



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

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The Village Newsletter



December 2023
& January 2024



PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF PROPOSALS FOR NEW HOMES AT STATION GOODS YARD DUNBRIDGE

Orchard Homes will be holding an exhibition
of their proposal to build new homes
at Barley Hill Dunbridge on

**4th December, 2.30pm – 6.30pm at the
Mill Arms, Dunbridge, Mottisfont**

**Be sure to attend and give your views to the
development team and to the Parish Council.**

If you are not able to attend the exhibition at the Mill
Arms, Orchard Homes proposes to add the exhibition
material to its website (www.orchard-homes.co.uk)
so you can view it there.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Unfortunately, due to the hot weather we had last
summer, most of the hedge we planted in the village
hall field didn't survive. However, The Woodland
Trust have agreed to replace them and we are
expecting a delivery of 90 new plants before the end
of this month. We have set aside the **Sunday 3rd
December** for planting, with 9th/10th December as
reserve dates if it is raining on the 3rd.

We now need plenty of **volunteers to help with the
planting**. Everyone is welcome, and we would
particularly like to involve whole families. The village
hall will provide free tea, coffee and juice. If we get
enough people we can complete the planting in a
morning. Please contact us if you can help and we
will give more details nearer the time.

Dave and Pat Francis
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Mottisfont & Dunbridge Village Hall

CHRISTMAS FOLK CONCERT

Local group
Beggar's Belief
will return to the
Village Hall on



Thursday 7th December

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Hot punch and mince pies will be on sale in the
interval.

Numbers are limited, so to avoid disappointment
please buy your tickets in advance: £8 each.

Phone: 340609
or email: [patfrancis\(dot\)romsey\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:patfrancis(dot)romsey(at)gmail(dot)com)

FREE WARM HUB MATINEES AT KINGS SOMBORNE VILLAGE HALL



**No tickets | Free to all
Tea | Coffee | Biscuits**



Supported by the Lottery Community Fund,
Somborne Community Cinema is running a series
of free Warm Hub Matinees this winter:

11th Dec: My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (12)

8th Jan: Swimming with Men (12A)

22nd Jan: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of
Harold Fry (12A)

12th Feb: Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 3 (12A)

4th Mar: Book Club The Next Chapter (12A)

25th Mar: Summerland (12A)

Doors open at 1.45pm, films start at 2.15pm.
Children under 16 must be accompanied
by an adult.

Arrangements for the Broughton and Mottisfont
Community Bus to provide **free transport** to and
from Kings Somborne are being finalised. Check
the village noticeboards for further details.



What's on at Mottisfont

A Christmas Journey to the North Pole
25th November – 7th January,
10am - 4pm (whole property closed
24 and 25 December)

Follow letters to Father Christmas on a magical journey to the North Pole.

Enter the house to find richly decorated trees, piles of beautifully wrapped presents, and extravagant floral arrangements created by Mother Christmas herself. Father Christmas's study is piled high with letters, and children sleep in decorated bedrooms...

Follow their festive dreams to board the *Christmas Express* to the North Pole, arriving just in time to join the glittering, snow-white polar bear's ball. Experience the wonder of the northern lights over a towering tree sparkling with baubles. Outside, a family activity trail invites you to become an honorary elf for the day, helping to deliver Christmas wishes.

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

In the gardens...

The winter garden comes into season as late autumn colours fade. This seasonal star glows with brilliantly coloured winter bark from dogwood and ornamental bramble, while berries, fruit, and late and early flowering perennials such as bergenias and hellebores also provide colour during the shortest days of the year. Sweet-scented daphnes and winter-flowering honeysuckles, wintersweet and witch hazel all contribute to a subtle fragrance in crisp cold air.

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.

Christmas Social at Mottisfont

Come and join us for some festive merriment: a tour of the house followed by refreshments and music in the Stable yard.

Wednesday 13th December
6pm to 8pm – last entry to the house 6:45pm.

Please contact mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk if interested. Limited numbers so book early.

Open to tenant and parish pass holders only. For information on these passes please email the above address.

LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Fair
Friday 8th December, 3.15pm - 4.15pm

There will be raffles, Christmas produce stalls, refreshments, tombola's, face painting, Santa's Grotto, carol singing and our school calendars, to which all children have made a contribution!

