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The Village Newsletter

August - September 2023

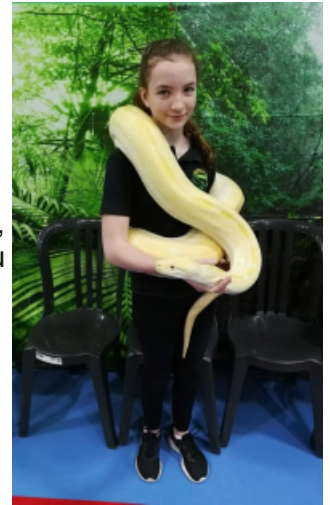
Sunday 13th August, 1pm to 5pm

Mottisfont Village Fete

at the Village Hall

Would you like to hold a royal python, a bearded dragon or a blue tongue skink? If so, remember it's the Village Fete next week when Portsmouth Reptile and Amphibian Society will bring a variety of reptiles which you can handle. There will also be tarantulas and invertebrates for people to look at (but these cannot be handled).

As well as the reptiles there will be all the usual fete stalls including a **licensed bar**, **delicious burgers**, **hot dogs** and **street food**. Have your **face painted**, see if you can **win a coconut**, **children's games**, **skittles**, **cakes** and **preserves** on sale. Earn a certificate for the **longest runner bean** or the **heaviest marrow** or **guess the weight of the cake**. The fete wouldn't be the same without **Tony's famous draw**, so lots of prizes will be on offer. **Romsey Ukelele Group** will return for their performance at 2.30pm.



Can you spend some time from 10am on Saturday 12th August to help set up gazebos? Or do you have an hour to spare the following day from 10am to take tables round to the various stallholders, come along in the afternoon to relieve stallholders for an hour, or just take round hot or cold drinks?

Donations of bottles, tins and new gifts can be left in the garage at Hawthorn Cottage on Lockerley Road. Cakes for sale can be brought to the hall on the day of the fete. The WI are happy to accept any sort of bric-a-brac for their stall at the village fete. They can collect it, or you can bring items to the Village Hall from 9.30am on 13th August.

The fete will run from **1pm to 5pm on Sunday 13th August** at Mottisfont Village Hall, Hatt Hill, Mottisfont. Free entry and parking.

Offers of help to Lynn Young on 340134 or [lynnhenmatt\(at\)aol.com](mailto:lynnhenmatt@aol.com).

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS



Meet the Neighbours is an opportunity to have a chat with and to get to know people who live nearby, over a drink at the Mill Arms. Its popularity is rising: on 26th July, despite the rain fourteen of us gathered for an evening of chat and laughter, and it was getting on for ten o'clock before the last group of us headed for our homes.

So, why not come and join us for the next two *Meet the Neighbours* events on:

Wednesday, 23rd August
and
Thursday, 28th September

Both from 7.30pm.

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



In the gallery...

Happy Families: Adventures with the Ahlbergs exhibition

Until 5 November, 11am-4.30pm

A family-friendly exhibition exploring the much-loved children's books created by Allan and Janet Ahlberg, featuring original artwork from The Jolly Postman, Happy Families and more. This is the first full retrospective of the Ahlbergs' work, and includes artworks that have never been shown publicly before. Over 70 original illustrations and texts from the books will be displayed in family-friendly ways. Much-loved stories will be brought to life through playful and imaginative experiences, and big, bold wall displays will provide photo opportunities with colourful backdrops and favourite characters. Outside, the Beech Circle will be transformed into an outdoor garden gallery with a reading and discovery area, decorated with images from Each Peach Pear Plum.

In the summer, there'll be an interactive room for younger visitors dedicated to baby books such as Peepo and The Baby's Catalogue. In autumn, the baby book display will be replaced with original artworks from the Funnybones series.

For families...

Happy Families: Adventures with the Ahlbergs, summer and autumn trails

Summer holiday trail: until 3 September, 10am-5pm

Adventure around the grounds as you take part in challenges and games inspired by the imagination of the Ahlbergs. Help the Jolly Postman deliver his letters and take part in energetic activities inspired by Happy Families characters. There'll be a cosy space for creating and telling stories, and things to make along the way.

