Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



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The Village Newsletter

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From the Editors *

So here we are then in the hot editorial seats. Emails have been firing at us from the ether, plain brown envelopes have appeared on the doorstep in the dead of night, and conversations around the neighbourhood have provided us with more than enough for our bumper 12 page first issue. Except, that is, until we had to think of something inspirational for our first front page. After several hours of staring blankly at each other, clueless about what to write, it dawned on us. It is <u>not</u> our Acorn. It is <u>your</u> Acorn. So what would <u>you</u> write, what do you want to see in your Acorn newsletter? Hence, YOUR ACORN NEEDS YOU!

Pat and Dave's editorial mantle has been well and truly passed on, and it is a tough act to follow. So we are now juggling with the hot potato and asking you what you want to see. What we want are budding journalists, old, young and middling (no age discrimination here!) to give us interesting, informative, humorous articles. Please contact us by phone (340793), email acornnews@mandercom.co.uk or even the traditional envelope through the letterbox (Dunelm House, Barley Hill, Dunbridge), with repeatable and printable suggestions for what you would like to be included in the Mottisfont and Dunbridge Acorn.

Finally we would like to say thank you to Pat and Dave for their guidance in the handover period, and to all those of the Acorn Newsletter team who have agreed to continue helping by writing regular articles, proof reading, photocopying, distributing, and the many other tasks which go towards the timely publication of your monthly newsletter.

Peter & Julia

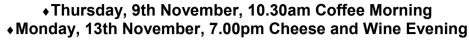
* "An editor is one who separates the wheat from the chaff, and prints the chaff." Adlai Stevenson

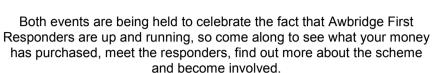
Deadline for the next Acorn is 12 noon on 16th November. E-mail to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

We cannot guarantee that articles received after this date will be included in the next issue.

Awbridge First Responders

Awbridge First Responders are holding two events in Awbridge Village Hall to which all are welcome:







Dunbridge is part of the area that South Central Ambulance have requested we cover, and leaflets publicising both events have been delivered in the village.

For further information, contact Kay Murrant on 340289, or email KayMurrant@aol.com

A midweek review of "A Wild Weekend"

On Thursday 12th October we saw the Forest Forge production of "A Wild Weekend" at Mottisfont Village Hall, about four London teenagers stranded for a weekend in the New Forest.

Reminiscent of "Lord of the Flies" (but thankfully funnier!), the packed hall was testament to the fact that the company once again provided us with an amusing and thought provoking production, with a satisfactorily warm-and-fuzzy moral ending. As a result, I can confirm that mobile phones work as well in the New Forest as they do in Dunbridge (not at all) and that mushrooms don't grow in supermarkets. Well, that cleared that one up. Very good.



Stew Dent Local Theatre Critic

MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT ABBEY FARM

The Rural Housing Enabler, Mr John Lancaster, has been told by the National Trust that they would not wish to see anything happen on the site in the immediate future. They are carrying out a feasibility study on the future of the site.

NEW CLERK

Mrs Frances Hanks from Lockerley will be taking over from me at the beginning of November.

I have enjoyed my time working for you and have enjoyed getting to know so many of you. Thank you for your kindness and friendship.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 22nd November at the Village Hall, at 7.30pm.

Mary Lees

MOTTISFONT AND DUNBRIDGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The next two meetings are:

- ♦ Tuesday 21st November, "Gardens around the country" by John Perry
- ♦ Tuesday 19th December, "Gardening for wildlife" by Dennis Bright.



Both are talks with slides and start at 7.30pm in the village hall. All are welcome, visitors £1.

Contact Michael Horne on 340105 for further information.

MOTTISFONT AND DUNBRIDGE W.I.

At our October meeting Demi Ladwa gave a demonstration of Indian Cooking, with an interesting talk on the different types of dishes from areas of India. Members were able to sample Onion Bhajis and a Potato Curry, which were very good.

Final preparations were made for the forthcoming group meeting of which Mottisfont and Dunbridge are the hosts. This will be on Wednesday, 18th October, 2006.

Members were told of next year's full and interesting programme, with a wide choice of speakers.

Next month's meeting at 8pm on **14th November** in the village hall will be the AGM, which will be followed by a Beetle Drive.

S Hill

MOTTISFONT AND DUNBRIDGE HISTORY GROUP

We are one year old this month. Over the past year we have held meetings most months, and are now meeting in the Mill Arms. We have also been able to put displays up in the Village Hall and change them most months. We are a friendly group, which is gradually increasing in number, and always keen to have new people join us.

