



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



The Village Newsletter

Aug - Sept 2022

Sunday 14th August, 1pm – 5pm

Mottisfont Village Fete

At the Village Hall

Featuring

Lots of games and stalls including:

Splat the Rat – Treasure Hunt – Bric-a-brac – Skittles – Coconut shy

Books – Tombola – Preserves – Crafts – Jewellery & Candles

Ice Creams – Barbecue – Bar – Tea, Coffee & Cakes

Fly fishing auction – Raffle – Art Exhibition – Music

Guess the weight of the cake – Heaviest marrow and longest runner bean

Hands on animal encounters with Portsmouth Reptile and Amphibian Society

HELP NEEDED

Can you spare an hour or two on Saturday 13th August from 10am to put up gazebos and stalls? Can you run one of the stalls or do you have an idea for something new that you could run? Help also needed to clear up on Sunday after the fete.

TOMBOLA

We are open for donations for the Tombola. Donations of bottles, tins, and new gifts can be left in the garage at Hawthorn Cottage in Lockerley Road.



CAKES

We need cakes to sell on the cake stall and cakes and biscuits to sell with tea and coffee. Please bring these to the hall either on the Saturday morning or Sunday from 10am.



Contact for the fete: Lynn Young, tel. 340134



**National
Trust**

I hope many of you were all able to visit Mottisfont Abbey to see the roses this June; it was a spectacular display this year.

We have a full programme this summer and autumn! The house is back open after our deep conservation clean, dust free and looking very spick and span. For those of you with young children, our wild play area has re-opened, and I have seen big smiles from families visiting the Little People, BIG DREAMS® exhibition. The Old Kitchen Café is back open with a summer menu, and even on hot days there are plenty of shady spots to chill out!

Following planning consent granted earlier in July by Test Valley Borough Council, we will be undertaking some works on the walled gardens in the autumn. This includes replacing the huge white doors on Oakley Road which lead into the Frameyard (Kitchen Garden), and also repairs to the pillars and repointing the walls in places. The gates certainly have seen better days, and so this like for like replacement will be much smarter.

We are doing bat surveys at the moment to make sure we are protecting our furry echolocating friends too.

We will also have scaffolding back up this autumn, this time on the north face of the house, to get us back up to speed with cyclical maintenance works.

Vicky Fletcher
General Manager
Vicky.Fletcher@nationaltrust.org.uk

For families...

Little People, BIG DREAMS® exhibition and trail, Saturday 23 July – Sunday 4 September, 10am-5pm: a new exhibition and activity trail celebrates some of the world's most outstanding people, using artworks from the bestselling Little People, BIG DREAMS® picture-book series.

The four rooms of Mottisfont's gallery are each dedicated to a different personality, with interactive elements alongside artworks. Meet Malala Yousafzai and Martin Luther King Jr., step into the studio of Frida Kahlo, and discover the natural world with David Attenborough.

Outside, an extensive, inclusive activity trail inspires creativity and courage as you explore the gardens. You'll meet even more Little People along the way, learn about their lives and learn about yourself at the same time.

In the gardens...

Colourful herbaceous borders in the walled gardens provide changing displays until early autumn following peak rose season. Late and repeat-flowering roses continue to bloom, and richly-scented lavender attracts swathes of bees and butterflies.

Most of our old-fashioned roses only flower once a year, and afterwards produce ornamental fruit or 'hips', which, as well as brightening the garden in autumn, provide local birds with an important source of winter food. For this reason, our gardeners tend not to deadhead these unique roses, which can be a surprise to some of our visitors.

Look out for parch marks on the south lawn: dry spells reveal the footprints of Mottisfont's Medieval and Tudor buildings hidden beneath the grass.

In the house...

We've been welcoming visitors back into the house once more following closure for conservation cleaning in June. Visit the Red Room for a small focus show on Walter Sickert, drawing on paintings from the Derek Hill Collection of 20th-century art.

In the countryside...

During periods of hot and dry weather, it's even more important to follow the Countryside Code and help us to protect precious landscapes. You're welcome to bring a picnic when exploring the wider estate, but please clear up every bit of litter, and don't use BBQs or light fires. Fires can undo years of conservation work to bring back nature and tackle climate change.

