



The Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN

Parish Newsletter

October and November 2025

Dear Neighbours

The Autumn Equinox has arrived, and though it's still a wonderful time to get outside and enjoy the last warmth of the sun, temperatures are beginning to cool, daylight is diminishing, and the evenings are stretching ahead of us.

There's a distinct change in the seasons, and the summer fete with its blistering heat, feels like a long time ago. But what a great day it was. A big thanks to everyone who volunteered and of course, to everyone who came. The Village Hall report it to have been a huge success. The money raised supports the Village Hall upkeep and expenses.

Looking to October and November; did you know that the Twyford church in Hampshire, has a tradition of ringing its bells every year on October the 7th. The origin of this tradition goes back to the 18th Century when William David, a local resident became lost in fog while riding home at night. But much to his good fortune, he heard the church bells ringing and following their sound, managed to find his way home. As a form of thanks, William left the church some money when he died - so that the church could continue to ring their bells on October the 7th every year, just in case there were any other lost travellers in need of help.



And of course there's an evening of spooky fun to be had on October the 31st when we celebrate Halloween. And soon after 'remember, remember, the 5th of November, Gunpowder, treason and plot' ... I'm sure you know the rest ...

So grab yourself a mug of something warming, snuggle with a blanket, make yourself comfortable, and flick through this latest edition of The Acorn to see what's happening in our local area over the next few months.

With Love, *Allis X*

The Acorn is very grateful to Gareth and Catherine Jenkins of Hatt Farm who have kindly sponsored this edition.

In Honour of Graham Blake

As many will know, the cricket club, and all associated with it, recently lost a dear friend in Graham Blake. Graham's dedication to Mottisfont was unrivalled. He was respected on and off the field by the many, many people who knew him, and were lucky enough to play cricket with him.

From digging drainage trenches, to painting, helping out at events, still playing in his seventies when called upon, and always being a willing taxi for whoever needed a lift. There is an endless list of tasks that he performed for the club.

His playing career spanned exactly sixty years and he played in over a thousand matches for Mottisfont; we can't begin to imagine the amount of people he played cricket with, and against, in that time. He proudly sported the number 118 on his shirt; his top score for the club.

So, it seems fitting that the name on the Clubman of the Year trophy for 2024 was Graham Blake and he will rightly be the last name on this trophy - as we plan to retire it in honour of the great man. With it's retirement comes the offering of a new trophy to be dedicated in his name and the first recipients will be his wife, Ruth and son Martyn; who have both dedicated decades of work with the club as well.

With the blessing of the family we would very much like to keep the old trophy as a special memory of a special man, proudly displayed in the clubhouse.

Future recipients of The Graham Blake Clubman Of The Year Trophy will have a lot to live up to, these are big shoes to fill, but we hope they do it with the kindness, grace and humility of our greatly missed team mate.

Local News

THANK YOU

Lesley contacted the Acorn to send a big thank you to the anonymous person who keeps the book exchange in the telephone box in Mottisfont clean and tidy. Lesley says she has enjoyed some unexpected reads from the donated books, and recommends that it is always worth a look if you are passing. Are there any other unsung heroes in the village?



Food waste caddies begin delivery across Test Valley

Each standard household should have now received a five-litre kitchen caddy, a 23-litre kerbside caddy, one roll of caddy liners, and an information leaflet explaining how the new food waste collection service works.

For households that share bins, deliveries included a 140-litre grey-lidded food waste wheeled bin for the bin store, rather than a kerbside caddy.

Residents are being reminded to store their caddy liners in a dry place and keep the information leaflet safe for future reference.

The new food waste collection service will officially begin on Monday 13 October 2025, so the caddies should not be used until week commencing 6 October.

Residents will also soon receive postcards telling them what day their food waste will be collected.

The service aims to reduce the amount of food waste sent to landfill and increase recycling rates across the borough. Food waste will be collected weekly and taken to an anaerobic digestion facility, where it will be turned into renewable energy and nutrient-rich fertiliser.

The Environment Act requires all councils to have food waste collections in place by 1 April 2026.

To celebrate the rollout, TVBC has hidden 20 golden tickets inside randomly selected caddy packs. Lucky winners can choose from a range of exciting prizes, including a £50 gift voucher for The Lights, and a three-month premium membership for Andover Leisure Centre, Romsey Rapids, and Knightwood Leisure Centre.

