



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

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The Village Newsletter

June-July 2023

Sunday 13th August, 1pm to 5pm

Mottisfont Village Fete

at the Village Hall

Featuring

Lots of games and stalls including:

Coconut shy – Books - Preserves – Crafts

Art Exhibition – Music – Tony's famous draw

Heaviest marrow and longest runner bean

**Hands on animal encounters with
Portsmouth Reptile and Amphibian Society**

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**We are open for donations of bottle, tins,
new gifts, etc., for the Tombola. These can
be left in the garage at Hawthorn Cottage in
Lockerley Road.**

We also need cakes to sell on the cake stall.

**Please bring these to the hall on the
Saturday or Sunday morning from 10am.**

**Contact for fete is Lynn Young on 340134,
or lynnhenmatt(at)aol.com**



Our village fete needs you. We already have volunteers to run the coconut shy, bar, Ade's amazing street food, Tony's famous draw, teas and ice creams, crafts and preserves, but we need more people to help with games and setting up. For example, could you run the barbecue, skittles, children's games or the tombola?

Our fete is one of the most popular in the area, but we cannot run it without you. Please let Lynn Young know if you can help on the day, or with set up on the day before. The fete is on Sunday 13th August from 1-5pm. You can contact Lynn on 340134 or at 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.

The next two *Meet the Neighbours* events will be on:

**Tuesday, 20th June
and
Wednesday, 26th July**

both from 7.30pm.

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

FAMILY SUMMER FAIR

at

LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

on

**Friday 7th July
3.15 - 5pm**



If you have phoned the Mottisfont NT estate office, the chances are you will have spoken to Alison Broom. After an amazing 26 1/2 years service, Alison is retiring at the end of June for a well earned break! If you would like to take the opportunity to wish her well, do email us at mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk and we'll compile any good wishes for her.

As we approach our busy season, we'll be opening an overflow carpark this year, on our Estate Field just next to the Rose Garden. I appreciate cars, parking and traffic is an annoyance to many at our super busy times, and I thank everyone for their understanding. Any comments, queries or complaints again please do let us know at mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Best wishes,

Vicky Fletcher

What's On at Mottisfont

In the gardens...

Our walled garden is home to the National Collection of pre-1900 old-fashioned roses, which reach their peak in early summer. Unlike modern species, old-fashioned roses tend to flower just once a year, so their blooming season is an extraordinary annual sight: visit in June to see them at their best. The gardens stay open until 8pm (last entry 7pm) on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 June - 1 July. There's live jazz from the FB Pocket Orchestra on Thursday evenings, and you can treat yourself to a glass or bottle of sparkling "Wild Rose" rosé from Black Chalk winery on Saturday evenings.

Summer holidays...

Happy Families: Adventures with the Ahlbergs exhibition

22 July – 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 text 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.

Happy Families: Adventures with the Ahlbergs summer trail

22 July – 5 November, 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.

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.

EVENTS AT THE SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday 24th June

Karaoke Evening

from 8pm

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Saturday 1st July

Quiz

with Mike Hughes

8pm start

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, 11th June.

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

From Sue Kipling

May 2023 will be remembered for King Charles III's coronation. Most of us spent 6th May around a screen. A few went up to London to join the crowds - and got soaked. Fewer still had a place in the Abbey.

King Charles had thought through how he wanted the ancient rite of his coronation to be to a modern world. A magnificent public service was developed for today.

But it wasn't all public spectacle. Part of the service was private, out of our sight, behind a screen when the King was anointed with oil, following one of the oldest traditions in human history. Many ancient peoples anointed their kings. The sacred writings of three of the big faiths of the world, Judaism, Islam and Christianity, record the Prophet Samuel anointing Saul as the first King of Israel, around 1000 BC.

The act of anointing separates the anointed from the profane and symbolises the sanctity of the King who is to carry out his duties with sacramental grace and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is a special relationship between the sovereign and God, so his anointing is a sacred moment for the King, who was therefore hidden from view for that private act.