Keep in touch...

Visit our website, 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, Instagram and follow us on Twitter @MottisfontNT for regular updates.

Villagers' Fly-fishing Tickets 2022

Fly-fishing residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge are eligible to purchase a Village Ticket to fish the waters of the Mottisfont Estate during September and October. We offer one £22 ticket per applicant, and the tickets are strictly for Mottisfont and Dunbridge residents, not for non-local friends or family members.

You don't need to be an expert, but you must have some fly-fishing experience, your own kit, and a rod licence.

To book a place, please email Sarah at admin@mottisfont.org.uk

From the Rector

Weddings

We are at the height of the summer and the height of the wedding season. The local churches have managed to get back into the swing of weddings now, after a couple of years of covid disruptions. It seems that thankfully we are no longer helping couples who are nursing disappointments or desperate to have the huge event they were previously denied, and instead are simply helping people get married in the way they wish to, without any baggage left over from what they had hoped for previously.

Of course, not everyone marries, and not every relationship is on a trajectory that will lead the couple to make that commitment. Similarly, sadly, not every couple that marries will remain so. It is not for me to have views on which couples ought to get married, or to think that some newlyweds have made a mistake. However, my role does mean that I am often invited to oversee couples making these commitments to each other, which is a great privilege.

However, my role also involves supporting individuals for whom the dream of a happy-ever-after is not their reality. Sometime relationships fail, others are widowed, and some are living in relationships that bring continual sadness, or even fear and abuse. This is the full breadth of the reality of relationships that arise from our human condition.

Different Christians often see two different aspects of Jesus' humanity. One is as an example of human perfection; the other is an example of sharing in human brokenness and accompanying others in their failings. As a consequence, church life similarly struggles with the duality of reaching for perfection, and yet also providing a harbour for our failings. We can see this tension in the Church's approach to human relationships: both wanting to hold up an ideal, and also acknowledging that is not the reality for all.

Whatever the reality of human relationships in your life, I hope the Church can speak into your experience in a way that is loving, supportive and helpful.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

	Bossington	Broughton	Houghton	Mottisfont
7th August Trinity 8	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist	-	6pm Evensong
14th August Trinity 9	-	11am Parish Eucharist (Patronal)	6pm Evensong	11am Morning Worship
21st August Trinity 10	9.30am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Bible Uncovered	-	-
28th August Trinity 11	6pm Meditation	8am Holy Communion CW or BCP ~~~~~ 11am Family Service	9.30am Parish Eucharist with Baptism	11am Parish Eucharist
4th Sept Trinity 12	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist	-	6pm Evensong
11th Sept Trinity 13	-	11am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong	11am Morning Worship
18th Sept Trinity 14	9.30am Parish Eucharist BCP	9.30am Bible Uncovered	-	-
25th Sept Trinity 15	6pm Meditation	8am Holy Communion (CW or BCP) ~~~~~ 11am Family Service (Harvest)	9.30am Parish Eucharist (Harvest)	11am Parish Eucharist (Harvest)

Our speaker for June is a very busy man! Not only is he the new Mayor of Romsey, but is also a Councillor for the Cupernham ward, and Chairman of RAODS.

However, Neil Gwynne kindly found time to come and tell us about another interest, 'Wilder Romsey', which was launched in July 2021. This aims to ensure the future of Romsey's natural environment and its sustainability. TVBC is encouraging biodiversity in the area. This has included planting £19,000 worth of sapling trees, the creation of habitats for wild creatures, wild flower planting and changes to the grass cutting regime. They aim to encourage volunteers, clear waterways and canal banks, and plant wild flower areas, although it is proving difficult to find land on which to do this. Neil illustrated his talk with slides to reinforce his topic.

He then gave us a brief history of the Plaza theatre and encouraged us to attend the next performance - "Villette" which was to be performed in July.

He finished by judging the Jubilee Hat Competition, which had a good number of entries and was won by Caroline Egg.