Some of the highlights have been the talk by Angus Fletcher on "A look back on Dunbridge and its village shop", and the display and stand at the village fete.

Things for the future:

- ♦ **Wednesday 8th November** our usual meeting at 7.30pm at The Mill Arms, to share pictures and stories. Please come along and join us.
- ◆ Wednesday 15th November at 7.45pm at Lockerley Memorial Hall, the Thorngate History Society have organised a talk on the life of Richard Meinertzhagen who lived at Mottisfont Abbey for a period of time. He was famous as a soldier, scientist and spy, and also wrote a famous book called "Diary of a black sheep", which is about his childhood at Mottisfont Abbey.
- ♦ Wednesday 13th December at the Village Hall, a talk and slide show by Eric Chase on "farming at Mottisfont over the last 100 years", with support from John Jenkins whose family still farm at Mottisfont. There will be a nominal charge, and the meeting will start at 7.30pm.

We are still collecting pictures and stories, so do let us know if you have anything to add to the collection. We will copy photos. For further information please contact Michael Horne 01794 340105.

FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Friends.

Advent is, as we know, the four weeks which precede Christmas. These are the weeks in which we remember The Prophets and John the Baptist and Mary as they prepared the way for Christ. But why am I mentioning this a month early? Because those Advent December weeks are usually full of busyness and preparation, and often people just cannot squeeze in an Advent Course. Therefore this year instead of competing with jingle bells, the Regent Street lights and all the razzmatazz of Christmas I want us to join together in November for a very different Advent Course.

It is not only different because it is in November, but it is also different because we will be using **illustrations from the movies** as well as Holy Scripture to reflect on the Advent themes. We live in an age where uniquely vision, film and radio inform us every day of the world around us and of our lives. Therefore to be able to use this with all of its rich themes of preparation, prophesy and birth is an exciting prospect. We will be using 24 movie clips as well as the Bible.

The Course will begin on the 1st November and will run as follows:

Waiting and Watching - the anticipation of Advent

1st November Prophetic Voices

8th November Expectation and Anticipation

15th November Joy

22nd November The Saviour

We will meet in the New Church Room of St Mary's.

Each Session will begin at 8 pm. Bring your own Bibles and popcorn, and we will provide coffee and biscuits! I will ask each participant to pay £2.50 for the booklet which you will need for the course, and a small donation towards heating and light. So for an Advent Course with a difference, book your seat and come along on the 1st November (All Saint's Day). I will put a list up at the back of each Church so that you can append your name if you intend to come. (You can still come even if you don't add your name, but it is helpful to see if we have a full house).

With blessings

Ron

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

Broughton Bright Hour is a local group of people who come together once a week for fellowship and informal worship. We have visiting speakers, all with a different Christian message. Every few weeks we have a meeting where members contribute a bible reading, poem or anything that is special to them.

We meet on Thursdays at 2.30 pm in the New Room at St. Mary's Church, Broughton.

Speakers for November:

2nd, Mr.& Mrs. Peter Beadle. 9th, Members Meeting.

16th, Mr. Malcolm Green. 23rd, Mrs. Wendy Atkinson.

30th, Members Meeting.

All are welcome, do come and join us.

Barbara Perry 01794 301466. Ann Ridout 01980 862232

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 5th November 26th November 12th November 19th November Christ the King Trinity 21 Remembrance Trinity 23 Broughton Broughton 8.00 HC CW HC BCP Bossington HC BCP Broughton Family 9.30 Mottisfont HC BCP Communion with Sunday Club Broughton Godly Play Remembrance 10.45 Services throughout the Benefice Mottisfont Mottisfont Family 11.00 Communion Matins Broughton 3.00 Deanery Shoebox Service Houghton Prayer Houghton 6.00 Houghton Evensong and Praise HC BCP

Please note there have been some changes to our usual pattern of services for this month.

In addition, please remember the following which will take place during November:-

Thursday 2nd November, All Souls' Day.

At 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Houghton, we shall have a special service to commemorate our loved ones who have died.

12th November, Remembrance Sunday at 10.45am

Our annual services of Remembrance will take place at St. Mary's, Broughton, All Saints, Houghton, and St. Andrew's, Mottisfont, each beginning at 10.45am. The service at Broughton will be preceded by wreath laying at the War Memorial.

Sunday, 19th November at 3.00pm

This year St Mary's, Broughton, will be hosting the annual Shoebox Service for all the churches in the Romsey Deanery. We expect a lively and colourful service – please come and join in. (Details of how to fill a shoebox will be available throughout the villages.) There will be no other service at St. Mary's on that day.

