



NOTICE BOARD VANDALISED

In late April, the recently refurbished notice board at the Village Hall was found lying on the ground with the sheet of perspex from one of its doors missing.



Fortunately, Rob Aslett, Managing Director of Rigfone Electrics in Southampton, has kindly replaced the missing perspex.

We hope to restore the notice board to a usable state soon, but permission is being sought to use a different mounting arrangement, and this may take some time.

The Social Club

The Social Club is now open: Monday to Saturday: 7pm to 11pm; Sunday: 12pm to 2pm and 7pm to 10.30pm.

Signing in will be required, and masks must still be worn when moving around the club. There will be table service only.

Events

- Bingo is every Thursday, starting at 8pm.
- There will be a quiz on 5th June held by Mottisfont Cricket Club, after which the Social Club will run one fortnightly.
- We will hold a Grand Summer Draw with tickets sold for the Christmas Draw transferred to this.
- Christmas Meat Draw tickets will be carried over to next Christmas.
- The Joker will start on 24th June under new rules.

Hope to see you soon!



JOHN JENKINS

1st January 1932 -
25th May 2021

John Jenkins has sadly passed away at the age of 89. A stalwart of village life since the mid-1980s, he lived and worked at Hatt Farm in Mottisfont for many years.

John will be remembered fondly by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Daniel Jenkins

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We are pleased to report that the village hall is now open for bookings, so if you want to arrange a private party please contact Diane Roberts on 07488 358253.

As reported in the last Acorn we are hoping that if all goes well we will be able to hold a **village gathering 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. This will be an opportunity to meet up with friends and make new friends.

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

Please put this date in your diary now and watch out for the August Acorn and village WhatsApp group for any updates. If you are not already on the WhatsApp group please contact Jeff Channing via the Parish Council page at www.mottisfontpc.org.uk.

Village Hall Committee

LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

Friday 9th July

5 - 7pm

All members of our community are invited to share this special occasion with us.

**BBQ, BAR, RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, STALLS
AND MUCH MORE!**



The sun is shining, the old fashioned varieties are starting to bloom, and we've just taken delivery of a limited Jude's edition of *rose ice-cream*, inspired by the rose garden here at Mottisfont. It can only mean one thing: it's time to make a visit!



The garden team at Mottisfont have worked so hard, with so few, to keep the gardens and grounds looking

immaculate and welcoming to the eye! Jonny, our head gardener, would probably disagree with me (oh no, Helen – this needs to be done, that needs to be pruned, the list is endless...). But, considering the staff and volunteer levels are still low due to the pandemic, the garden team have to be congratulated!

And should you still have gaps in the garden borders, or fancy creating a wildlife friendly garden, you will be pleased to hear that the Plant Centre and shop are now open and restocked with lots of seasonal products, plants and gardening equipment.

As well as the gardens being open, so is the house. It's great to finally open those big doors to welcome our visitors and share the collection and legacy of Maud Russell. We are currently showcasing the centenary of the artist Joan Eardley, by highlighting three paintings of Eardley's that we own as part of the Derek Hill Collection.

The house opening times have now changed. Should you wish to visit the house, we are open Wednesday to Sunday (closed Monday and Tuesdays). This will be the normal arrangement until the gallery space is open, and we revert to seven day opening.

To visit Mottisfont, especially in June, I highly recommend booking. The booking slots go live every Friday for the following week. We are still operating with limited visitor numbers through the online booking system. Our opening times will be 10am till 5pm; no early morning openings or late evenings. We still have to follow government guidance, therefore a one-way system will be in operation throughout the walled gardens.

We have a lot to look forward to in the summer. Once the roses go over, the borders and lavender in the central and north walled gardens become a vivid purply-blue haze – the scent is delectable! The

gallery space will reopen with an exhibition of classic Ladybird original illustrations from the iconic 'What can you see in summer' books, with an outdoor exhibition of the modern day book images in the Beech Circle. Families can take part in the summer trail and hopefully, the children's play equipment will be refurbished and open.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Summer Highlights

In the gardens...