Between the June and July meetings, members enjoyed a very pleasant evening in the garden of Mrs. Clutterbuck. We wandered along the riverbank, admired the beautiful flower borders and explored

the vegetable garden. Finally we sat on the terrace with glasses of wine and nibbles, and were each given a bunch of sweet peas to take home - altogether a very pleasant experience.

In July, the speaker was Steve Oakes, a long time volunteer with the South Wilts branch of the RSPB. Steve told us how to attract wild birds into our gardens, and explained the characteristics of several species.

Birds need cover to breed, so wild hedges will attract them, also hawthorn and pyracantha. Wall cover and log piles will also help. A pond, even a small one, flowers which attract insects, and nest boxes which face away from the south west are desirable, and of course bird feeders (cleaned every 10 days or so), and fresh drinking water, are essential. Steve's talk was illustrated with colourful slides of a wide variety of birds, and we were able to ask questions afterwards.

A few days later a group of members attended a performance of "Villette" at the Plaza Theatre, which caused a lot of discussion during the interval!

Next month, on 9th August, we will have a demonstration of felting by Sofie Baker. This comes with high recommendation from several members who have attended a course given by Sofie.

Please don't forget bring a brace items for the stall at the village fete on 14th August.



BROUGHTON COMMUNITY SHOP

Village Hall, High Street, Broughton SO20 8AX. Tel number: 01794 502495

Broughton Community Shop

Weekdays: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturdays: 9.00am - 12.30pm Sundays: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Broughton Post Office

Weekdays: 9.00am - 5.00pm

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
Or email news@broughton.shop to be included in the Shop's mailing list for updates, promos and more

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 liquid refillables – just bring your own container!

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STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA



Wednesday 31 August

5.00pm and 7.30pm

The Phantom of the Open (12A)

The true story of Maurice Flitcroft, an optimistic dreamer who, with the support of his family and friends, managed to gain entry to the 1976 British Open qualifying. Despite never playing a round of golf before, and drawing the ire of the golfing elite, he becomes a British folk hero in the process.



Friday 16 September

7.30pm

Drive My Car (15)

Two years after his wife's death, Yusuke Kafuku receives an offer to direct a play at a theatre festival in Hiroshima. There, he meets Misaki, a reserved young woman assigned to be his chauffeur. As they spend time together, Kafuku starts to confront the mystery of his wife that quietly haunts him. Winner of the Best International Film at the 2022 BAFTA and Academy Awards. [In Japanese with English subtitles]

Wednesday 21 September

4.30pm and 7.30pm

Downton Abbey - A New Era (PG)

The much anticipated return of Downton Abbey follows the Crawleys and their staff as they welcome a movie crew and their glamorous stars to Downton for the filming of a new silent movie, while other members of the family go on a grand adventure to a villa in the south of France to uncover a mystery about the Dowager Countess and her past.

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall, SO20 6HE.

Tickets can be purchased online (£6 incl 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 card.

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE DOG POO FAIRY

Some owners who take their dog into the Village Hall field are not picking up their dog's mess.

A lot of hirers bring children to the hall, and they don't want to use the field and tread in dog poo. The Village Hall Committee is happy for dogs to be exercised in the field, but it is vital that owners pick up the mess.

If you see anyone allowing their dog to foul in the field and not picking it up, please give them a gentle reminder.

If the fouling continues the Committee will have no option but to lock all the gates to prevent pedestrian access. This will be a great shame as we want the whole village, and visitors to the hall, to be able to enjoy all the facilities.

Village Hall Committee

KINDLING WOOD FOR SALE

£5 a bag

Contact David on
07967 657003

Can deliver locally



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, 28th August, 2022.

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

DAVID OWEN NORRIS TRIO

Stockbridge Music's illustrious patron David Owen Norris makes a welcome return with his piano trio. They will be performing two of the most revered chamber works in the classical repertoire:



**Beethoven's Trio in B flat "The Archduke"
Op. 97**

and

Schubert's Trio in B flat, D898

**FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER at 7.30pm
St. Peter's Church, Stockbridge**

**Tickets £20 from www.stockbridgemusic.uk
Sponsor: The Wykeham Gallery, Stockbridge**

Dunbridge Allotments

We are an active gardening community working 14 allotments in the centre of Dunbridge village.