Property admission applies (free entry for National Trust members and under 5s), plus £3 per trail.

Autumn trail: 30 September – 5 November, 10am-5pm

Adventure around the grounds as you complete active and creative challenges inspired by the Funnybones characters.

Property admission applies (free entry for National Trust members and under 5s), plus £2 per trail.

In the house...

A medieval seal matrix will be going on display in the Red Room from 29th July. The matrix – a carved mould used to make wax impressions to seal documents – lay buried in a Lockerly field for centuries until it was discovered in 2022 by a metal detectorist. Dated to between 1470 and 1520 and

made of cast copper-alloy, the seal, which measures 60mm x 40mm, is inscribed in Latin with "sigillu[m] officii prioris p[ri]oretas sce trinitat[is] de Motesfont", which translated means Seal of the Official of the Prior of the Priory of Mottisfont. It features a carved depiction of the Trinity and a figure of a praying cleric, likely representing Mottisfont's Prior or Abbot. It is most likely to have been used to authenticate indulgences, written pardons granted by religious institutions in return for a financial donation.

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 don't tend 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.

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

BIRD SURVEY: CAN YOU HELP?

Swifts, Swallows and House Martins. Do you have any?

Hello, my name is Kurt Love and I am a countryside Ranger with the National Trust at Mottisfont.

I would be keen to hear of any nest sites of the above birds local to and around Mottisfont Estate.

Since joining Mottisfont I have noticed swallow and house martin nesting sites but have yet to discover any swifts nesting nearby. If you are aware of or even lucky enough to have swallows, swifts or house martins nesting on or near your property, then I would like to add them to our survey data records, to help monitor their numbers. I would be very grateful if you could help by contacting me through email about any known nesting sites. Or alternatively, you could add them directly to a survey record

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monitoring app/website such as the RSPB's Swift Mapper.

These three species of birds can and do suffer from building works preventing them from accessing suitable and previous nesting places when they return to breed.

For more information on swifts, you could check out the Hampshire Swifts website at www.hampshireswifts.co.uk.

My email is kurt.love@nationaltrust.org.uk and I would be happy to help answer any questions. Thank you.

DOG WALKING ON NT PROPERTY

Whilst commercial dog walkers are not allowed to conduct their business on our land without permission and a licence from us – as it renders their insurance policies invalid – we are aware that sometimes they do.

We cannot be everywhere all the time to speak to any that may be using our woodlands, and we know that sometimes members of the public challenge them to ask if they have a right to be here. Whilst we applaud that people are being conscious of abuse of our woods by irresponsible walkers (those who let lots of dogs run out of control, chasing wildlife and not picking up poo), we also want to ensure our licensed dog walkers do not get subject to the sometimes angry accusations put to them that they are not allowed to be there.

Scenter Barks is currently the only company licenced to walk on our Mottisfont estate. They come with a special reference from the Test Valley dog warden to allow them to walk up to six dogs, and they stick to the rule of the licence beautifully. To this end, please do not ask or challenge any Scenter Barks dog walkers you come across in our car parks, as it rather ruins the walk for them as well. They usually come in vans marked with their business name, so should be easy to distinguish.

If you see groups of dogs being taken out of an unmarked van, we do not ask people to challenge them, as technically we have no way of proving that those animals do not all belong to that walker! It's a tricky thing to navigate and we have to ensure everyone is welcome to access our woodlands – but in a safe and appropriate way.

Any issues you may see with dogs out of control can also be reported to the Test Valley dog warden service on 01264 368463.

EVENTS AT THE SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday 19th August: Quiz, 8pm start. Quiz Master: Mike Hughes

Friday 1st September: A trip to Salisbury Races, with a concert in the evening. If interested, please contact the club.

Saturday 16 September: Quiz, 8pm start. Quiz Master: Mike Hughes

Saturday 23 September: Skittles Evening, 8pm start

Lockerley Primary School

Open Mornings

Tuesday, 19th September, 9:30 to 10:30

Tuesday, 17th October, 9:30 to 10:30

Wednesday, 8th November, 9:30 to 10:30

Come and see how we make a real difference.