Our walled gardens are filled with heavenly fragrance and colour from thousands of roses in early summer. We're home to the National Collection of pre-1900 old-fashioned roses, which reach their peak in June.

We're anticipating a later season this year, with the gardens looking their best in the first weeks of June.

In the gallery...

A British Summerscape – from the Ladybird Book collection **24th July to 5th September, 11am – 5pm**

Original watercolours, created by one of Britain's foremost wildlife artists for the Ladybird book classic 'What to Look for in Summer', are on show from 24th July to 5th September.

First published in 1960, Charles Tunnicliffe's beautifully detailed artworks reflect the plants and wildlife of a summer season in the countryside - swallows swooping gracefully over farmland on the hunt for insects, a water vole hiding on the river's edge, an adder basking in sun-warmed dunes.

Blown up sections of the illustrations cover Mottisfont's gallery walls, creating a feeling of immersion, as if stepping into the pages of the book itself.

Outside, in the gardens' beech tree circle, a unique outdoor gallery space has been created to host local artist Natasha Durley's digital illustrations for the new Ladybird edition of 'What to Look for in Summer'.

Published 60 years after Tunnicliffe's originals, their fresh, contemporary style aims to bring a new curiosity and awareness of nature to the next generation of Ladybird readers. This is the very first time that both sets of illustrations have been on display together.

Helen Potts
Visitor Experience & Programmes Manager
Mottisfont and South West Hants & New Forest

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

Funerals

Last month I wrote about weddings, but this month I find myself moved to write instead about funerals. I find it curious that my attitude towards funerals tends to be sharply at odds with most other people's. While I see them as an everyday feature of daily life, most of the people I speak to about them consider their very existence to problematic. "I have a funeral" often elicits the response "O dear, I am sorry". Really – it is my job! Don't be sorry!

I mention funerals because, curiously, the last couple of months I have been busier with funerals than since I first arrived here in the Test Valley. Funerals always used to come in a reasonably steady stream, with a post-Christmas rush and a slight up-tick during the winter. However, in these covid-times funerals are highly seasonal, with a large workload during times of widespread disease and respite as the NHS is again able to cope with the situation, and the hospitals return to normal. However, I cannot account for the current rush to the grave here in the Test Valley.

This past Monday (17th May) saw a lifting of the restrictions on the number of people who can attend a funeral, although venues still need to ensure distancing. Not enabling grieving families to attend the funeral of a loved one has been a particularly challenging aspect of the pandemic, and has further separated the reality of death from the experience of wider society. Allowing more people to experience a funeral, and so reflect on the one thing that is a truly universal human experience, can only be a positive.

Along with the promise that we will all face death, is also the promise that we can all hold to the hope of sharing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. For the Christian, although death is a cause of sadness, it not an ending but a beginning, and not a source of dread but of hope. At a time when we have all lost so much in the past year, we can find comfort in that promise new life in Christ.

CHARITY WALK

I am planning to do a solo charity walk this summer, starting at John O'Groats and ending in Land's End, which is about 1000 miles, and I am hoping to complete it in 60 days.

Because I have suffered three mini strokes and I am a type 2 diabetic, these are the charities I would like to support. I will shortly be opening a Just Giving Facebook page to enable anyone to easily support the walk.

I will be carrying a lightweight tent, sleeping bag, and some other essentials. My flight north is booked for 14th July. I am, fingers crossed, hopeful for pleasant summer weather, but who knows. Camping can be pleasurable, but where possible I will occasionally

book into a B&B. I am also planning to end each day with a couple of bags of litter collected from the verges as I get to the end of my days walk...a small gesture, but it will make me feel better.

I know my friends and family will keep you all updated via Facebook and the Mottisfont Neighbours WhatsApp. Please tell your friends: it can only help the charities. I will also keep a daily record of my travels, and maybe some pictures.

Wish me luck!

Many thanks.

Peter Holmes

St. Andrew's Church PCC invites you to a summer's evening....

