



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

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The Village Newsletter

Oct-Nov 2022

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND EVENTS

### ANNUAL VILLAGE FETE

Thank you to everyone who helped at the fete on one of the hottest days of the year.

The profit was around £1,200.

### VILLAGE SUPPER

**Saturday 8th October, 7 for 7.30pm**

There is still time to book a party for the village supper. The main course will be chilli, with a vegetarian option, followed by a choice of delicious desserts. Cost is £12.50 per person. Bring your own wine. Tea and coffee will be available. Donations of raffle prizes will be welcomed.

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND TABLE-TOP SALE

**Saturday 19th November, 2 - 4pm**

An opportunity to sell crafts, unwanted gifts, and anything Christmassy. You can either donate items for village hall funds or have your own table for £10. Tea and coffee will be on sale.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Friday 9th December, 7.30pm**

Treat yourself to a relaxing, entertaining and harmony-rich break from the hurly-burly! Beggar's Belief, a local folk group, will offer you songs old, new, borrowed and blue (well, the colour blue anyway!) with light-hearted moments aplenty and the occasional thought-provoking lyric thrown in for good measure. There will also be a couple of new Christmas songs composed by the group.

Beggar's Belief are Ali Campion, Barry Wake, Hamish Gavin, Liz Trueman and Mary Lee.

Hot punch and mince pies will be served during the interval. There is no charge for the event, but there will be a bowl for donations to cover the group's expenses.

**To book for the supper or table-top sale,  
please phone  
Dave and Pat Francis on 340609**

## KEEP VIGILANT!

Recently a vehicle was seen moving slowly along Barley Hill, with the occupants looking into properties as they went.

When challenged, they said they were looking for scrap. Of course, this could be true, and even innocent, but on the other hand...

Their number plate and distinguishing marks of their vehicle were noted, and a warning was put out on the village WhatsApp group.

## STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023



**Lockerley Church of England  
Primary School**

### OPEN MORNINGS

**9.30am to 10.30am**

**Friday 14th October &  
Wednesday 23rd November**

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

Please call the office to book your place:  
01794 340485

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1st September 2023, they can start school in September 2023.

For more information go to  
[www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions).

Applications open for Hampshire residents  
on 1st November 2022.



Hello from Mottisfont on a distinctly autumnal day!

As you will see from our 'Whats On' programme below, we have a really lovely exhibition on in the gallery here at the moment, celebrating the work of children's illustrator Pauline Baynes. While most of you won't know her

name, her works, which include illustrations of the original Chronicles of Narnia books, have been seen and loved by millions.

These original artworks are absolutely beautiful, and it is really exciting to shine a light on someone who didn't really get the recognition for her work in her own lifetime.

We'll be continuing the Narnia theme in the run up to Christmas, so plenty of reasons to dig out those parish and tenant passes and come and see us!

Work has also started on repairs and re-painting of wooden window frames on the north and west faces of the mansion. This means that we'll have scaffolding up for a few weeks, but all in a good cause, helping us to keep this Grade 1 listed mansion house in good condition.

Following successful planning permission which has now been granted, we will also be starting work in late October/November on repairs to the walled garden, including the large white gates near to Gardener's Cottage, all funded through donations.

Vicky Fletcher, General Manager

## What's On

### In the gallery...

**Tales of Narnia: the artwork of Pauline Baynes exhibition**  
**Saturday 24th September – Sunday 6th November, 11am-4.30pm (closing at 4pm from 1 November)**

Illustrations from the world of Narnia will be on show in Mottisfont's art gallery this autumn. Discover a fantastical world of magic, danger, and talking mythical beasts as drawn by Pauline Baynes, the original artist for C. S. Lewis's famous series of children's books. Delightful artworks feature best-loved creatures and characters from all seven books, including Aslan and Mr Tumnus.

### Harvest time...

**Saturday 24th September - Monday 31st October, 10am-5pm**

Autumn is a time for harvest, from gathering fallen leaves to foraging for apples.

We mark this season with a celebration of produce in the Kitchen Garden and beyond, from humble apples to glorious gourds. Families can help with our harvest, gathering leaves to supply our home-grown compost, and take part in autumn-themed activities.

### In the gardens...

Our gardens are vibrant with autumn colour in October and early November.

The stately trees which frame our house and grounds are resplendent in shades of red, orange and gold, while the river reveals shimmering reflections of the overhead canopy. The great plane provides a dazzling display as you enter the grounds, and the chestnut trees lining the upper half of our main pathway glow with yellow-orange leaves.

Another star of our colourful show is the hornbeam, which explodes into a canopy of orange and scarlet. Two tulip trees also come into their own during this season, as their acid green summer foliage turns a magnificent pale gold.