We warmly welcome you and your child to come to see our school.

There will be lots of different activities for your child to get involved in including pond dipping, gardening, sports and arts.

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, 17th September.

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

From the Rector

Time off

August is the start of what I think of as “the silly season”. Children are off school, families are spending time together, there are fewer people in the office and it is impossible to get anything much done, as there will always be one person necessary to whatever you are trying to achieve who is on a beach somewhere hot.

This is a natural part of the cycle of being a human being. Following periods of hard work, the body and mind can benefit from the opportunity to rest, not worry and to heal. We each have our own preferred ways of relaxing, for some it is to travel, or engage in a particular activity; for others it is to go somewhere quiet, or even just take the phone off the hook!

Rest has deep biblical roots, being first instituted in the very first chapter of Genesis, where God is described as resting after his work in creation, and

from which emerges the idea of weekly sabbath rest. Elijah is described as meeting God in the silence, and Jesus himself is described in the gospels as regularly “withdrawing from the crowd” in order to find quiet and space, that he might pray and find God.

In the early centuries of the Church, the idea of retreat or the aesthetic life was exemplified by characters such as John the Baptist, or Anthony of Egypt, and some of the other “Dessert Fathers” who pioneered the practice of silent isolation in order to discover the divine, and eventually gave rise to monasticism and the religious life.

People often ask me if I will be going away, or having time off in the summer. To be honest I have no plans, but will be trying to create some space, some silence and some peace. Whatever you like to do with your summer break, I urge you to find some sort of rest, and in it be open to the idea it may provide an opportunity to meet with God.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

	Bossington	Broughton	Houghton	Mottisfont
6th August Trinity 9	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist	-	6pm Evensong
13th August Trinity10/ BVM	-	11am Parish Eucharist (patronal)	6pm Evensong	11am Morning Worship
20th August Trinity 11	9.30am BCP Parish Eucharist	9.30am Bible Uncovered	-	-
27th August Trinity 12	6pm Meditation	8am Holy Communion (CW or BCP) ----- 11am Family Service	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11am Parish Eucharist

Information about September services was not available when the *Acorn* was compiled.

East Tytherley September Fayre, Saturday 2nd September

The Church Field, East Tytherley, SP5 1LG

Live music, Teas, Bar, Pimms, BBQ, Animals, Classic cars, Vintage tractors and Motorbikes.

Lockerley Estate display Circus workshops and fire performer Fun Dog Show

Inflatable slide and childrens games Hursley Pony Club gymkhana display

Wide range of craft and trade stalls Raffle and silent auction ...and much much more!

£1 per adult, children free. Follow us on Facebook.

STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA

Wednesday 23 August, 7.30pm

She Said (15)

Based on the bombshell New York Times investigation, She Said follows the remarkable true story of how reporters Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor went from underdogs to inspirations by shattering the silence surrounding sexual assault in Hollywood. Determined to expose the truth many fear to tell, Megan and Jodi's partnership shakes up the system, empowering courageous women to retake their strength through stories of survival in this extraordinary film from Emmy-winning director Maria Schrader, featuring captivating performances by two-time Academy Award nominee Carey Mulligan and Zoe Kazan.



Friday 8 September, 7.30pm

Close (12)

Winner of the Grand Prix award at Cannes 2022 and selected as the Belgian entry for the 2023 Academy Awards, CLOSE is an elegant, poetic and empathetic study of youth from acclaimed writer-director Lukas Dhont. Thirteen-year-olds Leo and Remi are inseparable; they spend every waking moment together, racing each other on their bikes, playing in the fields that surround their homes, and sleeping at each other's houses. They are best friends, as close as brothers. However, as they start a new school year, the pressures of burgeoning adolescence challenge their bond with unexpected and far-reaching consequences. In French with English subtitles.

