebook.com/KWoodYouthClub
26 July to 27 August 8.30am - 5.30pm	5-14 yrs	Multi-Activity & Football Camp	£20 per day	The Romsey School www.360degreesportscoaching.co.uk
All Summer	All ages	Family Fun Swimming	£4.30 junior	Romsey Rapids www.placesleisure.org/centres/ romsey-rapids-sports-complex/
All Summer	11-18 yrs	The Legacy Project Mentoring for Young People	FREE	admin@yellowbrickroadprojects.com www.yellowbrickroadprojects.com

The Thomas Dowse's Trust

What do we do? Can we help?

The Thomas Dowse's Trust is able to provide grants to individuals, up to the age of 25, living in Broughton, Bossington, Mottisfont and Dunbridge, for educational purposes towards the cost of such things as uniform, school trips, music tuition, overseas educational trips, 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.

In the current circumstances the Trustees are not able to meet, but are still able to consider any applications for grants. Please email the secretary for an application form or collect one from Broughton Primary School, St. Mary's Church (Broughton) or Mottisfont Church (if they are open).

Applications received will be circulated to Trustees for consideration, and applicants will be notified as soon as possible.

Email address: tinastuart1atgmaildotcom (change "at" to "@" and "dot" to ".").

From the Rector

Taking a break

August sees many of us going away on holiday. However, this year, going away on holiday is perhaps not quite what it used to be, and if it is a period of peace and relaxation that you are looking for then perhaps the circus of cancellations and re-bookings, airport queues, covid tests and enforced quarantines is best avoided. Yet a stay-cation in this country will likely not be an original idea either, which leaves perhaps only the peace and tranquillity of your own home, if you have it.

Of course, this year in particular we all feel like we could use a break. In modern society, we have a different approach to the need to work than our forebears had. Rather than a subsistence lifestyle, we are caught up in a complex economic network, and there is a significant distance between the work that we do and the products and services that enable us to flourish as human beings.

Yet amongst the things that we need to flourish is rest. The principle of periods of rest is well established in scripture, the Judeo-Christian tradition, and our inherited culture. The principle of sabbath rest, one day off in seven, is encoded in the ten commandments, and appeals to the first Genesis account of creation for its provenance. Yet there is more than just the weekend. Sabbath rest extends to the whole of creation – fields are to be left fallow one year in seven, and after seven times seven years, a jubilee year established the forgiveness of all debts, and freedom for slaves providing a rest, even in economic life – a great reset if you will, something that has been much discussed recently by conspiracy theorists.

There are many ways in which we can find some rest, and for many people it does not need to involve doing nothing – as they say, sometimes a change is as good as a break. Yet the principle of a sabbath rest, periodic down time, to recharge the batteries, to take stock and to reflect on what has

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Deer Vehicle Collisions

This time of year often brings with it a rise in deer vehicle collisions. The following advice is what to do if you are involved in one, or become aware of a situation in which you might need to know what to do next.

STAY SAFE AND REPORT THE INCIDENT

If you see an injured deer on the roadside:

- Pull over at a safe place.
- Call the police, giving as precise a location as you can (e.g. What3Words). They will deal with the situation and have access to specialists.
- Do not try to assist or move the deer as this can put you in danger.

If you hit a deer while driving, your priorities, in this order, are:

- Keep yourself and anyone with you as safe as you can.
- Park your car in the safest place with hazard lights on.
- Call an ambulance if human injuries warrant it.
- Call the police.

If the deer is alive and still visible at roadside:

- It is best not to approach it. Doing so may cause it to run across traffic causing another accident.
- Do not move or handle live deer; this needs a trained specialist. Do not attempt to place it in your car.
- Call the police, giving as precise a location as you can (e.g. What3Words). They will deal with the situation and have access to specialists.

For further advice, please visit the British Deer Society at www.bds.org.uk/information-advice/issues-with-deer/advice-for-drivers/

The Countrywatch Team

Information provided by Neighbourhood Alert

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happened and what is to come, has been seen to benefit people's lives across millennia.

So, this summer, even if you can't get away for a

holiday, even if the plans for your stay-cation have fallen through, be sure to take a break, to gain some perspective and be ready to start a new chapter in your story.

CHURCH SERVICES, AUGUST 2021

	1st August TRINITY 9	8th August TRINITY 10	15th August TRINITY 11	22nd August TRINITY 12	29th August TRINITY 13
8 am	-	-	-	BROUGHTON Holy Communion CW or BCP	-
9.30 am	BROUGHTON Parish Eucharist	-	BOSSINGTON Parish Eucharist BCP ----- BROUGHTON Bible Uncovered	HOUGHTON Parish Eucharist ----- BROUGHTON Family Service	**10am** BROUGHTON Eucharist for the Benefice
11 am	-	BROUGHTON Parish Eucharist ----- MOTTISFONT Morning Worship	-	MOTTISFONT Parish Eucharist	-
6 pm	MOTTISFONT Evensong	HOUGHTON Evensong	-	BOSSINGTON Meditation	-

CHURCH SERVICES, SEPTEMBER 2021

	5th September TRINITY 14	12th September TRINITY 15	19th September TRINITY 16	26th September TRINITY 17
8 am	-	-	-	BROUGHTON Holy Communion CW or BCP
9.30 am	BROUGHTON Parish Eucharist	-	BOSSINGTON Parish Eucharist (Harvest) ----- BROUGHTON Bible Uncovered	HOUGHTON Parish Eucharist (Harvest)
11 am	-	BROUGHTON Parish Eucharist ----- MOTTISFONT Morning Worship	-	BROUGHTON Family Service (Harvest) ----- MOTTISFONT Parish Eucharist (Harvest)
6 pm	MOTTISFONT Evensong	HOUGHTON Evensong	-	BOSSINGTON Meditation