Thursday 30th November, St. Andrew's Day

At 6.00pm there will be a short service of Holy Communion (BCP) at St. Andrew's, Mottisfont, in celebrations of our patron saint. All are welcome.

Gina Livermore

A Carol is not just for Christmas

Carol is a pleasant name for a girl, but have you ever considered the meaning of the word? The dictionary will tell you it means "to sing a lively and joyous song" or "merrymaking", so it is appropriate for any time of year, but it is usually associated with Christmas.

I enjoy the lively and joyous singing of carols; therefore I get pleasure from co-ordinating the village carol service at the Church, which this year takes place on:

17th December at 3.00pm.

This is not the only carol singing taking place in our village. The Pragnell family will be hosting their carols round the crib (what a wonderful way to sing carols - by torch light under the stars) and I see that the Mill Arms will have carols at their Christmas fair.

There'll be more information in the December Acorn. Each event will have its own style, so why not make an effort to join in some joyous singing of carols this Christmas.

See you there,

Lesley Taylor. Church Warden, Mottisfont.

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The Mottisfont and Dunbridge Parish Children's Christmas party

As the summer draws to a close we begin to focus upon the festive season ahead. To assist this year's organisers in preparing invitations we need to know about all children within the Mottisfont and Dunbridge parish who are 11 years of age and under, and who would like to be invited.

If you are a parent of a child who is 11 years of age or younger and would like them to be invited to the village children's Christmas party at 3pm on 10th December in the Village
☐ Hall, pick up the phone now and call:

Sarah Richie on 01794 341655

Please do not assume that if your child has been invited in previous years that the organisers have the correct contact details for your child/ren, so to avoid disappointment call Sarah **NOW**!

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LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

present two events:



SAFARI SUPPER



Saturday 11th November, at 7.30pm Tickets £12.50 per head, available from:

Lockerley School 340485, Carol Pybus 340864 or Collette Biggs 340856

and



A CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Friday 24th November at 6.30pm £1 entrance to include a glass of wine and a mince pie Craft Stalls, Raffle, Tombola, etc.

MOTTISFONT FOOTBALL CLUB

Saturday 16th September 2006 Southampton Senior Cup 1st Round

Mottisfont travelled to play Forest Town in an attempt to try to reach the final at St Mary's Southampton again. They were given a tough game but ran out victors by 3 goals to 2. Result: Forest Town NFC 2, Mottisfont 3 (Jon Cook, Guy Benwick, Dave Kemp).

Saturday 23rd September 2006 Hampshire League 2004

The Font entertained local rivals Broughton and went in front with a well-worked goal, but Broughton equalised from a penalty. The Font scored 3 more goals to run out 4-1 winners.

Result: Mottisfont 4, (Dave Kemp (2), Guy Benwick, Jon Cook), Broughton 1.

Saturday 30th September 2006 Hampshire League 2004

Mottisfont made the long trip to Basingstoke to play Ludwig Leisure, and came away with another victory, winning by the odd goal in three.

Result: Ludwig Leisure, Basingstoke 1, Mottisfont 2 (Robbie Abbot, Jon Cook).

Saturday 7th October 2006 Hampshire League 2004

Mottisfont were once again away to Fair Oak and immediately went in front from a penalty. From there on they were in complete control and scored another five goals for a comprehensive victory. Result: Fair Oak 0, Mottisfont 6 (Guy Benwick (2), Stephen Carr (2), Jon Cook, Robbie Abbott (penalties)).

Tony Stemp

Jumble Sale

Friday, 24 November, at Broughton Village Hall

Doors open 6.30pm

In aid of

Broughton Primary School

Donations of Jumble, please ring 01794 301405



Acorn Community Pre-school & Toddler Group Invite you to their Annual

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Friday 8th December 2006 10.15 - 11.30am at

Lockerley Memorial Hall, Butts Green

- Do your Christmas shopping at the trade stalls
 - Enjoy a relaxing tea/coffee and cake
 - Try your luck on the grand raffle

All Welcome Contact Theresa (Chairperson on 01794 341273)

Acorn Community Pre-School Report

Autumn Term 2006

The first half of the Autumn term is already well underway at Acorn Pre-School. We welcomed six new children to pre-school after the summer break, and more will join gradually as the year progresses.

The theme for the first half of term is "All about me" which should appeal to our egocentric preschoolers! The children have been thinking about "me", "my body" and "my family" as well as where they live, what they eat and what they wear. This has provided plenty of opportunity for crafts, such as making family scrapbooks with old photos, T-shirt painting and junk modelling.