Our own relationship with God is unique and personal to each of us, developing and maturing throughout our lives, influenced by our questioning and our thinking, our interactions and life events. The pollsters tell us increasing numbers reject God altogether, although as people grow older they becoming increasingly more likely to admit to a belief in God – maybe as an insurance policy for eternal life! Most people show no outward sign of their relationship with the Divine; it is a private affair, just as King Charles' anointing was private.

The Church is a body of people made up of individuals, each with their own faith, but united in some common understandings. Just as the faith of each of us develops and matures, so the church has to work out how its ancient creeds are relevant to an ever changing society. That is no private matter but a public one, with entrenched personal beliefs having to listen to opposing views.

As we move forward to a new Carolean era, the Church's expression of shared faith will develop, as it has throughout time, in the same way as coronations have evolved, but still keep that personal private relationship between sovereign and God.

The Revd Sue Kipling
Associate Priest in the Mid-Test Benefice

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

	Bossington	Broughton	Houghton	Mottisfont
4th June Trinity Sunday	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist	-	6pm Evensong
11th June Trinity 1	-	11am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong	11am Morning Worship
18th June Trinity 2	9.30am BCP Parish Eucharist	9.30am Bible Uncovered	-	-
25th June Trinity 3	6pm Meditation	8am Holy Communion (CW or BCP) ----- 11am Family Service	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11am Parish Eucharist

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

STOCKBRIDGE MUSIC

Review: Alexander Chance and Toby Carr, 5th May 2023

Stockbridge Music once again struck musical gold last night. The capacity audience was treated to an exquisite performance by countertenor Alexander Chance and lutenist Toby Carr, of songs dating back to the flowering of the English Renaissance.



Timed to coincide with the release of their new album, *Drop not, mine eyes*, these talented and personable young artists presented a programme that encompassed the music of the 16th century 'English Orpheus' (John Dowland) through to that of the 'Orpheus Britannicus' (Henry Purcell) a hundred years later.

Chance's silky and resonant timbre beautifully matched Carr's sensitive and expressive accompaniment, and it was a joy to hear these songs performed exactly as they would have been all those centuries ago. One audience member admitted she had been sceptical about a whole evening of countertenor and lute, but she was entirely won over by the duo, as indeed was the rest of the audience, whose rapturous applause at the end filled the church for several minutes.

Karen Malim, 6th May 2023

**Saturday 15 July, 7.30pm
St Peters Church, Stockbridge**

The Bohemia to Broadway Opera Quintet



Dream with me...

Opera quintet *From Bohemia to Broadway* makes a welcome return to Stockbridge. Please join us as these superb young musicians take us on a musical voyage into a world of dreams, nightmares, lullabies and rude awakenings.

Tickets £20 (U18s £5) from stockbridgemusic.uk or on the door

The Steinway Grand Piano has been made available by The Dorset Musical Instruments Trust

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no one was hurt, but they had to move into temporary tents provided by UNICEF.

As a result of poor education, Kasese District faces high unemployment amongst young people. The national rate in Uganda is 3.5%, but Kasese stands at 32%.

Unemployed adolescents can drift into anti-social behaviour and vulnerable situations, such as

alcoholism, drug abuse, theft and early pregnancies.

Bishop Nason has put his mind to these increasing problems and has a vision to tackle them. The Link is hoping to help him train 120 vulnerable young people in agricultural skills, basic managerial skills and business knowledge. Vocational skills will also be taught, such as cookery, hair dressing and motor mechanics. Watch this space to learn how you could play a part in achieving this vision.

STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA



Friday 16 June, 7.30pm

Corsage (15)

On the cusp of turning 40, relentlessly laced into corsets by her exasperated staff, the uptight world of the Austrian monarchy is the last thing Empress Sisi (Vicky Krieps) cares about. Decadence is far more exciting – so she heads off on a grand trip across Europe to call on old friends (and old flames). But the strings tying her to royal duty continue to tighten, and her attempts to make life more exciting turn into acts of rebellion. A vibrant, refreshingly mischievous take on the period drama with an award-winning lead in Vicky Krieps (Phantom Thread), Corsage is the stunning, stylish new film from acclaimed director Marie Kreutzer.