The gourds in our Kitchen Garden fruited early due to the summer heat, but we'll continue to have these curious, colourful specimens on display throughout the autumn, lining them up on the raised beds as they begin to fall.

### Looking ahead to Christmas...

**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: Christmas at Mottisfont**  
**26th November - 8th January (whole property closed 24th and 25th December), 10am-4pm**

Step into a Narnia-inspired world this winter, with decorations around the house and grounds. Inspired by a new exhibition of Pauline Bayne's artworks for The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe on display in the gallery, decorations around the house and grounds will bring to life scenes and characters from C. S. Lewis's most famous story. A family activity trail completes the experience.

### 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, Instagram and follow us on Twitter @MottisfontNT for regular updates.

## From the Rector

### Funerals

As we have watched the funeral service for Queen Elizabeth, please know that C of E funeral services are available for everyone. Absolutely everyone, whatever their lives have brought to them. You don't have to be a Queen, neither do you have to be a churchgoer.

- Traditional service in church? We can help you.
- Service at the crematorium? We can help you.
- Service at the graveside? We can help you.
- Prayers at the funeral directors? We can help you.
- Memorial after a direct cremation? We can help you.

The content of any service for your loved one will be carefully tailored to suit your family and your loved one. Traditional elements, modern elements, non-church elements, personal words shared with you and for you.

We aren't just there for a service or event, we're there for you during your period of mourning and afterwards too. Church is a community of support and hope. We understand that grief is a journey and can help you find your way through with prayer, conversation and special services to remember your loved one down the years.

It's not expensive to have a funeral or memorial in church, or to have a priest lead your service at the crematorium.

If we don't know you, we will get to know you, listen to you and help you say goodbye.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER				
	Bossington	Broughton	Houghton	Mottisfont
<b>2nd October Trinity 16</b>	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist	-	6pm Evensong
<b>9th October Trinity 17</b>	-	11am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong	11am Morning Worship
<b>16th October Trinity 18</b>	9.30am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Bible Uncovered	-	-
<b>23rd October Trinity Last</b>	6pm Meditation	8am Holy Communion CW or BCP ~~~~~ 11am Family Service	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11am Parish Eucharist
<b>2nd November All Souls Day</b>	-	-	7.30pm All Souls Service	-
<b>6th November 3rd before Advent</b>	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist	-	6pm Evensong
<b>13th November Remembrance Sunday</b>	-	10.45am Remembrance Service	10am Remembrance Service 10.50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial	10.50am Remembrance Service
<b>20th November Christ the King</b>	9.30am Parish Eucharist BCP	9.30am Bible Uncovered	-	-
<b>27th November Advent Sunday</b>	6pm Meditation	8am Holy Communion (CW or BCP) ~~~~~ 11am Family Service	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11am Parish Eucharist (Patronal/ procession)



In August members welcomed Sofie Baker, who gave an interesting talk on the art of felting. This was followed by an interactive demonstration in which several members participated with very pleasing results.

September's meeting began with a tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth II, who had herself been a W.I. member. There followed a fascinating evening hearing about the life of a New Forest Commoner, given by Suzanne Kempe, who has Commoning rights because the land on which her house is built has had them for centuries. She is also the Chair of the New Forest Pony Society. The landscape of the New Forest is shaped by grazing animals managed by the ancient tradition of Commoning, which dates from before the time of William the Conqueror. The animals are the ecological lawnmowers of the Forest. We heard about not only the care of the ponies, but about all the various breeding regulations, shows, competitions and round-ups which go with the responsibility of being a Commoner. Suzanne also touched on the other animals allowed to roam the Forest, and the flora and fauna of the area.

The Village Fete, held on an extremely hot day, was a great success. The W.I. Bric-a-brac stall took over £400 and gave a donation to the Village Hall. Thanks were expressed to Chris Egg, who had been

so helpful in setting up the gazebo and taking it down again!

Next month, on 11th October, Mike Smales from Lyburn Cheese will be talking about the cheese making process, and hopefully, bringing some tasters of his various cheeses. Visitors are always welcome.

### **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 November, 2022.

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



# **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](https://www.facebook.com/BroughtonVillageShop) or check on our website [www.broughton.shop](http://www.broughton.shop)  
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and much more plus, centre stage, a great range of liquid refillables – just bring your own container!*

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## STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA



**Friday 14th October, 7.30pm**

### **The Magic Flute (U)**

Recorded live at the Royal Opera House in 2017, David McVicar's classic production embraces both the seriousness and comedy of Mozart's work.



The audience is transported to a fantastical world of dancing animals, flying machines and dazzlingly starry skies. The setting provides a wonderful backdrop for Mozart's kaleidoscopic score. Please note: tickets for this film cost £11.50 plus a £0.50 booking fee.