Caterpillars Playgroup
Every Tuesday during term-time 10:00 – 10:45am
£2.00 'play as you go'

We invite you to come along to our new playgroup, from birth to five year olds. Run by a qualified teacher, there will be songs, stories, craft and toys. We have baby-weighing scales. There will be tea and coffee for the grown ups. No need to sign up, just come along and join the fun! *Starting up again on Tuesday 9th January.*

Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Music Group

Every Wednesday, from 2.15pm – 3pm. £3 entry. We invite you to come along to our new music group with songs and instruments, run by a qualified music teacher. *Starting up again on Wednesday 10th January.*

FAREWELL TO THE HAPPY FRYER



After 13 years, Keith and Dawn have finally hung up their aprons and sold The Happy Fryer.

Their first visit to the village was to supply fish and chips for a quiz night at Mottisfont Village Hall. They were then persuaded to come to Mill Rise Car Park on the first Wednesday of the month. This proved so popular they added the third Wednesday.

They will be sadly missed, and we will now have to travel into Romsey for our fish and chips unless we can find someone else to fill the gap.

Keith and Dawn are planning to move closer to their family in Andover and we wish them all the best for their future.



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.

So, why not come and join us for the next two *Meet the Neighbours* events from 7.30pm on:

Tuesday, 12th December
and
Wednesday, 24th January

WHIST AT MOTTISFONT VILLAGE HALL



• **Christmas Whist: Friday 15th December,**
6.45pm start, with mulled wine
and mince pies

• **Friday 19th January, 7pm start**

TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cost of Living Grant Scheme

TVBC's Cost of Living Grant scheme is to help organisations that are supporting people who are struggling with rising costs.

Who can apply?

- Voluntary groups, not for profit organisations, incorporated clubs and societies;
- Informal groups established to support people with the rising cost of living (we can help you find a third party to receive the payment);
- Parish and Town Councils;
- Schools, in relation to their wider community role.

What can be applied for?

- Grant applications can be for up to £1,000, and for up to 100% of total project cost, but the amount of funding awarded will be determined as part of the review process;
- Funding is intended to help charitable organisations and voluntary groups to support members of the community who are experiencing difficulties due to the rising cost of living;
- This grant should not be used for the direct payment of household bills, but are otherwise unrestricted.

Further details can be found at:
www.testvalley.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/supporting-communities/cost-of-living-grants

EVENTS AT THE SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday 2nd December	Christmas Quiz, 8pm start, with quiz master Mike Hughes
Saturday 9th December	Christmas Skittles, 8pm start
Saturday 16th December	Christmas draw and meat draw
Christmas Eve	The club will be open from 7pm to 11pm with a fun game of bingo and festive prizes.
Christmas Day	The club will be open from 12 noon to 2pm.
Boxing Day	The club will be closed.
Thursday 28th December	Cash Bingo, 8.15pm start
New Year's Day	The club will be closed.
Saturday 13th January	Quiz, 8pm start

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 will be confirmed in the February/March edition of the *Acorn*.

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





From the clergy

It's not so long ago that Christmas seemed to begin just a few days before Christmas Day. For our family, the tree went up on Christmas Eve, along with pastry making, icing the cake and preparing the turkey. Indeed in my early days at work, we didn't finish til lunchtime on Christmas Eve and to have that afternoon off we had to take a whole day's holiday. So it was all a great rush but such fun, partly because everything didn't need to be so perfectly presented as we are encouraged to do now.

Now Christmas seems to start in November, copying the US system of beginning the holiday season at Thanksgiving. Sometimes people bemoan such a long pre Christmas time. You hear "We are exhausted by Christmas". For the church the time of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas Day, is traditionally one of quiet prayerful preparation for the festivities of Christ's birth. Today we often abandon that as our churches are filled with joyous carol services and Christingles. I think it is wonderful to broaden Christmas so we can extend the great time we have, because the birth of Jesus Christ is wonderful and should be celebrated. He extolled, by

his life and teaching, compassion and forgiveness. The world today, as at the time of Christ, is full of war and controversy, making Christmas a woeful time for so many caught up in conflict. We long for peace on earth. Yet Christ's teaching on how to live is so often ignored. However we can, each one of us, show compassion and forgiveness and bring Christ into our own lives and the lives of those around us to give a deep sense of God's peace. That is what it means to bring Christ into the world of today. That is why we celebrate Christ's birth.

We extend our holiday to encompass the New Year celebrations. A New Year is like a New Beginning. This New Year, our Rector Phill is moving to a new parish, sad for us, but for him and his new church, a New Beginning. As we all wish each other a 'Happy New Year', so we wish Phill every happiness and God's blessing in his new parish.

I pray that you will have a Happy Christmas and that next year will bring you many blessings.