Wednesday 21 June, 4.45 pm and 7.30 pm

Empire of Light (15)

Olivia Colman and Micheal Ward star in this romantic drama written and directed by Sam Mendes. In the early 1980s, Hilary (Colman), a duty manager at the Empire Cinema on the south coast of England, is struggling with her mental health and is having an affair with her married boss Donald (Colin Firth). When Stephen (Ward) starts working at the cinema, he and Hilary fall for each other, but as Hilary's mental health fluctuates, the constant racism Stephen suffers culminates in a violent assault.



Friday 7 July, 7.30 pm

Tár (15)

Starring Cate Blanchett as Lydia Tár, the groundbreaking conductor of a major German Orchestra. Tár is at the height of her career, as she's preparing both a book launch and a much-anticipated live performance of Mahler's Fifth Symphony. Over the ensuing weeks her life begins to unravel in a singularly modern way. The result is a searing examination of power, and its impact and durability in today's society. (Partly subtitled)

Wednesday 12 July, 4.15 pm and 7.30 pm

The Fabelmans (12A)

Loosely based on Spielberg's childhood growing up in post-World War 2 era Arizona, from age seven to eighteen, a young man named Sammy Fabelman falls in love with films after his parents take him to see "The Greatest Show on Earth." Armed with a camera, Sammy starts to make his own films at home, much to the delight of his supportive mother. When he discovers a shattering family secret, he explores how the power of movies helps us see the truth about each other and ourselves.



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All showing at Stockbridge Town Hall, SO20 6HE.

Tickets can be purchased online (£6.00 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.

Drinks and ices will be on sale.

An update on life in Kasese, S. Rwenzori, the diocese with which Romsey Deanery is linked

Chris Lloyd of Broughton has just returned from Uganda, and has reported back on life in Kasese.

Bishop Nason has now been in post for two years. He has a strong Diocesan team working with him and is striving to improve life for his people.

The local Kagando hospital is on the verge of gaining university status. The old St. Paul's Cathedral has been utilised as a medical centre. Despite this positive news, mortality rates are very high.

In S. Rwenzori Diocese 55% of the population are under 17 years, and 22% are between 18-30. Mortality amongst women during pregnancy and childbirth is very high. The deaths could be prevented if women received the right medical care through their pregnancies and during birth. Bishop Nason has suggested members of the Mothers Union pair up with pregnant women to give care and advice, but a much greater input of education and teaching resources is required to improve this situation for the long term. The Romsey Link is working towards sending a team of medics to Kasese District to teach maternity care.

As there are so many impoverished families in Kasese District, funding for education is difficult. The Link committee supports 113 pupils, and photographed are some of the lucky pupils, some in borrowed uniforms. The cost of a uniform is 85,000 Ugandan shillings (about £18).



Musoke Barbara and Mumbere Praise, two of the pupils at Bulembia Primary supported by our donations

Bulembia School was completely washed away when the River Nyamwammba flooded two years ago. Luckily,

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Broughton and Mottisfont Village Bus



The sun is shining, the sky is blue...

...now here are some thoughts on what to do:

Join us on one of our excursions for 2023!

Wednesday 21st June:	Swindon
Wednesday 19th July:	New Forest
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.

WHIST

The next Whist sessions at the Village Hall are on:

- **Friday 16th June**
- and
- **Friday 21st July**

Both start at 7pm.



In April we welcomed as our speaker, a young man known to many villagers: John Wood, son of our member, Cathie, and Head Gardener at Hinton Ampner (NT) for many years.

John showed us a variety of shots of the garden there, including "Before and After" pictures which were especially interesting. The beautiful walled garden, which now grows a rich variety of fruits and vegetables, as well as boasting a colourful herbaceous border, was once a swimming pool, installed by a tenant of the house.

It was on "Making a Border" that John based his talk, and he gave us plenty of ideas of what to take into consideration when doing so. Design considerations include soil, drainage, structure, form, colour and, of course, budget! Ideally a border should have interest and colour all year round, and John gave us many examples of plants and flowers which do just that. He also gave us a few shots of his own recently acquired garden in Shropshire, which looked to be quite a challenge and provide plenty of work in his spare time.

After questions and coffee, the business included trips to the Plaza for RAODS productions, a Quiz Walk around Bishops Waltham in June, and our own WI Coronation Party, combined with our AGM, on 2nd May. Plenty to keep us busy!

