



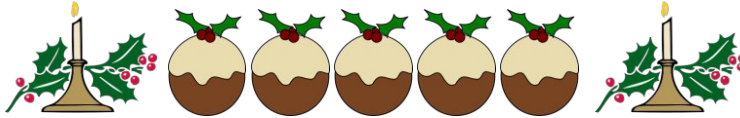
Mottisfont & Dunbridge



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The Village Newsletter



December 2021
& January 2022

Southern Water Support

Southern Water can help and support their customers, whether they may be struggling financially and need help with their Southern Water bills, or any other additional support, such as bottled water delivery in the event of a water interruption.

Southern Water's Priority Services ensure that people in special circumstances can access water services, such as an audio bill, or extra support if there's disruption to their water supply.

To ensure that they always know who needs Priority Services, Southern Water keeps a register. They can add you to our Priority Services Register if you, or someone in your household:

- Are at a pensionable age with additional needs such as limited mobility;
- Have a disability or chronic illness;
- Have mental health challenges;
- Have a medical condition that means you need additional help (whether long or short term);
- Have difficulty seeing, hearing or communicating;
- Require assistance with your water account or want a little extra security in protecting your account.

Services Southern Water offers:

- Priority Services ensure that people in special circumstances can access water services – such as extra support if there's a disruption to their water supply;
- Have your bills sent to a friend or relative, or register a unique password;
- Large print, braille bills, CD or digital bills;
- Talking bills (have your bills explained to you over the telephone).

Call their free-phone helpline on 0800 027 0800 from 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday or alternatively apply on-line at www.southernwater.co.uk/account/extra-help-and-support.

You may even be entitled to extra support if you, or someone in your household is either elderly, disabled or has certain medical conditions. The additional support and services offered include:

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Are you alone on Christmas day?

If so, you are very welcome to attend our shared Christmas dinner in Lockerley & East Dean Village Hall.

If you don't drive, not a problem. We can sort any obstacle.

All free, we would love to have you and celebrate together.

Contact Amy on :
07411434360



A GENEROUS DONATION

A very heartfelt "Thank you" to the Social Club, and all those of you who have contributed to the wonderfully generous cheque which you have raised for St. Andrew's Church.

We are embarking on a large programme of work to put in new heating, fix the roof and the rendering of the walls, and improvements to the vestry, so you can imagine how grateful we are for this lovely helping hand.

Trish and Sue

KINDLING WOOD FOR SALE

£5 a bag

Contact David on
07967 657003

Can deliver locally





On behalf of the teams at Mottisfont Abbey and South West Hampshire, I'd like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

We're all looking forward to Christmas here, seeing the grounds dressed for Christmas and lit up with lanterns.

The house will be adorned with festive swags, twinkling lights, and Christmas trees sparkling with baubles, and looking at its glamorous best, so do come and pay us a visit.

Entry is FREE of course to Mottisfont and Dunbridge residents - just bring your Parish Passes with you. Details are below of how to get your pass or renew it are below.

We have a great what's on programme for 2022, and we'll keep you updated through the year.

What's on at Mottisfont Winter Opening Hours

The grounds (including the trail), our shop and our Kitchen Café will open every day at 10am and close at 4pm, with last entry into the property at 3.30pm. We will be open every day except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, so do pop in for a walk, coffee, cake or lovely bowl of hot soup.

For those needing planned or emergency Christmas gifts, we have a range of cards, decorations, books, lovely gifts for the garden, scarves, cozy rugs and much much more, so do pop in if you need to stock up!

Christmas at Mottisfont: Saturday 4th December - 9th January

The house will be open on 4th December, fully decorated for Christmas, so do come and have a look inside Maud and Gilbert Russell's glamorous world. Christmas decorations this year will be inspired by the natural beauty of winter inside and out.

Our family trail this year will be "Percy the Park Keepers Winter Adventure". You are invited to join Percy the Park Keeper and his animal friends in giving nature a helping hand. Step into Percy's wellies for the day as his helper, and take part in our fun winter activity trail. Percy has left a special note just for you at the start of the trail asking for your help to find his equipment so he can complete all his winter tasks. At the end of the trail, your hard work will be rewarded with a prize, and you will be able to take a selfie with Percy and his friends. Trails cost £2 each.

Mottisfont Parish Passes

Just a reminder that as a resident of Mottisfont and

The WI

In November we welcomed Judith Long, one time teacher of Home Economics at Brockenhurst College, and who has long been connected with the Food Tent at the Romsey Show.