Sue
The Rev'd Sue Kipling
Associate Priest, Mid Test Benefice



CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

	Bossington	Broughton	Houghton	Mottisfont
3rd December Advent Sunday	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist	-	-
10th December Advent 2	-	11am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong	11am Morning Worship
15th December (Friday)	6.30pm Carol Service	-	-	-
17th December Advent 3	9.30am BCP Parish Eucharist	5pm Carol Service	-	3pm Carol Service
21st December (Thursday)	-	6pm Churchyard Carols	6pm Carol Service	-
24th December Advent 4 Christmas Eve	-	4pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass	-	-
25th December Christmas Day	9.30am BCP Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Parish Communion
31st December Christmas 1	10am United Benefice Service at Longstock			
7th January Epiphany	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist	-	-
14th January Epiphany 2	-	11am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong	11am Morning Worship
21st January Epiphany 3	9.30am BCP Parish Eucharist	9.30am Bible Uncovered	-	-
28th January Epiphany 4	-	8am CW or BCP Holy Communion 11am Family Service	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11am Parish Eucharist



The Mill Arms

It is hard to believe that it is nearly December again, and time to reflect on another 12 months in which we have seen world events continuing to have a significant impact on our economy and cost of living. We appreciate that times are tough for all of us, and are thankful for all our customers who continue to support us.

We were delighted to be named Hampshire Chronicle "Pub of the Year" for 2023, and thank all of our customers who voted for us. As you will be aware, we have a great front of house team to welcome you here at the Mill Arms, along with an amazing kitchen team who serve up excellent meals and value for money week after week.

Our Sunday Roasts are now so popular that we are regularly fully booked between 12 and 3pm, so please make sure that you phone earlier enough in the week to make a reservation. Our Loyalty Card scheme also continues to be a favourite with customers and we are about to pass the 500 mark of regulars who not only enjoy discount but also free meals for birthdays and wine on the house for anniversaries. If you haven't signed up, then do ask next time you are in.

We continue to host the Tytherley Skittles League, Hampshire Sheep Farmers, and Hursley Pony Club on a regular basis, along with many family celebrations for birthday and christenings, and other local groups that now use us as their venue of choice for gatherings. We are also delighted to be hosting



Christmas Wreath making classes for Bluebells Flower Design in late November and early December again this year.

On Monday 27th November we will be hosting our first Clairvoyance Evening. This is being managed by Monarch Fairs and anyone wanting to purchase tickets, at £10 a head, should contact them directly on 07732 940162. One to one readings will be available from 6pm and the main audience session will take place at 8pm in our Function Room.

The Christmas menu is now available (but must be pre booked) and will be served Monday to Saturday from Friday 1st December until Thursday 21st 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 Monday 18th December and we will combine that evening with our Christmas Draw. First prize this year will again be a Firkin of Beer (that's 72 pints for on site consumption) or 12 bottles of our "By the Glass" wine, along with spirits, chocolates, toiletries 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.....

Please note, as it is a milestone birthday for Gina on 30th December, the pub will be closing for a family holiday during January. We will be open on New Year's Day which is a Monday, through to Friday 5th January. We will then close for a week, re-opening on Saturday 13th January.

We look forward to seeing you over the festive season and raising a glass or two. Gina, Lorna and the staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2024.

Mill Arms: Dates and times for Christmas and New Year openings

Monday 18th Dec	Quiz (8pm) and Raffle (9pm). Teams of up to 6 people. £2 entry per person. Prize for the winning team, and mince pies all round.	
Christmas Eve	12 noon to 8pm	(food served 12-6pm regular Sunday menu)
Christmas Day	11.30am to 1.30pm	(bar only)
Boxing Day	12 noon to 4pm	(food served 12-3pm reduced menu)
Saturday 30th Dec	12 noon to 11pm	(food served 12-5pm, Gina's party in evening)
New Year's Eve	12 noon to 6pm	(food served 12-4pm regular Sunday menu)
New Year's Day	12 noon to 4pm	(food served 12-3pm reduced menu)

Wreath Workshops at The Mill Arms

Thursday 30th November, 10am - 1pm Saturday 2nd December, 10am - 1pm
 Sunday 10th December, 10am - 1pm Tuesday 12th December, 6pm - 9pm

£59 per person, all materials and equipment supplied along with a glass of Prosecco or Buck's Fizz and a festive mince pie.

Message Tracy on my page to book, or email at tracy@bluebellsflowerdesign.co.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/Bluebells-flower-design-151167863742646>





STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA



Wednesday 6th December
4.30pm and 7.30pm

Alex Lewis Mountain (12A)

The film follows Stockbridge resident Alex Lewis, six years after he lost his arms and legs to septicaemia, as he sets out to prove that anything is possible – by climbing the highest mountain in Ethiopia with an off-road, solar-powered mobility handcycle.