Wednesday 13 September, 5pm and 7.30pm

Allelujah (12)

When the geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, the hospital decides to fight back by galvanizing the local community: they invite a news crew to film their preparations for a concert in honour of the hospital's most distinguished nurse. What could possibly go wrong? Allelujah celebrates the spirit of the elderly patients whilst paying tribute to the deep humanity of the medical staff battling with limited resources and ever-growing demand. A warm and deeply moving comedy/drama about surviving old age featuring a host of talented British actors including Jennifer Saunders, Judy Dench and Derek Jacobi.

All showing at Stockbridge Town Hall, SO20 6HE. Tickets can be purchased online (£6 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). Please visit our website for more details.

The Friends of St. Andrew's are holding a



Cheese and Wine Event with Dessert Table



Saturday, 2nd September

6pm to 8.30pm

Mottisfont House (next to St. Andrew's church), SO51 0LN

Tickets on the door: £15, under 16 free

(cash/cheque payable to "Friends of St. Andrew's Church Mottisfont" only please)

Complimentary glass of wine/juice on arrival

Bar

***In aid of vital renovations and repairs to our 12th century church - a gem, and
a privileged heritage in our midst***



Alto? Tenor?
Soprano? Bass?

Do you sing in the shower?

Andover Choral Society
 starts again in....
September 2023!

No auditions :)

Come join us to sing in a choir!

Contact us through:
 Lynncf35@gmail.com or
 www.andoverchoralsociety.org.uk

Broughton and Mottisfont Village Bus



In England it's pouring whilst Europe's on fire, Wimbledon's over and the Ashes gone too, So what happens now, and where should we go? ...it's really quite simple:

Join us on one of our excursions for 2023!

Wednesday 16th August: **Swanage**
 Wednesday 20th September: **Bath**
 Wednesday 15th November: **Street**

And don't forget our regular services:

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)

For more information, please call 01794 234794, or email thevillagebus@outlook.com. There's also more on our web page at www.broughtonvillage.net/village-bus.

FREE ACTIVITIES

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

at Ganger Farm

14-17 YEARS OLD

SPORTS ACTIVITIES EACH WEEK IN AUGUST

ROUNDERS
 THURSDAY 3 AUGUST
 4 TO 6PM
 HOSTED BY PERSONAL BEST EDUCATION COACHES

FOOTBALL
 THURSDAY 10 AUGUST
 4 TO 6PM
 HOSTED BY PERSONAL BEST EDUCATION COACHES

RUGBY
 THURSDAY 17 AUGUST
 3 TO 4.30PM
 HOSTED BY ROMSEY RUGBY CLUB COACHES

HOCKEY
 WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST
 6 TO 7.30PM
 HOSTED BY ROMSEY HOCKEY CLUB COACHES

AWARDS NIGHT
 THURSDAY 31 AUGUST, 4 TO 6PM

JOIN US AT THE END OF THE SUMMER SPORTS CAMP TO CELEBRATE AND RELAX

PLEASE SIGN UP BY EMAILING:
 ACHAPMAN@TESTVALLEY.GOV.UK
 OR NCOMER@TESTVALLEY.GOV.UK



WHIST

The next Whist sessions at the Village Hall are on:

- **Friday 18th August**
 - and
 - **Friday 15th September**
- Both start at 7pm.



Well, the ladies of M&D W.I. have certainly had a busy summer so far.

June started with a visit by some members to Bishops Waltham. It was a glorious evening and we took part in a Quiz Walk around the town, which was great fun. Several local residents were most intrigued to know what all these ladies wandering around their streets with pens and clipboards were up to! Although we didn't win, it was a pretty close call. This was followed by a good ploughman's supper in a church hall nearby, and a chance to meet members of other WIs throughout the county.

At our meeting in June we welcomed two ladies who help to organise the Romsey Food Bank. This opened in 2016 in a container loaned by Bradbeers. It is now part of the Freedom Church in Budd's Lane, and is part of the Trussell Trust. All the food is donated, and those needing to take advantage are often referred by schools, Social Services or workers in the Health System. There are also opportunities for advice on life skills, such as cooking and budgeting. Our WI supports the Food Bank by donating items every month.