Judith was accompanied by her wonderful assistant, Gwyneth, who whisked away all the dirty pans to the kitchen and kept an eye on the oven, so that we were able to enjoy the delicious dishes which Judith had cooked at the end of the demonstration. These included Christmas cartwheels, coffee cream meringues, a quick supper dish using left-over ham, and a really easy mayonnaise, made in an instant in a screw topped jar; it tasted better than any shop bought variety.

Our December meeting will be on the 14th, when we will enjoy Christmas games and no doubt some more good things to eat!

Yvonne Goodridge

Broughton & Mottisfont Community Bus



Since July 2021 the bus has once more been providing a normal service, with regular scheduled journeys from

Mottisfont to Romsey, Salisbury, Andover, Winchester and Southampton. No booking is required.

Covid precautions are being followed, and passengers are requested to wear face-masks.

For further details, see:

www.broughtonvillage.net/village-bus

or telephone 234794.

Dunbridge you are entitled to a Parish Pass to enable you and other members of your household to visit Mottisfont free. To renew or apply for your Parish Passes please do phone our estate office on 340757 or email Mottisfont@Nationaltrust.org.uk. You will need to bring in or email us proof of address, and we will need to issue separate passes for every member of the household.

Vicky Fletcher
General Manager
Mottisfont & South West Hampshire Group



The Thomas Dowse's Trust

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, 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.

Please email the secretary, Tina Stuart, for an application form or collect one from Broughton Primary School, St. Mary's Church (Broughton) or Mottisfont Church.

Applications received will be considered at the next meeting of the Trustees. The closing date for applications in time for the next meeting is: Sunday, 6th March 2022.

Email address: tinastuart1atgmaildotcom. (remove the dashes, and change "at" to "@" and "dot" to ".").

From the Rector

Patience

December is the busy season in church life - an obvious ramp-up in activity to prepare for the Christmas celebrations of the incarnation that will engulf us all. There are many, many people who play a part in making ready for our marking of Christmas from musicians to flower arrangers, rota organisers and risk assessors. Thank you all. There are countless expectations to meet and hopes to be fulfilled along with impossible scheduling dilemmas – how to fit so many carol services, drinks receptions, school concerts and shopping trips into such a small space of time.

Yet the month of December is largely consumed by the season of Advent – a period of preparations and waiting. Waiting for Christmas will have an added poignancy this year after the disruptions and disasters of Christmas 2020. It seems we will have been waiting for a full two years in order to celebrate a proper Christmas. Sadly, for many it will be a difficult reminder of the cost of the last couple of years, where there are empty places around the table.

So perhaps we will be able to approach the coming celebrations with patience and reserve, reflecting on a difficult couple of years and the promise, the hope of better things to come. It is this spirit of patient waiting with which Christians traditionally approach Advent as we wait and prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ, God made flesh. For it is through the gift and sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross that the promise of better things to come is made a reality.

CHURCH SERVICES

	Bossington	Broughton	Houghton	Mottisfont
5th December Advent 2	-	9.30am Parish Communion	-	6pm Evensong
12th December Advent 3	-	11am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong	11am Morning Worship
16th December (Thursday)	-	-	7pm Carol Service	-
17th December (Friday)	6pm Carol Service	-	-	-
19th December Advent 4	9.30am Parish Communion BCP	6pm Carol Service	-	4pm Carol Service
24th December Christmas Eve	-	4pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass	-	-
25th December Christmas Day	9.30am Parish Communion BCP	10am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Parish Communion
26th December	10am United Benefice Service at Leckford			



St. ANDREW'S CHURCH VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

All being well we will be able to hold the annual village event this year.
We missed it last year! Hope everybody will be able to come.



Sunday 19th December, at 4pm

Mulled wine, non-alcoholic punch, & mince pies as always!



The Mill Arms

After the lockdown Christmas of 2020 we are looking forward to Christmas and New Year here at the Mill Arms. Since we reopened in May this year, we have seen a gradual increase in trade and a number of our regular events and customers returned along with some welcome new faces.

We are delighted that the Tytherley Skittles League has returned along with all of our regular fishing guests and groups. In addition, we are now hosting the monthly meetings for Hampshire Sheep Farmers, as our function room with its projector is great for groups that do presentations. It was also put to great use for screening the Football World Cup during the summer. We have helped celebrate many life events including a family wedding, some missed milestone birthdays, christenings and anniversaries. If you haven't been to a function or seen the space we have in our function room recently, do consider us for any event you may be planning.