BCP: Book of Common Prayer

CW: Common Worship

STOCKBRIDGE MUSIC



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**International trio of
young artists from Russia, Australia
and Great Britain to perform in
Stockbridge**

**Duo Bayanello (Iosif Purits, Accordion,
& Cecilia Bignall, Cello)
with
Andrey Lebedev, Guitar**

**Saturday 7th August 2021, 7:30pm
St Peter's Church, Stockbridge SO20 6HE**

To open Stockbridge Music's post-pandemic summer / autumn season, we are thrilled to welcome one of the most exciting ensembles on the international music scene - Russian accordionist Iosif Purits, British cellist Cecilia Bignall (who make up Duo Bayanello), and Australian-Russian guitarist Andrey Lebedev. Together they are performers, collaborators, arrangers and composers who cross musical boundaries with virtuosity and flair.

Iosif, Cecilia and Andrey are all international artists in their own rights and no strangers to the most celebrated concert platforms across the world. As a trio they recently completed a 22-date tour across Russia and Siberia, and Duo Bayanello has broadcast live from the Southbank Centre on BBC Radio 3's 'In Tune' and featured on BBC2 Proms Extra.

This concert is an exciting excursion into new territory for Stockbridge Music, and we are looking forward to showcasing the trio's exciting and varied programme. They bring a broad spectrum of genres and styles, ranging from Tango, Gypsy, Folk and Classical, and featuring works by composers, such as Piazzolla and de Falla, from all corners of the globe.

This promises to be an evening of music-making of the highest order, a fitting celebration of the return of live performance to Stockbridge.

Tickets cost £18, refundable if the event has to be cancelled due to any changes in government restrictions. To book, please go to

www.stockbridgemusic.uk/buy-tickets

STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA



Here are details of our two films in September:

**Friday 17 Sept 7.30pm
Minari (12A)**

A tender and sweeping story about what roots us, Minari follows a Korean-American family who move to a tiny Arkansas farm in search of their own American Dream.

The family home changes completely with the arrival of their sly, foul-mouthed, but incredibly loving grandmother. Amidst the instability and challenges of this new life in the rugged Ozarks, Minari shows the undeniable resilience of family and what really makes a home. (In English and Korean with subtitles).

**Wednesday 22 September 4.30pm and 7.30pm
Nomadland (12A)**

Following the closure of a gypsum mine in the Nevada town she calls home, Fern (Frances McDormand) packs her van and sets off on the road. Exploring an unconventional life as a modern



day nomad, Fern discovers a resilience and resourcefulness unlike any she's known before. Along the way, she meets other nomads who become mentors in the vast landscape of the American West.

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall, SO20 6HE.

Tickets can be purchased online: price £5.50 plus £0.50p booking fee per ticket (£6.00 total) via www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk, or by telephone from TicketSource 0333 666 3366 (£1.75 charge per booking in addition to online ticket price). Visit our website for more details.

THE MILL ARMS

It has been lovely to see so many of you since we reopened on the 18th of May, and our lives have started to return to normality!

We have now passed the milestone of Freedom Day, albeit five weeks later than the country anticipated. Please rest assured that we are still keeping a number of measures in place, whilst trying to return to as normal a pub environment as possible.

While some bar stools have returned for those who couldn't wait to rest your elbow on the bar again, we have kept some areas reserved for orders only, so you can come to the bar without feeling crowded. All hand sanitizers are still in place, and the QR code is still on display for those who wish to use it. We have also decided to maintain the ability to reserve the four large round tables outside.

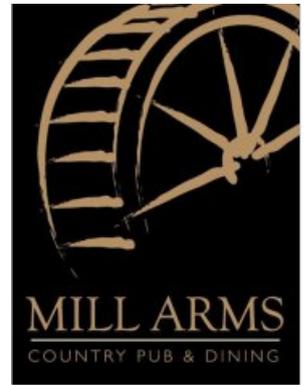
Our full food menu is now in operation, along with our specials board, and we are continuing with Chip Shop Fryday, all of which are still available for takeaway. In addition, our new sous chef is producing some fantastic homemade desserts for those of you with a sweet tooth. We have introduced a Loyalty Card Scheme for our diners, and forms are available on each table. As a Loyalty Card Scheme member you receive one point for every pound spent when you dine with us, and 200 points will give you £10 off your next bill! Additionally, you will receive special offers and vouchers for treats on your birthdays and anniversaries. Why not pop in and sign up!

As I noted in a recent update, we have a number of functions taking place in the upcoming months. In particular, we wanted to give you advance warning that the pub will be closed all day for a family wedding on SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER.

We do still have some dates available for family get togethers, missed milestone birthdays and other major life events. We are also planning on a Halloween Disco this year, so get thinking about your fancy dress outfits.

With this steady return to normality, we hope that you will feel comfortable visiting us again, and take advantage of our delightful outdoor space. Having only being able to be physically open for 6 of the last 18 months, we too are looking forward to a more normal pub environment and welcoming more of you once more.

Gina & Lorna



PARISH COUNCIL

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Thank you to all those who responded anonymously to Test Valley Council's housing needs survey.

The full report will be posted on the Parish Council's website (www.mottisfontpc.org.uk) shortly, but the headline results are:

- 150 questionnaires were sent out and 42 returned;
- 52% of respondents felt that there is insufficient housing in the parish for people to move to, but over 90% confirmed they would support housing development of some kind within the parish over the next 15 years;
- the preferred tenure for additional homes was split roughly evenly between those supporting homes for purchase, shared ownership and affordable housing to rent;
- 4 of the 5 respondents reporting a current housing requirement would like a small rented bungalow.

The survey results will inform any proposals for future housing development in the parish.