Register your Cameras to help Fight Crime

Did you know you can register your CCTV/doorbell cameras to help fight crime? Whether you have CCTV cameras at your business or doorbell cameras at your home address, you can register them with Hampshire & IOW Constabulary to help them deter and solve crime.

Registering your cameras will enable them to request relevant footage when investigating crimes and incidents in your area.

Go to the following web internet page to get started:

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/police-forces/hampshire-constabulary/areas/au/about-us/register-your-cameras-to-help-us-fight-crime/>



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Courier Fraud Advice #PreventCrime

Officers are asking people to stay vigilant to possible fraudulent phone calls wherein criminals are targetting potential victims by cold calling them and pretending to be police officers, a bank or another law enforcement authority.

The caller will explain that they need help in a secret investigation and will ask the victim to provide their PIN and credit card details, or to attend their bank and withdraw cash. The bank cards or cash are later collected from their home address. Often, the victim will be given a 'password' to exchange with the courier, to make them believe this is a legitimate transaction. You may be asked to call your bank, or 101 or 999 to verify an officer's identity. This convinces you that the call is genuine, but the scammer has kept the line open, so when you make the call, you are unknowingly connected straight back to them. If you receive a call like this, please wait 15 minutes after hanging up before calling the police or your bank, or use a different phone, to ensure that the line is no longer open.

Lockerley Primary School

Rated 'Good' in all five Ofsted judgement areas "Pupils are rightly proud of their kind and welcoming school. Everyone knows each other exceptionally well, with one pupil describing the school as 'just one big family'"

"This school is inclusive and nurturing"

Ofsted May 2021

"The Christian vision permeates through the daily experience of school life. The leaders of the school have created a calm, inclusive and nurturing environment in which pupils and adults flourish. Motivated by the vision of loving others, leaders prioritise wellbeing. Their actions make sure that pupils and adults flourish within a happy community where they feel deeply valued as individuals."

SIAMS Inspection July 2025

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 many different activities for your child to get involved in.

Open Mornings

Tuesday 14th October 9:30

Wednesday 12th November 09:30



The History of The Acorn

Some time back there was a request on the Mottisfont web site, for older than October 2006 editions of the Acorn.

Well, during a clear out, one of our neighbours has come across nearly all of the editions from Volume 1, edition No 4 (April 1996) up to Volume 5, No 12 (December 2000).



At the beginning The Acorn was an A5 publication called the 'Mottisfont Acorn' and was produced by the Education Department of HM Winchester Prison (no doubt providing the inmates some useful tips on how to produce authentic looking £10 notes in the process!). This came about because one of our residents, John Crumbie (who lived at Station House), was a prison warder at that time and coordinated the production in those early years. In fact, without the help of the prison, there would never have been an 'Acorn', as the original church newsletter 'The Mottisfont News', was about to cease due to the cost of printing it.

The prison continued to print The Acorn until late 1999 and the name was changed to 'Mottisfont & Dunbridge Acorn' in January 2000, to better reflect the community that it served.

Peter has kindly agreed to scan the old issues and put them up on the Mottisfont web site - Has any-one any earlier issues or any from between 2000 and 2006 hiding away anywhere?

Mottisfont Cricket Team News

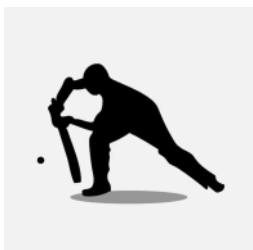
Plenty to celebrate at Mottisfont Cricket Club after all three teams bounce back from last year's adversity.

Starting with the Indoor Team, who in March completed the winter season with an unbeaten record, winning the league and promotion to Southampton Indoor League Division Three. We finished with the leagues top batsman award, captain Matt Stroud, and best bowler, Billy Allan, with two other bowlers in the top ten Jon Perret & Daryl Lawrence. Last year the team won just one game but are now looking to field two teams for the coming season.

The Border League team, who play on Tuesday evenings, also managed just one win last year. This year they not only won more than the lost but also progressed to the semi-final of the BL Plate, pipped by a very strong Whiteparish side.

The Saturday team were unlucky to be relegated last season, largely due to a restructuring of the league set up. This year they bounced back by winning the league in great style. In the final month they faced their top three rivals and triumphed in all three matches to take the championship with a clear margin. Captain Billy Allan also took the leagues best bowler award, the returning Neil Barnes finished in the top ten batting order and new recruit Ben Manser took the fourth highest number of catches.