HOG ROAST

Saturday, 17th July
at 6 - 9pm

in the idyllic riverside garden of

MOTTISFONT HOUSE
SO51 0LN
(next to the Church)



All welcome, so please bring families and friends

(A much needed fundraiser for our medieval church of St Andrews which, like so many charities, has lost revenue due to the Covid pandemic.)

Tickets ~ £20 adults, £6 under 16s, under 5s free
(Fully refunded if the event is cancelled due to Covid)

For advance tickets call
Sue Clutterbuck on 340475 or
Trish Armstrong 07879 055040
Tickets at door on the night if capacity permits

**Seasonal
desserts**
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**Licensed bar**  
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Pimms
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**Music**

**Some seating  
available  
however we  
suggest you  
bring your own  
seats or rugs**

**Raffle**  
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**Hot dogs +
squash
for 'little
people' only
(for £1.00)**

CHURCH SERVICES, JUNE 2021

	6th June Trinity 1	13th June Trinity 2	20th June Trinity 3	27th June Trinity 4
8 am	-	-	-	Broughton HC (CW or BCP)
9.30 am	Broughton Parish Eucharist and baptism	-	Bossington Parish Eucharist BCP ~~~ Broughton The Bible Uncovered	Houghton Parish Eucharist
11 am	-	Broughton Parish Eucharist ~~~ Mottisfont Morning Worship	-	Broughton Family Service ~~~ Mottisfont Parish Eucharist
6 pm	Mottisfont Evensong	Houghton Evensong	-	Bossington Meditation

HC: Holy Communion BCP: Book of Common Prayer CW: Common Worship



Here is this year's list of fixtures. We would love to see people from the village up at the ground. We are also always on the lookout for more players, particularly on Tuesdays, when games are much more low key and the standard is more leisurely!!

We are planning to run two quiz nights during the season (Covid restrictions permitting). They both follow home games against local rivals Michelmersh & Timsbury, and will be held at the Social Club with an 8pm start. They will be on **Saturday 5th June** and **Saturday 4th September**.

We look forward to seeing you!

5 June	Mottisfont	v	Michelmersh & Timsbury	Hampshire Cricket League Division 4W
8 June	Wellow & Plaitford B	v	Mottisfont	Border League Division 2
12 June	Woodgreen	v	Mottisfont	Hampshire Cricket League Division 4W
15 June	Totton & Eling	v	Mottisfont	Border League Division 2
17 June		v		Border League Plate Round 1
19 June	Mottisfont	v	Bournemouth III	Hampshire Cricket League Division 4W
22 June	Mottisfont	v	Wellow & Plaitford B	Border League Division 2
26 June	Mottisfont	v	Steeple Langford	Hampshire Cricket League Division 4W
29 June		v		Border League Cup/Plate Quarter Final
3 July	Dorset Indians	v	Mottisfont	Hampshire Cricket League Division 4W
6 July	Mottisfont	v	Bramshaw B	Border League Division 2
10 July	Laverstock & Ford	v	Mottisfont	Hampshire Cricket League Division 4W
17 July	Mottisfont	v	Pylewell Park	Hampshire Cricket League Division 4W
20 July		v		Border League Cup/Plate Semi Final
24 July	Burley	v	Mottisfont	Hampshire Cricket League Division 4W
27 July	Michelmersh & Timsbury	v	Mottisfont	Border League Division 2
31 July	Mottisfont	v	Wellow & Plaitford	Hampshire Cricket League Division 4W
3 August		v		Border League Plate Final
5 August		v		Border League Cup Final
7 August	Redlynch & Hale II	v	Mottisfont	Hampshire Cricket League Division 4W
14 August	Mottisfont	v	Ringwood	Hampshire Cricket League Division 4W
21 August	Hyde	v	Mottisfont	Hampshire Cricket League Division 4W
28 August	Fawley II	v	Mottisfont	Hampshire Cricket League Division 4W
4 September	Mottisfont	v	Michelmersh & Timsbury	Friendly
11 September	Ampfield	v	Mottisfont	Friendly