We launched a dining loyalty card scheme when we reopened, which provides discount for regular diners, along with vouchers for birthdays and anniversaries, and are pleased that we have passed the 100 mark in members signing up. Please ask a staff member about it the next time you pop in.

The Christmas menu is now available (but must be pre booked) and will be served Monday to Saturday from Wednesday 1st December until Wednesday 22nd December. Friday and Saturday dates are going fast, so if you are planning on dining with us can we suggest you get in touch soon.

Our Christmas Quiz will be on Tuesday 21st December, and we will combine that evening with our Christmas Draw. First prize this year will be a Firkin of Beer (that's 72 pints for onsite consumption) or 12 bottles of wine from our cellar, along with a variety of other prizes including spirits, toiletries, chocolate and toys. The Draw sheets are pinned up in the bar – purchase a square for 50p and the more squares we sell the more prizes we buy.

Dates and times for Christmas/New Year openings are as follows:

Tuesday 21st December:	Quiz (7.30pm) and Christmas Draw (9.30pm) Teams of up to 6 people, £1 entry per person Prize for the winning team and mince pies all round!
Christmas Eve:	12 noon to 11pm (food served 12-5pm)
Christmas Day:	12 noon to 2pm (bar only)
Boxing Day:	Closed
New Year's Eve:	12 noon to 5pm (food served 12-4pm)
New Year's Day:	12 noon to 4pm (food served 12-3pm, special brunch menu)
Sunday 2nd January:	Regular Sunday menu and hours

Our staff Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 9th January, so we'll be serving food 12-4pm and closing at 5pm on this date. We will then be closed for a couple of days:

Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th January:	Closed
Thursday 13th January onwards:	Open as normal

We are so looking forward to seeing you this festive season and raising a glass or two. Gina, Lorna and the staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2022.



STOCKBRIDGE MUSIC



GESUALDO SIX CONCERT REVIEW Friday 22nd October 2021

When you go to a concert you may hope for moments of delight but you do not expect the hairs to stand up on the back of your neck. Yet this is what happened to many of us in this concert by the Gesualdo Six when the voice of the counter-tenor, Guy James, thrilled from the back of the church.

For those who do not know them, the Gesualdo Six are a group with voices which are like instruments of superb quality, sometimes blending, sometimes contrasting but always in touch with each other, even when at opposite ends of the church. Their rapport, like the beauty of their voices, is effortless.

The majority of the concert was from the Renaissance and particularly from the composers who flourished at the time of Josquin des Prez, the pre-eminent French composer, whose 500th anniversary is this year. This was a period when melodic interweaving or counterpoint was replacing the austere plainsong heard earlier in churches and chapels. The essence of the counterpoint was that the separate melodies, sung together, sound more beautiful as a whole. And this is what we heard again and again. Their familiarity with this period, already profound, must have deepened during lockdown, when it seems, Owain Park – their director – began to learn Renaissance French! The majority of the pieces were those expressing devotion to the Virgin Mary followed by some based on the Song of Songs.

Then they moved to early English composers – Cornysh, Fayrfax and Sheryngham – and the flavour was more 'domestic' with love complaints, and a call to Jesus for mercy. This was English music of the period with composers less familiar than such as Dowland or Tallis but still vibrant with the slightly plaintive spirit of much music of the time.

Finally, to the present day and some huge contrasts. 'Car auprès de toi' by the Edinburgh based composer Ninfea Crutwell-Reade could hardly have been more different from Owain Park's version of 'Phos hilaron' ('Hail Gladdening Light'). And 'Grandmother moon', set to music by Eleanor Daley, is a mystical text by a Mi'kmaq poet living on a British Columbian island. Very different again.

The enthusiastic applause as they ended demanded an encore. And in some ways this was, to me, as touching as any of their pieces. 'Glory to thee My God this night' begins Tallis's canon. Familiar, moving, comforting as a lullaby - who could have rendered it more beautifully? This was their second visit and there is little doubt that they'll be back.

Hugh Saxton



LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Starting school in September 2022

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2022, they can start school in September 2022. For more information about the admissions process and when you can apply for a school place, go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Applications opened for Hampshire residents on 1st November 2021. The national closing date for applications is Saturday 15th January 2022.

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OPEN MORNING

9.30am to 10.30am, Thursday 9th December

Presentation by the Headteacher at 9.30 followed by individual tours of the school by our year 6 children.

Please call the office on 340485 to book your place.