The onfield success was reflected with not only greater home crowds but also it's travelling support. The players families, villagers and ex-players alike have rallied to support the teams performance's this year.



Let's hope it's onwards and upwards next year with an open invitation for all to join us for a game, cup of tea and slice of cake.

News from the WI



At our August meeting we welcomed Blue Badge guide James Fernandes, whose topic - 'Red' - had us all guessing. He cleverly examined things in Hampshire which had a red connection. Items covered included the amazing trade in strawberries which were grown in great numbers around the villages of Swanwick and Bursledon and transported by train to Covent Garden market for many years until, in the 1960s, foreign imports killed the trade. He also covered the red bricks made at brickworks in Fareham, six million of which were used to build the Royal Albert Hall, red post boxes and their royal cyphers, red telephone boxes, red squirrels and the red deer of the New Forest. A fascinating evening indeed. We plan to do one of his guided walks around Southampton or Salisbury in the Spring.

In September, Richard Murphy encouraged us all to think about 'The Good News'. A conversation with his mother-in-law in which she maintained that life was better a century ago, made him think of all the things which had actually improved during the last hundred years. He cited the health of small children and their mothers, which has improved world-wide. Deaths from disease had also dramatically declined, due to the benefits of immunisation and vaccination. Opportunities for women to have equality of education with men had improved - there are now actually more women than men taking advantage of higher education. Contrary to public belief, the number of people living in poverty has decreased worldwide during the last century. Air travel is safer, deaths in road accidents are fewer and there has been a huge fall in deaths from heart disease - so, look on the bright side!!

Next month, Natasha Beatty will let us into the secrets of healthy eating, so come and 'Eat Yourself Healthy' on October 14th at 7.30 in the Village Hall. You will be most welcome

What's Happening in your Neighbourhood?

MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB October & November 2025 Events

Thursday 2 nd October 8pm	Bingo
Friday 3 rd October 8pm	Quiz (Mike Hughes)
Wednesday 8 th October 8pm	MSC Committee Meeting
Thursday 9 th October 8pm	Bingo
Friday 10 th October	Darts (Men's League)
Saturday 11 th October 8pm	Quiz (proceeds to Church Funds)
Thursday 16 th October 8pm	Bingo
Friday 17 th October 8pm	Quiz (Mike Hughes)
Thursday 23 rd October 8pm	Bingo
Friday 24 th October	Darts (Men's League)
Saturday 25 th October	Club Skittles
Friday 31 st October 8pm	Quiz (Mike Hughes)
Monday 3 rd November	WI Meeting
Thursday 6 th November 8pm	Bingo
Friday 7 th November	Darts (Men's League)
Wednesday 12 th November	Skittles (Kings Somborne WI)
Wednesday 12 th November 8pm	MSC Committee Meeting
Thursday 13 th November 8pm	Bingo
Friday 14 th November 8pm	Quiz (Mike Hughes)
Saturday 15 th November 8pm	Beetle Drive (proceeds to Club Funds)
Thursday 20 th November 8pm	Bingo
Friday 21 st November	Darts (Men's League)
Saturday 22 nd November 8pm	Club Skittles
Thursday 27 th November 8pm	Bingo
Friday 28 th November 8pm	Quiz (Mike Hughes)

Every Saturday - National Lottery Bonus Ball (tickets can be purchased all through the week).

Membership Draw is held every evening that the Club is open.

The Saturday Roulette Wheel game and meat draw has been postponed from 13 September until the New Year.

CHRISTMAS DRAW AND MEAT DRAW - tickets on sale now.

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:



**Thursday 23rd of
October
and
Tuesday 25th of
November**

Put these dates in your diary now!

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Tuesday 30th September 8:30 – 11am
At Lockerley Primary School
We are taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning supporting Macmillan Cancer Care.
Please come along and join us.
There will be a raffle and home produce stall.

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation or buy raffle tickets please call in at the school office.