This award-winning documentary takes audiences from the A&E department to the design and tech labs of the University of Southampton to the spectacular scenery of the Ethiopian Highlands for Alex's 14-day expedition. **After each screening there will be a 30-minute Q&A session with Alex Lewis, Director Simon Ratigan, and Executive Producer David Collinson. All proceeds from ticket sales for this event are being donated to the Alex Lewis Trust.**

Saturday 9 December
5pm and 7.30pm
The Nutcracker (U)

A recorded live event from 2018 of Peter Wright's enchanting interpretation of The Nutcracker for The Royal Ballet. Presented in a festive period setting, this charming and magical production features Marianela Nuñez as the exquisite Sugar Plum Fairy and Vadim Muntagirov as her charming Prince.

Vivid designs and spellbinding stage effects, which include authentic Christmas tree decorations that magically come to life, and Tchaikovsky's sumptuous, iconic score combine to create the quintessential Christmas ballet – an opulent treat for the senses for audiences of all ages.

Friday 19th January
7.30pm
Good (15)

A National Theatre production filmed live at the Harold Pinter Theatre in London in 2022, in which David Tennant makes a much-anticipated return to the West End in a blistering reimagining of one of Britain's most powerful political plays.

As the world faces its Second World War, John Halder, a good, intelligent German professor, finds himself pulled into a movement with unthinkable consequences.

Olivier Award-winner Dominic Cooke (Follies, The Hollow Crown) directs C.P. Taylor's timely tale, with a cast that also features Elliot Levey (Coriolanus) and Sharon Small (The Bay). **The screening will be followed by a Q&A session with director Dominic Cooke.**

Broughton and Mottisfont Village Bus



There is very little certain in life.

Home secretaries change as fast as prime ministers. Inflation goes up and down. The weather changes thrice in a day. But Christmas comes back reliably each year.

May you have a merry one, and let us hope for a peaceful New Year

Wait! There is another thing you can rely on: your **VILLAGE BUS.**

Proudly supporting Somborne Community Cinema's Warm Hub Matinees (see front page).

We are here, to help you get there! Here are our regular services:

Romsey: Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons
Salisbury: Tuesday mornings
Southampton: 1st Wednesday of each month
Winchester: 2nd Wednesday of each month
Andover: 4th Wednesday of each month

For more information, please call 01794 234794, or email thevillagebus@outlook.com.

There's more on our web page at www.broughtonvillage.net/village-bus.

Wednesday 24th January
3.45pm and 7.30pm
Oppenheimer (15)

During World War II, Lt. Gen. Leslie Groves Jr. appoints physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer to work on the top-secret Manhattan Project. Oppenheimer and a team of scientists spend years developing and designing the atomic bomb. Their work comes to fruition on July 16, 1945, as they witness the world's first nuclear explosion, forever changing the course of history. Christopher Nolan's epic film stars Cillian Murphy, Emily Blunt, Matt Damon and Robert Downey Jr.

All films showing at Stockbridge Town Hall, SO20 6HE.

Tickets can be purchased online (£10 for December films, £6 for January films incl. £0.50p booking fee per ticket) via www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk, or by telephone from TicketSource 0333 666 3366 (£2 charge per telephone booking in addition to the online ticket price).

Please visit our website for more details about all of our autumn season films.



In October we were visited by Stephen Beal, his wife Chris and his beautiful Labrador dog, Gemma. Steve had been deaf since the age of 11, and Gemma is his hearing dog. Steve is now an ambassador for *Hearing Dogs for the Deaf*.

In 2006, after a week of intensive training for which he had to wait 18 months, he became the owner of his first dog, and it made a world of difference to his life. Hearing dogs are trained especially to respond to smoke alarms, alarm clocks, doorbells, etc. This was illustrated when Chris used each of these in turn and Gemma immediately rushed to Steve and put her paws upon his shoulders or his knees to warn him that there was something to which he must attend. However, apparently when her "working coat" is off (when running freely in the park, for instance) she knows she is off duty.

The most common breeds of dogs used for this valuable work are Cockerpoos, Spaniels and Labradors. Rescue dogs are no longer used for this purpose. There are now approximately 1,000 working hearing dogs for the deaf in this country.

Quite a large number of members visited the Plaza later in the month for a performance of *Little Women* which was an excellent production, much enjoyed by all who saw it.

In November, our speaker was Viv Carter, the Community Engagement manager for the Honeypot Children's Charity. This charity was started 27 years ago, and was formed in order to allow children between the ages of 5 to 12 who are Young Carers, either for a parent or a sibling, to form happy childhood memories and enjoy the right still to be children despite the difficult situation in which they live.