Then at the very end of June a large number of members spent a lovely evening in the beautiful garden of Mrs. Clutterbuck. Here we could wander along the river bank, admire the colourful herbaceous

borders, and compare the vegetables in the walled garden with our own! We then sat on the terrace enjoying glasses of wine and nibbles kindly provided by our committee.

The speaker in July was Sarah Delves, an antiques dealer and lecturer at the V and A museum. Usually her talks are hilarious, but this one on 'Fashion and Sustainability' was on a more sober note, although we still managed to have a laugh or two! We were told how the fashion industry is second only to oil production in polluting our planet. The global apparel market is worth 1.5 trillion dollars; it is responsible for slave labour and child exploitation in third world countries, and by 2050, unless things change rapidly, there will be more plastic than fish in our oceans. Some of us felt that we ought never to buy another new item of clothing, and to search the charity shops or eBay instead.

Finally in July, a large group of members visited Lyburn Farm at Hamptworth, where we spent a very exciting evening sitting on straw bales in a trailer behind an enormous tractor. We had a bumpy but enjoyable ride through the fields of organic vegetables, which all looked superb, and through a herd of curious black and white cows who must have wondered why we were disturbing their peace. The farmer, Mike Smales, gave us a potted history of the farming activities on his farm and the difficulties which farmers endure, not only from the weather, but also from the

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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)

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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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MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

Lengthsman

Mottisfont Parish is covered by the Parish Lengthsman Scheme in Hampshire County Council's Test Valley Central electoral division. A Parish Lengthsman's role includes jobs such as cleaning village and street nameplates, and clearing vegetation from roadside footways and other highway infrastructure such as ditch grips, usually within 30mph and 40mph speed limits.

Our lengthsman has been asked to cut back vegetation along the roadside footway north of the station, and on the footway adjacent to the former station goods yard.

Unfortunately, the Parish Lengthsman has been poorly recently, so planned work has been delayed. All being well, this work will be done soon along with other tasks requested, including strimming verges along Hatt Lane.

Hedges

Some hedges have grown this summer to the point where they are restricting the view for vehicles and causing difficulties for pedestrians. Is yours one of

them?

The RSPB recommends avoiding hedge cutting during the main breeding season for nesting birds (typically March to August). A careful inspection of the hedge for any active nests should always be done prior to cutting. If you are sure that there are no active nests, the hedge can be cut during the breeding season.

The RSPB web site has a page titled "Hedge trimming and cutting - the law" (the URL is quite long, so just search for "RSPB hedge cutting" or similar to find it).



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Government.

This was followed by a wonderful supper, prepared by his wife and daughters-in-law, where we could enjoy sampling some of the delicious cheeses which are produced there and sold worldwide.

Our meeting on 8th August will be a craft evening led by Sophie Baker, where we will have the opportunity to make decorative boxes - do come along and take part if you would like to do so.

Also, please support our Bric-a-Brac stall at the Village Fete on 13th August.

Tickets for singers and audience alike are £25 each, and VfH Choir is eligible to collect Gift Aid.

We aim to ensure that all ticket monies and donations on concert day go directly to our eight Hampshire Hospices. All costs (orchestra, soloists, venue, flyers, posters, sound, lighting, admin., etc.) are raised in advance by our fantastic team of VfHers who freely give of their time to organise a wide range of fundraising events and are also very active on concert day.

Our concerts are hugely enjoyed by singers, audiences and our Hospices, and are held in unusual settings where numbers of singers are often greater than those in the audience! Venues have included Kempton Park Racecourse, Eastleigh Football Ground, Romsey Abbey and Winchester Cathedral, and this year's concert will take place in the beautiful Sir Harold Hillier Gardens with around 1000 singers and audience.

We at Voices for Hospices Choir wish to give something back for the joy that singing together gives us and we are delighted to have this opportunity to support our Hospices! We look forward to our performance with you and thank you for your generous support.



MASSED COME AND SING

The Armed Man A Mass for Peace Sir Karl Jenkins

Conducted by John Sutton
Accompanied by the VfH Sinfonia

2nd September
Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
Romsey SO51 0QA
Rehearsal 3pm Performance 7pm

For more details visit vfhchoir.com