Caterpillars Playgroup

Every Tuesday during term-time 10 – 11.30am
£2.00 'play as you go'
at

Lockerley Primary School
Come along to our playgroup for children from birth to 5 year olds
Each week there will be a variety of toys, songs, stories and craft activities run by a qualified teacher
We also have baby-weighting scales
No need to sign up, just come along and join in the fun
Refreshments served



CHORAL EVENSONG

at St Peter's, Stockbridge
Sunday 26th October, 6pm

Music to include:
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat by Stanford
Cantate Domino by Pitoni

St Peter's Stockbridge Choir
Directed by Sarah Seymour

The Mid Test Benefice



Last Chance to see Gilbert's Dahlia Field



Visitors to Sherfield English are once again being treated to a breathtaking display of colour as Gilberts Nursery opens its much-loved Dahlia field for the season.

Nick, who runs the nursery, is always experimenting with creating new varieties. Using a careful process of "hand-brushing" the flowers with a paintbrush before covering them to prevent cross-pollination, he plays the role of the bees. "It's really exciting, because you never know what you're going to get," he explains. "When the first flower blooms, I usually grow that plant true for three years to make sure it doesn't change shape or colour. Then comes the hardest part—choosing a name!"

The nursery has also felt the impact of climate change. "Eighteen years ago, we used to open the field at the beginning of July. Now, it's August, and each year it gets later," Nick notes.

The Dahlia field is free for visitors, something Nick feels passionate about. "I just want people to come in and enjoy the space," he says.

But the field is more than just a visual delight—it also supports an important local cause. Nick has long been a supporter of ROMDAG (Romsey Dementia Action Group), a charity close to his heart after seeing family members affected by dementia. Donation buckets are placed at the entrance, giving visitors the chance to contribute. In 2024, a remarkable £1,254.40 was raised.

For those looking for a moment of peace, beauty, and community spirit, Gilberts Nursery's Dahlia field is the perfect place to visit before the 8th October 2025.

<https://www.gilbertsdahlias.co.uk>



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WWW.JESSMACPHERSON.COM

Yoga Class

£12 DROP IN OR £9 BLOCK BOOKING

Thurs 6.30pm

Yoga

Mottisfont Village
Hall

"friendly, energising and nourishing"

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@jessrosemacpherson@gmail.com

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Oasis bookshop at 25 Church Street in Romsey is part of Oasis Christian Trust. It aims to:

- be a welcoming Christian presence on the high street
- be a place where Christian books and resources can be browsed or bought
- be an outlet for fairly traded goods
- pass on excess income to charitable causes

We are in urgent need of trustees if our work is to continue. No specific expertise is needed, but experience in finance, HR, IT or listed buildings would be useful. Please consider whether you could serve God and the community in this way.



Further details from
john.pennells@oasisromsey.co.uk
or call in at the shop and talk to the staff

Oasis Christian Trust
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www.oasisromsey.co.uk



The Thomas Dowse Trust

The Thomas Dowse Trust 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 things such as uniform, school trips, music tuition, overseas educational trips, swimming lessons, transport to educational establishments, laptops and books. Applicants are treated in strict confidence and must demonstrate need. There is no means testing.

Please email Tina Stuart for an application form or collect from Broughton Primary School, St Mary's Church Broughton, or St Andrew's Church Mottisfont.

Applications should be sent before Sunday the 9th of November.

Email: tinastuart1@gmail.com

Whist at the Village Hall

Friday 17 October 7pm start

Friday 21 November
7pm start



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. Dogs are welcome outside and on a lead. Closes 30 minutes before shop closure.

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**Leia Zhu, Violin at St Peter's Church Stockbridge
14 November 2025 at 7.30pm**

Stockbridge Music welcomes Leia Zhu to the stage on 14 November for a concert of violin music accompanied on the piano. The programme includes works by Mozart, Sarasate and Franck. A fast rising star in the world of classical music, Leia has performed on stage since the age of 4 and made her debut with the London Symphony Orchestra at the age of 14. In 2024 she made her BBC Proms debut at the Royal Albert Hall in July 2024.

BBC Music Magazine's 2021 Christmas edition named Leia, then aged 15, as 'Rising Star' and she was the youngest musician to be listed in Classic FM's list of 30 brilliant musicians under the age of 30 compiled for their 30th Anniversary celebrations.

The concert will take place at 7.30pm on 14 November at St Peter's Church, Stockbridge. Tickets are now on sale at www.stockbridgemusic.uk

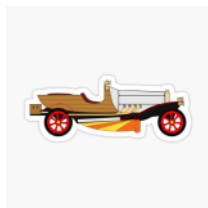
**The National Trust
Mottisfont Abbey**



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang: from inspiration to illustration

Till Sunday 2 November, 11am-4pm.