Viv was an extremely engaging speaker, and explained that these children have to come home from school and cope with the most challenging situations, often shopping, cooking, washing, etc., as well as giving emotional support to the person for whom they care. All this has a very detrimental effect on their own mental health and learning progress at school.

Honeypot is currently the only charity in the UK providing a unique combination of support services for the 1,000 or so children who find themselves in such challenging situations. They provide Residential Respite Breaks (double sleep-overs) at each of the 3 houses they own - one near Exbury in the New Forest, one in Wales, and recently, another in Scotland.

Here, the children have three days of fun, going on picnics, playing games, and making trips to places like Paulton's Park, St. Mary's Football Stadium, or the seaside - all with no worries or responsibilities - making happy memories for days when things are grim. They are given Memory Bags to take home, and are sent birthday cards afterwards. All in all, a very worthwhile charity to support.

The team which took part in the Village Skittles Tournament at the Mill Arms had had a very enjoyable evening, despite not being overall winners!

In December there is to be a Festive Lunch at the Royal British Legion Club in Romsey.

Our own Christmas meeting will be on 12th December, with a surprise draw, and a visitor who is an expert balloon maker. No doubt there will be festive food as well.

We are all looking forward to it!

BROUGHTON COMMUNITY SHOP

Village Hall, High Street, Broughton SO20 8AX. Tel.: 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 us on FB or Instagram at [broughtoncommunityshop](https://www.broughtoncommunityshop.com) and 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 dry and liquid refillables – just bring your own container!

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ERIC CHASE



My father, Eric Charles Harry Chase, who farmed at Hatt Farm, Mottisfont, was born on Friday 13th February 1925 and died on 30th September 2023. Having finished his education he worked as a Livestock Officer in Berkshire, but returned to Hatt Farm to

support his father after World War II. He was a keen member of Romsey Young Farmers Club where he met Margaret. They married in 1949. They had five daughters and the partnership lasted 72 years.

He was Chairman of Mottisfont Parish Council and helped set up the Broughton & Mottisfont Community

Bus. He loved all animals and had a passion for heavy horses. His Shire horse, Dolly, was his pride and joy and driving her around the village with a cartload of Carol singers is a particularly fond memory of Christmas at Mottisfont.

Unfortunately, he struggled with arthritis at a relatively early age (he had five hip operations over his years) so he retired from farming in September 1986 and he and Margaret moved to Whiteparish. Eric was a fun and charismatic man - telling dodgy jokes right up to the end. This sense of humour and his ability to get on well with people from all walks of life was a very special gift.

Hilary Chase

(A longer version of this article is available at www.mottisfontpc.org.uk.)

Somborne Community Cinema

Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part 1 (Thursday 14th December, 8pm), 12A Cert

Ethan Hunt and his IMF team embark on their most dangerous mission yet: to track down a terrifying new weapon that threatens all of humanity before it falls into the wrong hands.

With control of the future and the world's fate at stake and dark forces from Ethan's past closing in, a deadly race around the globe begins.

Confronted by a mysterious, all-powerful enemy, Ethan must consider that nothing can matter more than his mission - not even the lives of those he cares about most.

Scrapper (Thursday 11th January, 8pm), 12A Cert

Living alone since her beloved mum died, Georgie fills the flat they shared with her own special magic. But when her absent father Jason turns up out of the blue, she's forced to confront reality. As they both adjust, Georgie and Jason find that they have a lot of growing up to do.

A dreamy, witty and unmissable tale of family and fresh starts, SCRAPPER is a film that believes life's not so much about chasing rainbows, but snatching fistfuls in both hands.

Tickets for these films are just £6 each and are available via the Somborne Community Cinema web site at www.sombornecommunitycinema.co.uk, or at the door on the night.

All screenings are at King's Somborne Village Hall on the second Thursday of the month.



Carol Service at St. Andrew's

Sunday 17th December at 3pm

This is always a happy occasion, and all are welcome.

Have a chat, a glass of mulled wine, and a mince pie afterwards!

Big Band Buffet

TVBC's Big Band Buffet was recently held at Test Valley School in Stockbridge. We had 120 people attend, including the mayor and his wife (Phillip & Linda Lashbrook). The whole event was free.



Next year will be the Big Band Buffet's 10th anniversary. The date is still to be settled, but should be around the same time next year. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and was a really fun event.

We are always looking to promote this within Mid Test, and it would be lovely to see more residents from Mottisfont and Dunbridge.

Grow your Employability

For those in Year 11 and 12, NCS is running a series of workshops where you will learn a load of new skills to get you ready for the world of work, including leadership activities and learning about how to succeed in business.

For more information visit:

<https://personalbesteducation.com/ncs/>