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Vacancies

Breakfast Club Supervisor & After School Club Supervisor

We are looking for someone reliable, friendly and committed to join our team. Job share would be considered.

Salary: to be agreed dependent on qualifications and experience

Hours of Work:

7.45am – 8.30am Monday to Friday (term time only)

3.00pm – 6.00pm Monday to Friday (term time only)

Contact e-mail address:

j.black@lockerley.hants.sch.uk

For further information or to visit the school, please contact the school office on 340485.



Stockbridge Cinema



Wednesday 8th December 2021

4.30pm and 7.30pm

The Courier (12A)

The true story of a British businessman unwittingly recruited into one of the greatest international



conflicts in history. Forming an unlikely partnership with a Soviet officer hoping to prevent a nuclear confrontation, the two men work together to provide the crucial intelligence used to defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis. A Q&A session with Director Dominic Cooke follows the 7.30pm screening (approx. 9.30pm)

Friday 14th January 2022

Annual Report 7.30pm

followed by film at 8.00pm

Faces Places (12)

Iconic French director Agnès Varda forges an unexpected collaboration with photographer JR as they embark on a road trip like no other. They set out in JR's photo booth truck, exploring the villages of rural France, meeting its humble residents while creating large-scale portraits plastered across unconventional locations. In French with English subtitles.

Wednesday 19th January 2022

5.00pm and 7.30pm

Supernova (15)

A bittersweet modern love story starring Colin Firth and Stanley Tucci as Sam and Tusker, long-term partners who are revisiting their past and coming to terms with Tusker's illness on a road trip across England. Supernova is a deeply moving portrait of a couple navigating difficult circumstances with wry humour and affection.

All showing at Stockbridge Town Hall (SO20 6HE). Tickets can be purchased online (£6.00 incl £0.50p booking fee per ticket) via www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk or by telephone from TicketSource 0333 666 3366 (£1.80 charge per telephone booking in addition to the online ticket price). Visit our website for more details. Drinks and ices will be on sale with payment by debit or credit card. Please wear face masks when not in your allocated seat (optional at other times).

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Essentials tariff

Do you need help paying your water bill?

- You may qualify for a minimum 20% discount if your household income is less than £21,000 per annum (not including Personal Independence Allowance, Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance);
- If someone at your address receives Pension Credit, you'll automatically be accepted onto the tariff and receive a 20% discount.

WaterSure tariff

Could look to cap your metered water bill if you have to use additional water usage due to a medical condition, or there are three or more children under the age of 19 years old living at home.

NewStart

A payment matching scheme to help you pay off your Southern Water debt.

Water Direct

Jobcentre Plus may consider paying us amounts directly from your benefits on your behalf.

For these services, call their free-phone helpline on 0800 027 0800 from 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday, or alternatively apply on-line at www.southernwater.co.uk/account/help-paying-your-bill.

Home & Well

In addition to all of the above, Southern Water has now partnered with Hants Citizens Advice, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks, and Portsmouth Water to deliver a 'Home & Well' project.

This remote service offers discharged patients a holistic review of their finances, including utility bills, supported by Citizens Advice Hampshire's trained advisers. It will ensure they are managing their finances and maximising the benefits that utility companies offer, including bill management, energy performance advice and water tariff review.

Patients will also be helped to register for Priority Services from their electricity network operator and water supplier, which will allow them to receive additional support should they experience a power cut or loss of water supply.



***Wishing you a wonderful
Christmas, and health,
happiness, peace and
good fortune in
the New Year!***

Julia and Peter - Editors





BROUGHTON COMMUNITY SHOP

Village Hall, High Street, Broughton SO20 8AX. Tel.: 502495

Broughton Community Shop

New hours! Weekdays: 9.00am - 5.00pm **New hours!**
Saturdays: 9.00am - 12.30pm Sundays: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Broughton Post Office

New hours! Weekdays: 9.00am - 5.00pm **New hours!**
Saturdays: 9.00am - 12.00pm Sundays: Closed

Coffee Shop

Indoor and Outdoor seating and takeaway drinks

(Closes 30 minutes before shop closure)

Follow on FB at BroughtonVillageShop or check on our website www.broughton.shop

Local produce, essentials and treats, fresh and frozen goods, wine and spirits, cigarettes, newspapers, magazines and much more plus, centre stage, a great range of dry and liquid refillables – just bring your own container!

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FAKED PHONE NUMBER

Did you know that if your phone displays the number of the person calling you, the number displayed can easily be faked ("spoofed") to show any number the caller wants?