We have 1 allotment vacant and available to rent. We also have a current allotment holder who would like to share part of their plot.

Please contact me if you are interested.

Kim Bown

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VILLAGE SUPPER

After an absence of three years, the village supper will be returning to Mottisfont Village Hall on Saturday 8th October, 7 for 7.30pm.

Supper will be a choice of meat or vegetarian chilli with rice, followed by a selection of desserts, tea and coffee. Bring your own drinks.

The price will be £12.50 per person. If you would like to book, please send us a cheque or cash for £5 per person as a deposit, with final payment to be made by 1st October at the latest. Cheques should be made payable to "Mottisfont Village Hall". Alternatively, you can email us and we will give you details of the village hall bank account so you can make a direct payment.

We recommend you book early as places will be limited to a maximum of 30.

Pat and Dave Francis

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UNEXPECTED REGAL PRESENCE AT VILLAGE JUBILEE PICNIC

Jaws dropped at the Village Jubilee Picnic on 5th June when for a delightful moment we all thought that HM had chosen to drop in unannounced. However, doubts soon began to spread as people spotted that the plastic carrier bag was a little out of character.



In the spirit of the day, no arrests for impersonation were made by PCSO Marie Stubbington, who attended and brought a large collection of riot gear: shields, helmets, body armour and high visibility jackets were enthusiastically donned by several well-known local personalities!



POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

There has been a small spate of crime recently in the Mottisfont area. If you have any information, please either call 101 or go to www.hampshire.police.uk to report it, quoting the reference number(s).

- On 1st July there was a break-in to one of the fishing huts at Mottisfont. Entry was gained, graffiti was daubed, a small fire started, and fire extinguishers stolen. Please quote 4220261531. A second incident of graffiti has also taken place on a bench along Hatt Lane.
- Farm buildings were broken into overnight on 7th July, and items including power tools stolen. Reference number 44220272323.
- A shed near Spearywell was broken into late in the evening on 20th July, and a power tool stolen. Reference number 44220292711.

Please remain vigilant and report any sightings of suspicious behaviour to us. To re-iterate, our main area of concern is break-ins to sheds and garages. Previous newsletters have crime prevention advice in them.

Affordable Housing – How is it delivered?

Part 3 of a series from our Borough Councillors

In previous newsletters we have talked about what we mean by “affordable housing” and what the different tenure types mean, and now in the last of our three articles we look at how affordable housing gets delivered.

Negotiating new affordable homes through planning policy

Many of the new affordable homes in Test Valley are negotiated as part of wider developments. The Council's adopted Local Plan contains policies which enable the Council to secure up to 40% affordable housing on new developments. The Housing Development Team works closely with developers, Registered Providers, and the Council's planning teams to secure the relevant amount of affordable housing on new development sites, and to ensure that the tenure, type, and size of homes meets the greatest needs.

Making new affordable homes available to those in need

New affordable homes are purchased by a Registered Provider, who will oversee the delivery of those homes and take on future management of them, but the Council has nomination rights to the affordable homes. Anyone in need of an affordable home to rent should apply to be put onto the housing register (Hampshire Home Choice), and they will then be able to bid for a rented home, subject to meeting any specific criteria. Shared ownership homes will be advertised through the Help to Buy

Agent, who will guide interested applicants through the application process and signpost them to independent financial advice to assist them in securing a mortgage to purchase their shared ownership home.

Delivering new affordable homes in rural areas

The Rural Exception Site policy enables the delivery of 100% affordable housing schemes for local people on sites in rural areas where housing development would not normally be permitted. To deliver a rural exception site there must be evidence of local affordable housing need. The Council's Housing Development Team can offer a Rural Housing Needs Survey service to Parish Councils who may wish to explore the affordable housing need in their parish.

The adopted Local Plan also contains a Community Led Housing policy, which enables local communities to bring forward proposals for small developments which may include a mix of open market and affordable housing, as well as other community benefits. As with the Rural Exception Site policy, a Community Led Housing proposal must be able to demonstrate a local housing need, that the proposals are being led by the community, and that the proposal offers community benefits which could not otherwise be provided.

How much affordable housing is delivered in Test Valley?