An early May meeting featured a speedy AGM, with reports from the President, Secretary and Treasurer. All the committee agreed to stay on, and Marj Donahoe happily agreed to remain as President for a further year. All done and dusted!

As we were approaching Coronation Day, we enjoyed glasses of bubbly whilst we took part in a light hearted quiz. This took the form of questions about the previous coronation in 1953 (which some of us remembered!) There were also picture quizzes of Prime Ministers and leaders of the Opposition during the past 70 years, and of Royal residences. This caused much hilarity and scratching of heads. We then enjoyed slices of a delicious Coronation cake, made by member Helen Conn, and decorated with strawberries and cream.

Members were then each presented with a Coronation tea towel by which to remember the occasion.

We are to have an evening visit to the beautiful garden of Mrs. Clutterbuck on 29th of June and a visit to Lyburn Farm, home of the famous Lyburn cheeses, on 12th July. Some members will also be taking part in a Quiz Walk around Bishops Waltham in early June. Caroline Egg also will continue to organise regular trips to the Plaza theatre.

Next month, on

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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

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MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

Have you thought about becoming one of Mottisfont's parish councillors?

Over the past few years we have achieved many things like partnering with other parishes to set up the Crimestoppers group, now ably organised by Phil Cox and actively reporting on the village WhatsApp group; set up a manned hotline for parish residents during the Covid lockdown; and organised the WhatsApp group for residents. We are consulted on all planning applications in the parish and have been seeking the redevelopment of Dunbridge station goods yard in keeping with local wishes. That's an ongoing issue.

We never stop lobbying Hampshire about traffic on the B3084 and are continually seeking measures to reduce speeds and improve pedestrian safety; the 'gateway' on Barley Hill was one of our parish projects. We now need someone to help organise a traffic speed warning device – the smiley and frowns – which are proven to reduce traffic speeds.

One of our councillors sits on the Village Bus Committee to ensure that our community is represented on this valuable local amenity. We have an ongoing project to work with local landowners and interest groups to maintain and improve accessibility for walkers and ramblers to local footpaths, benefitting both local residents and visitors to our parish.

We are actively working with Test Valley Borough Council on planning for greater community resilience: think what might happen if we get a deluge, our rivers flood and parts of the parish are cut off. We are also involved with local forums for improving sustainability.



The Parish Council meets four times a year, and our meetings are attended by our local Test Valley and Hampshire councillors so we can - and do - raise issues with them, and occasionally give them a hard time. Being a parish councillor is very much about representing the interests of the community and although there's not a lot of money to spend, we access grants for projects and exert influence on community decisions.

We have two vacancies on the Parish Council which we would like to fill. In addition, we would welcome anyone who would like to work with us on specific tasks.

We want new people with fresh ideas, so even if you are relatively new to the parish, have a word with Jeff Channing, Julia or Peter Barnett or Andy Simmonds and we'll give you more information.

Our meetings are open to the public, and you are welcome to come along. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 20th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

THE BLUE LAMP TRUST

The scheme from the Blue Lamp Trust offers FREE home visits providing both general and specific crime and fire prevention advice to improve home safety.

They visit residents of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight who are vulnerable due to age (over 65); disabled; a victim of crime, burglary or domestic abuse.

Their trained, police vetted, Bobby Scheme Fitters will visit and carry out a full survey and, as appropriate fit items free of charge, such as locks, spy holes, door chains, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

All of the Blue Lamp Trust advisors are police vetted and carry ID cards to reassure local residents that they are genuine – and please remember, they will not be offended if you ask to see their ID to validate their identity.

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13th June, we are to have a visit from two ladies from the Romsey Food Bank, which members support with donations each month. They will explain the aims and objectives of the organisation and how it operates.

We always welcome new faces, and our membership is increasing monthly, so why not come along for a visit to the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 13th June.

Referrals

If you, or anybody you know, is eligible (based on the criteria above) and would benefit from a Bobby Scheme referral, please enquire via the Blue Lamp Trust website at <https://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk/bobby-scheme-landingpage/>.

Alternatively, you can make an enquiry by calling the Blue Lamp Trust directly on 0300 777 0157.