**Wednesday 19th October,**

**4.30pm and 7.30pm**

### **Operation Mincemeat (12A)**

The remarkable true story of the elaborate plot cooked up by British intelligence in 1943 to fool Nazi Germany into thinking the allies planned to invade Greece and Sardinia, rather than their actual target, Sicily.



The corpse of a tramp was invested with a fake identity, and then dumped off the coast of Spain carrying the plans for the supposed invasion.

**Friday 11th November, 7.30pm**

### **Good Luck to You Leo Grande (15)**

Nancy Stokes (Emma Thompson) is a widowed schoolteacher in her mid-fifties. Having experienced an unimaginative and unfulfilled sex life – her



marriage, she says, was "not so much a furnace of passion that burned out as the bottom drawer of an Aga" - she decides that now is the time to make a change, so she hires the services of a much younger male escort, Leo Grande.

**Wednesday 16th**

**November,**

**4.30pm and 7.30pm**

### **Benediction (12A)**

Benediction explores the turbulent life of First World War poet Siegfried Sassoon - a complex man who survived the horrors of fighting in the First World War and was decorated for his bravery, but who became a vocal critic of the government's continuation of the war when he returned from service.



His poetry was inspired by his experiences on the Western Front and he became one of the leading war poets of the era.

*All showing at Stockbridge Town Hall, SO20 6HE. Tickets can be purchased online (£5.50 plus £0.50p booking fee per ticket unless otherwise shown) via [www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk](http://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.*

## **KINDLING WOOD FOR SALE**

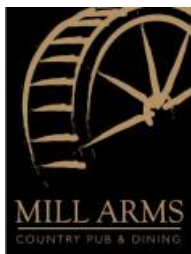
£5 a bag

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07967 657003  
Can deliver locally



## The Mill Arms

It's pleasing to be able to advise that we have had a busy summer this year at the Mill Arms, providing the backdrop for many celebrations that had been delayed in 2020 and 2021. We've hosted 2 weddings, a handful of christenings, lots of milestone birthday/ anniversary gatherings, as well as a number of family gatherings in the function room, just bringing family and friends together.



As we now seem set for a challenging winter with double digit inflationary increases and soaring energy bills, along with staff shortages that are hitting all in the hospitality industry, we have taken the decision that from Monday 10 October, we will open for 6 days a week rather than 7, remaining closed on Mondays until the end of February 2023.

We must thank the Tytherley Skittle League, who will be joining us again this winter for their 4th season, for switching days to Tuesday and Wednesday.

We have a busy few months ahead and a number of events to look forward to, and here are a sample of events to add to your diary:

**Halloween Disco:** we will again be joined by Project4 Disco and encourage you to join us in your most wicked fancy dress outfit, with prizes for the best dressed. Saturday 29 October 7pm to 11pm.

**World Cup matches:** following the success of the Euros last summer, we will be screening matches on the 90in projector screen in our function room for home nation matches during qualifying rounds, along with the latter stages of the competition. Starting with England v USA on Friday 25 November at 7pm.

**Christmas wreath and table decoration classes:** we are delighted to be hosting Christmas wreath and table decoration classes for Tracy Kennard of Bluebells Flower Design. The first wreath making class will be at the beginning of December, so keep an eye on our website and facebook page for more details.

Our Christmas menu is now at the printers and will be available to view shortly. After a false start last December, we do hope that you will choose to join us this year. In the meantime, if you haven't yet experienced one of our Sunday lunches then do consider coming to enjoy one. Our Sunday lunches prepared by Shaun and Dan are now becoming so popular that pre-booking for a table before 3pm is a necessity. While we always try to accommodate walk ins, we are delighted that we have so many fans who love our home cooking, and heartily recommend you make a reservation. Also as a reminder we are still providing takeaways on all of our menus, including Sunday Lunch and our Chip Shop Special on a Fryday. All menu details are on the website [www.millarmsdunbridge.co.uk](http://www.millarmsdunbridge.co.uk).

We look forward to seeing many of you over the coming months!

Gina & Lorna

## Broughton and Mottisfont Village Bus

The bus service has been in operation for more than 30 years, providing a regular and useful service to local villagers. Fares are set at the lowest level to reflect annual operating costs.



However, since it is not feasible to generate the large sums needed to pay for a replacement vehicle every six years or so, we are reliant on generous grants from Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) and Hampshire County Council.

TVBC has a generous Free Fare Pass scheme, which is valid on our bus.