Test Valley Borough Council sets a target to deliver 200 new affordable homes each year. Over the past 6 years the delivery has exceeded that target, and in 2020/21 there were 296 new affordable homes completed.

Cllrs. Alison Johnston, Ian Jeffrey and Tony Ward

A Rude Interruption?

On 16th June, Lynn and myself had come down from Spearywell and were walking back along the Water Meadows towards the unmanned railway crossing.

We decided to sit and have a drink in the shade of the trees by the path as it was quite a hot day.



All of a sudden, they (Naturist Ramblers) just appeared along the path coming from Dunbridge direction and walking towards Lockerley. As you can imagine, we were pretty speechless!!

Lynn managed to count them and thinks there were at least 48 (but only 3 women). Not something you see everyday around here.

Margaret Astur

GIVE YOUR INPUT TO THE TVBC CORPORATE PLAN

Test Valley Borough Council is currently planning ahead to 2027 through its next Corporate Plan.

This document outlines the council's vision and priorities for the borough, setting out its direction and providing a focus for their activities and services. As a result, it will inform decision making and allocation of resources across the authority.

To help the council put this document together, they need the voices and views of their communities to tell them what their priorities should be throughout the organisation.

If you have a few minutes, please complete the survey at www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporate-plan-2023-2027.

PARISH COUNCIL

Dunbridge Station Goods Yard

The Parish Council meeting on 21st July was attended by the planning consultant representing the developer negotiating the purchase of the Station Goods Yard at Dunbridge.

He set out his thinking about the process of seeking planning consent for new homes which might include a bulletin to be included with a future edition of the Acorn and a consultation event to take the views of residents about the type and design of the potential new homes.

We will keep you updated in the Acorn, on the parish website and the WhatsApp group.

Defibrillators

At the same meeting, the Parish Council agreed to take on responsibility for managing our two defibrillators. This should help ensure that both of the defibrillators, one at the Social Club and the other at the Mill Arms, will continue to be available.

They have been looked after up to now by Pat Francis and funded by donations. The Parish Council thanked Pat for fulfilling this function so effectively, and we will continue to welcome fund-raising initiatives to ensure we can pay for the ongoing maintenance required.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL 20MPH SPEED LIMIT CONSULTATION

Hampshire County Council is seeking the views of residents about 20mph speed limits within Hampshire.



The County Council is keen to hear from as many residents, businesses and other stakeholders as possible, to find out their views on the implementation of 20mph limits in the context of other highways priorities and the County Council's statutory duties to maintain the highway in a safe condition within a limited budget.

The findings from the survey, together with data about use of the highway, speed enforcement, road safety and environmental impacts will be important in helping to shape future policy relating to 20mph speed limits in Hampshire and, in turn, future decision-making around 20mph speed limits.

The survey is available at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transport schemes/20mph-speed-limits-consultation>, and should take just 15 minutes to complete.

It is open until midnight on Monday 12 September 2022.

WHIST

Whist is carrying on during the summer at Mottisfont Village Hall. The next sessions are:

- Friday 19th August
- Friday 16th September

Both start at 7pm.

THE SOCIAL CLUB

Forthcoming events at the Social Club

- Friday 5th August: Mike's Quiz, 8pm
- Saturday 13th August: Music Night with Mike Hughes, 8pm
- Sunday 14th August: The Mercedes Club car show in the club car park from midday
- Friday 19th August: Mike's Quiz, 8pm
- Friday 2nd September: Mike's Quiz, 8pm
- Saturday 10th September: 60s/70s/80s Music Night, 8pm
- Friday 16th September: Mike's Quiz, 8pm
- Friday 30th September: Mike's Quiz, 8pm

Come and join us!

CONNECT4COMMUNITIES: SUPPORT WITH LIVING COSTS

The connect4communities programme, funded by the Department for Work and Pensions Household Support Fund, aims to support those most in need with significantly rising living costs, particularly families with children and pensioners who would otherwise struggle with energy, food and water bills.

More funding has been made available for the period of 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022.



The connect4communities programme also incorporates the Holiday Activities and Food scheme, funded by the Department for Education.

For more information, go to www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities, or just search online for connect4communities.