One Mottisfont resident discovered this recently, when they were called by an apparent fraudster who pretended he was from Amazon with a query about a recent order for a mobile phone costing several hundred pounds - which they hadn't ordered!

When the phone rang, it displayed an 01794 number, which turned out to be a real working phone number, but nothing to do with Amazon.

The recipients of the call have a call filtering device on their phone, which is set up to intercept all calls except those beginning with 01794, as local calls usually are not a problem.

However, now that the spammers have started spoofing 01794 numbers, they have changed the call filtering to allow through only calls from numbers that are in the phone's address book.

So, be cautious about the number displayed by your phone!

Is your password 123456? Only 23 million other people use it!

Whether it's your Facebook, Amazon, or Netflix account, the explosion in popularity of online apps and services means more and more of us have to remember an increasingly long list of passwords.

Unfortunately, some of us cope with this challenge by resorting to practices that leave our data, devices and money at risk - by using the same password across multiple accounts, or by creating simple passwords that could easily be guessed by hackers. Bad password practice is more prevalent than you might think - the UK's National Cyber Security Centre carried out analysis of passwords leaked in data breaches and found that more than 23 million users worldwide used 123456 as a password. You can read more about it here: www.ncsc.gov.uk/news/most-hacked-passwords-revealed-as-uk-cyber-survey-exposes-gaps-in-online-security.

A good way to create strong, memorable passwords is by using at least 3 random words. But remember, don't use words that can be guessed (like your pet's name). You can include numbers and symbols if you need to. For example, "RedPantsTree4!" (but don't use that one!! - Eds).

Neighbourhood Alert

THE SOCIAL CLUB

Mottisfont Social Club would like to thank all who came to the quiz on 13th November, which raised £450 for St. Andrew's Church.

We are seeing things slowly returning to normal at the Club with ladies' darts, snooker and billiards leagues starting up again.

Christmas and New Year events

4th December:	Christmas quiz with prizes for the best ladies', gents' and children's Christmas jumpers. 8.15pm start.
11th December:	Christmas meat draw.
12th December:	Christmas skittles evening with teams of 5. 8pm start.
18th December:	Christmas raffle.
Christmas eve:	We will be holding our usual cheese and biscuits evening.
Christmas day:	We will be open from midday until 2pm. All welcome.
New Year's Eve:	There will be a disco to see in the new year.
22nd January:	Quiz, 8.15pm start.
29th January:	Race Night. First race: 8pm

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

The Social Club Committee

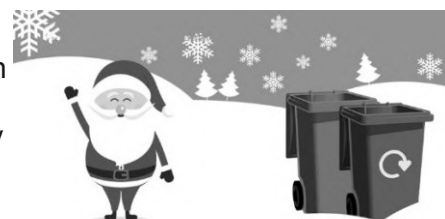
Recycling over Christmas and New Year 2021/22

Christmas trees Once the festive season is over, you can recycle your real Christmas tree at one of the 9 temporary sites provided. The ones closest to Mid Test Ward are these:

- Dobbies Garden Centre Salisbury Road
- Alma Road Car Park (near Waitrose) Romsey
- Village Hall, West Wellow
- Hillier Garden Centre Braishfield

The full list is on the TVBC web site. Please remove all decorations and non-compostable items before recycling.

These sites are provided for real Christmas trees only from Thursday 30th December to Monday 10th January. If you subscribe to the Garden Waste Collection Service, we can collect your Christmas tree (please only cut it in half if it's over 6ft).



Waste and Recycling Bin Collections

Black bins will be collected on the normal days, but brown bin collection days are a day later than normal.

Garden waste collections will not take place between Monday 20th December and Friday 31st December. Collections will be a day later during the week commencing 3rd January.

Excess Waste During the Christmas and New Year period only waste left in bags beside the black bin on a household waste collection day will be accepted. Collection teams will only empty one black bin per property unless extra bin capacity has been authorised.

Excess Recyclables Recyclable materials in cardboard boxes left beside the brown bin on recycling weeks will be collected throughout the year.

Gift Wrapping Paper Do not put gift wrap in the brown recycling bin. Most gift wrap is plastic film, foil, or heavily over-printed, low-grade paper. Used gift wrap is also often crunched up and covered with sticky tape. Overall, it has very little material benefit for recycling.

Household Waste Recycling Centres These will be open except on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

If you have any questions about recycling or any other questions for TVBC, please contact your Borough Councillors.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Councillors Alison Johnston, Ian Jeffrey and Tony Ward