### Bus Schedules Summary

#### Andover

Monthly (4th Wednesday of each month)

#### Romsey

Twice weekly (Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons)

#### Salisbury

Weekly (Tuesday mornings)

#### Southampton

Monthly (1st Wednesday of each month)

#### Winchester

Monthly (2nd Wednesday of each month)

There's also an excursion to the Outlet Shopping Village at Street on 16th November. To book, please call 01794 234794, or email:

[thevillagebus@outlook.com](mailto:thevillagebus@outlook.com)

***Save money and CO<sub>2</sub> by using the Village Bus Service!***



## Village Fete

Many people attending the Village Fete on Sunday 14th August said how pleased they were to see it happening again, after the break forced on us by the pandemic. Although the numbers were a little lower than hoped for, quite possibly due to the extreme heat, it turned out to be a most enjoyable afternoon.



**The Romsey Ukulele Band provided live music...**

**...and the Portsmouth Reptile and Amphibian Society provided unusual cuddles!**



## POLICE MATTERS

### Police attendance at burglaries

Acting Chief Constable Ben Snuggs and Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones have in the last few days made a joint statement about police attendance at burglaries across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The statement says that in order "to ensure community crimes that really matter are given the priority they need, officers will now attend every report of a residential burglary that the force receives."

The statement continues: "Our attendance will also help to improve public confidence and help victims to feel safer in their homes, which is a cornerstone of victim-focused policing. Our commitment to attend every residential burglary report will ensure that we take full advantage of the increased use of technology, both within policing and in our communities, such as good quality video doorbell footage, to identify and prosecute those responsible.

"It's important to remember that Hampshire and the

Isle of Wight are safe places to live and work in, with an average of only eight burglaries reported to us a day."

Given that the population of Hampshire is around 1.9m, the likelihood of being burgled is quite small.

### PCSO

We were saddened to hear that our popular Police Community Support Officer, Marie Stubbington, has left the police force. The good news is that she has moved to Test Valley Borough Council to take up the position of Community Engagement Officer, so we hope she will keep in contact with the community here from time to time.

So far there is no news of Marie's replacement.

## Fly Tipping Garden Waste

There have been a few cases of large black plastic bin-liner bags being filled with garden waste and dumped in local woodland.

Please do NOT do this! Plastic bags can take a very long time to decompose, and local woodland is not the place for garden waste.

## PARISH COUNCIL



At the Parish Council meeting on 22nd September, we questioned our Hampshire County Councillor about whether Hampshire Highways is obliged to repair all potholes reported to them. We were told that repairs to the road surface at Dunbridge level crossing, reported many months ago, are not a priority for this financial year.

Cllr. Drew said that Hampshire County Council is required to 'make safe', but not necessarily to repair damage, so we continue to wait for some action.

The Parish Council finds this very frustrating (to say the least), but we will keep trying.

### Hatt Hill footpath

We have also been trying to get a *virtual footpath* marked out in white lines on Hatt Hill, but Hampshire Highways says that the road is too narrow.

Our view continues to be that Hampshire should be prioritising pedestrian safety rather than vehicles, and speed limits need to be reduced and enforced.

### Dunbridge Station Goods Yard

The potential development of new homes at the station goods yard awaits an engineers' report on flood risk. The Environment Agency classifies a small part of the site as vulnerable.

### Budget Ideas Wanted

We also started to look at our budget for next year.

If you have a project to suggest, then please contact any Parish Councillor (see [www.mottisfontpc.org.uk/pc/pc.php](http://www.mottisfontpc.org.uk/pc/pc.php)).

## 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.



For more information, go to [www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities](http://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities), or just search online for connect4communities.

## WHIST

The next Whist sessions at the Village Hall are on:

- Friday 21st October
- Friday 18th November

Both start at 7pm.



## THE SOCIAL CLUB

### Forthcoming events at the Social Club

- Saturday 8th October: Music night, from 8pm.
- Friday 14th October: Quiz, 8pm start.
- Saturday 22nd October: Music night, from 8pm.
- Friday 28th October: Quiz, 8pm start.
- Saturday 29th October: Skittles evening with presentation for 2019/20 skittles league. 8pm start. All welcome!
- Saturday 12th November: Quiz, 8pm start.
- Friday 25th November: Quiz, 8pm start.
- Saturday 3rd December: Christmas skittles evening, 8pm start.



**Come and join us!**

## MEET THE NEIGHBOURS



*Meet the Neighbours* is an opportunity to have a proper chat with and to get to know people who live nearby, over a drink at the Mill Arms.

*Meet the Neighbours* has been on hold for about two and a half years because of the pandemic, but we thought it would be good to find out whether people are interested in re-starting it. So, how about:

**7.15pm on  
Tuesday, 25th October**

Put it in your diary now, and we'll look forward to seeing you!