Step into the pages of one of Britain's most beloved children's stories – Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Our playful exhibition celebrates Ian Fleming's iconic story with over 80 original illustrations that bring the tale to life, featuring artwork by John Burningham, Steve Antony, and Thomas Gilbert. For older fans, dive into the remarkable story behind the story; explore Ian Fleming's writing process, rare typescripts, Daily Express clippings, and personal letters with the real-life inspiration behind the fabulous flying car.



Agent 11¾ Spy Family Trail

Runs Saturday 4 October-Sunday 2 November, 10am-5pm.

Step into the secret world of spies on Mottisfont's exciting new trail, inspired by the most famous of all fictional spies, James Bond. This October, children of all ages can join the secret service, with a trail inspired by the dashing intelligence officer. There'll be plenty of undercover challenges, from cracking codes to creating disguises, to fire the imagination and motivate the next generation to join His Majesty's Secret Service.

Mini adventures: nature-inspired activities for preschoolers and their families.

Monday 3, Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 November; Thursday 13 and Friday 14 November, 10.15am-11.45am.

Bring your little ones to Mottisfont for a series of exciting nature-inspired activities designed especially for preschoolers and their families. Each day brings something new to discover, from creating your very own Treasure box to making Leaf creatures and rubbings.

Land Art: Things with Wings

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 November, 10am-4pm.

Join us this November for a fun, hands-on weekend of land art at Mottisfont. Collect natural materials like leaves, twigs and feathers, then use them to create your own 'Things with Wings'. It's a great way to explore the autumn landscape, get creative outdoors, and enjoy time together as a family. With materials provided by nature and guided by our friendly Learning Volunteer team you just need to bring your imagination.

A Cinderella Christmas at Mottisfont

Saturday 22 November-Sunday 4 January, 11am-4pm.

This Christmas, Mottisfont sets the stage for a festive pantomime twist on the classic tale of Cinderella as the house is transformed with theatrical flair and seasonal sparkle.

Step into a world of glittering ballgowns, lost slippers, and larger-than-life characters as the magical story of poor Cinderella, her wicked stepsisters, her fairy godmother, and her prince is brought to life for all the family. Outside there are games and activities for the whole family to enjoy, while younger visitors can follow our festive spotter trail around the grounds.



SOMBORNE COMMUNITY CINEMA

Thursday 9th October 2025

Black Bag (15)

2025 Thriller

A gripping and emotionally charged spy story that dives into the personal and professional conflicts of intelligence agent George Woodhouse (Michael Fassbender). The film masterfully blends high-stakes espionage with intimate drama as George is forced to confront the ultimate betrayal – the possibility that his beloved wife, Kathryn (Cate Blanchett), may be working against him.

Thursday 13th November

Mission: Impossible - The Final reckoning (12)

2025 Action

Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) finds himself tasked with defeating a malign artificial intelligence known as The Entity, which is spreading through the internet and taking over the world. With governments and a figure from his past in pursuit, Hunt races to stop it from forever changing the world and destroying humanity.

Information common to both films

Tickets for films are just £6 each and are available from the Somborne Community Cinema web site
www.sombornecommunitycinema.co.uk
or at the door on the night.
King's Somborne Village Hall

Doors open at 7.15pm and the films start at 8pm leaving plenty of time to get your drinks and snacks from the well-stocked bar

STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY CINEMA

Wednesday 1 October 5.00pm and 7.30pm

2000 Meters to Andriivka (15)

From the Oscar-winning team behind 20 Days in Mariupol, 2000 Meters To Andriivka documents the devastating personal impact of the Russia-Ukraine war. During a failing counteroffensive in 2023, director Mstyslav Chernov follows a Ukrainian brigade as they push through about a mile of heavily fortified forest on their mission to liberate the Russian-occupied village of Andriivka. By combining original footage, extensive Ukrainian Army bodycam videos, and poignant moments of reflection, the film reveals with haunting intimacy that, as the soldiers advance through their shattered homeland, they increasingly realise that, for them, this war may never end. "Extraordinary ... the year's most important film." The Times
This is a fund-raising film for the Stockbridge-Ukraine support group. Tickets are £12.50 (incl booking fee) for this film



Friday 10 October 7.30pm

Holy Cow (15)

After the tragic death of his father, 18 year old Totone is thrust into the unexpected and very adult role of looking after his younger sister and their failing family farm in the Jura section of France. He assumes even more responsibility when he enters a cash competition for the best Comte cheese made in this western part of the French Alps. A "verité" look at the hardscrabble life of French agriculture, it is simultaneously a moving love story and above all an ode to the love of cheese. [In French with English subtitles]

Wednesday 29 October 5.00pm and 7.30pm

Black Bag (15)

National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) agent George Woodhouse (Michael Fassbender) faces a challenging assignment. There's a mole in the agency with plans to activate a destructive cyber worm called Severus. George is tasked with identifying the mole. His list of five suspects includes four of his agency friends and colleagues at the NCSC, with the fifth being his beloved wife Kathryn St. Jean (Cate Blanchett). George faces the ultimate test - loyalty to his marriage or his country.

Information common to all films

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE. Tickets £6.00 on sale from the first of each month via www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk or by telephone from TicketSource 0333 666 3366 (no extra charge). Please visit our website <http://www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk/> for full details of all films.

Church News

From the Rector - October Reflections

Dear Friends,

As the leaves start to turn and the mornings hold that crisp Autumn air, October arrives with its familiar mix of colour, calm, and celebration. One of the highlights, of this season, are the various Harvest Festivals. These are times to enjoy gathering, to give thanks, and reflect on the many blessings in our lives.

Whether you've been bringing in the last of the crops, picking blackberries in the hedgerows, or simply enjoying a hearty slice of something homemade, Harvest reminds us of the goodness that comes from the earth and from one another. In a world that is always in a hurry, it's good to slow down, look around, and say, "Thank you."

At our local churches, we'll be marking the season with our Harvest services and collections for the local food bank. If you're able to bring a donation (tinned or dried goods are always welcome) it will be gratefully received.

But Harvest isn't the only thing we're celebrating! I'm delighted to share that Mid-Test Minnows, our new toddler group at St Peter's, Stockbridge, opened in September and what a joyful start it's had. Every Tuesday morning (9:30-11:00), the church fills with the happy sounds of little feet, playtime giggles, stories and songs. Accompanied by much needed homemade cake with cups of fresh coffee and tea for the grown-ups. It's a lovely new way to welcome young families into our church community, and all are very welcome. If you know someone with children aged 0-4 (or are one yourself!), do come along - we'd love to see you.

As the evenings draw in and the year begins to wind down, may you find warmth in the small things - a neighbour's wave, a hot drink after a walk, or a moment of peace in a busy week. As ever, the church is here for you whether for worship, community, or just a quiet space to pause and breathe.

With every blessing,
Revd Joe

October & November Church Services

	Mottisfont	Broughton	Houghton	Bossington
5 th October Trinity 16	6pm Evensong	9.30am Parish Eucharist		
12 th October Trinity 17	11.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong	
19 th October Trinity 18		11.00am Bible Uncovered		9:30 BCP Parish Eucharist
26 th October Last Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Parish Eucharist	8.00 Holy Communion (CW or BCP) 11.00 Family Service	9.30am Parish Eucharist	6pm Meditation
1 st November All Souls Day			7.30pm All Souls Service	
2 nd November All Saints		9.30am Parish Eucharist 2.30pm Baptism		
9 th November Remembrance Sunday	10.50am Remembrance Service	10.45am Remembrance Service	10.00am Remembrance Service – 10.50am Act of Remembrance at the war memorial	
16 th November 2 nd before Advent		9.30am Bible Uncovered		9:30 BCP Parish Eucharist
23 rd November Christ the King	11.00am Parish Eucharist	8.00 Holy Communion (CW or BCP) 11.00 Family Service	9:30am Parish Eucharist	
30 th November Advent Sunday	Benefice Service			



On
Saturday 11th October

there will be a quiz to raise funds for the repairs to St. Andrew's church Mottisfont at the Social Club.

Commencing at 8:15 teams of up to 6 are welcome, entry £2:50 per person.

Why not get a team together and come along for some fun?
Thanks are due to the Social Club for hosting this event.

The deadline for inclusion of any articles/information in the December / January edition of the Acorn is the 21st of November.

**Please email any items to
acornparishnews@outlook.com**