There are also a number of key events coming up this term. The parents and staff are all looking forward to the Pampered Chef Kitchen Show on 1st November. The children, on the other hand, are eagerly awaiting the Preschool Christmas Party which will take place on 1st December and the Christmas Play and Bazaar on 8th December.

Please do come along to the Bazaar which will run from 10.15-11.30am. It will be a great chance to pick up some original Christmas gifts from the invited craft stalls while helping to raise funds for your local pre-school. If you have children approaching pre-school age, it would also be an opportunity to visit the pre-school and see what goes on.

Acorn Community Pre-School caters for children from 2 years 6 months to school age, providing learning through play in a caring environment. Sessions run from 9.30am - 12 noon every week day and there is a lunch club on Mondays and Fridays which runs until 12.45pm. For all enquiries about Acorn Community pre-School and to reserve a place, please contact Theresa on 01794 341273.



Lockerley Rainbows, Brownies and Guides



Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 25th November, 2pm Lockerley Memorial Hall

Stalls will include:

Books, Toys and Games, Tombola, Craft, Cakes, Grand Draw, Pocket Money toys, and more.

Refreshments will be available.

Please come along and support this event as it is our main fund-raising event of the year.

Any monies raised will help support the local Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units in their various activities for girls in our rural area. All the leaders involved in Guiding give their time voluntarily, and your support would be appreciated.



We all look forward to seeing you there.



Further details can be obtained from Judith (341500) or Mary (367908).



Saturday 25th November 2.30pm – 5.00pm

Broughton's Christmas Market

to be held at Broughton Village Hall

FESTIVE FUN, GAMES AND GIFT IDEAS FOR ALL THE FAMILY INCLUDING:

Local Artisan Gifts & Crafts, Christmas Puddings & Preserves,

Christmas Cards, Books, Christmas Decorations and Arrangements, Silent Auction, Tombola, Bed of Nails, Mince Pies, Refreshments, Festive Games and Prizes,

Carol Singing, Visit from Santa Claus and much more....

THE NEW RAILWAY TIMETABLE FROM DECEMBER

Following the publication of First Great Western's final timetable, the Parish Council wrote to them suggesting that:

- 1. A 'Request Stop' would provide a suitable solution to the deletion of the stopping service from Southampton, between 17.00 and 18.00 on weekdays.
- 2. A concession is made with Cheap Day tickets, so that they can be purchased for the 08.59 to Southampton. Normally these tickets can only be purchased for trains after 9.30, but as the first valid train on the new timetable will be at 12.00 on weekdays, this would seriously reduce the usefulness of the new Senior Railcards supplied by TVBC this year.

Unfortunately, they cannot provide a request stop at Dean and Dunbridge stations during the afternoon/evening peak period. This is because the 16.22 service from Portsmouth to Cardiff already has an extra peak time stop at Bradford on Avon. This cannot be re-timed any later as the train would miss its booked path from Bathampton Junction, through Bath and on to Bristol, where it already has a minimum 4 minutes to turn around and form another service.

The good news is that the Cheap Day tickets will be valid for travel on the 08.59 service from Dunbridge to Southampton. In addition, for general information: The Senior Railcard is valid for use with Standard Day Return tickets and Cheap Day Return tickets and offers a 34% discount, regardless of the time of travel.

John Millns

SNIPPETS FROM THE PAST

From the minutes of the Meeting of Mottisfont Parish Council dated 22 March 1982, Chairman, Mr A Sykes:

"The School Building and the School Dining Room: The Clerk read a letter from the Romsey and District Scout Council which stated that they did not wish to make any further claim on the school dining room, formally the Scout Hut. The National Trust are of the opinion that the ownership of the dining hut is vested in Mrs Russell, who had expressed a wish that the National Trust should decide its future.

The National Trust have stated that they would like to see some suitable community use for the school building and it was agreed to write to the Trust stating our interest in the building. The Clerk also reported that, if the temporary classroom at the school was in good condition, it would probably be moved to another school, but if not it would be sold.

Bus Shelter: Mr A.Lawrence proposed that, as the Village Bus made regular stops in Mottisfont (village centre) and school children had to wait there for the Test Valley school coach, the bus shelter (owned by the Parish Council and located on the A3057 at Michelmersh), should be moved into Mottisfont. It was agreed that the Clerk should negotiate with the National Trust to find a suitable site and inform Michelmersh PC of the proposal."

The meeting continued with two speakers, the first one talked in general about rural housing problems and how other villages managed to solve them. The second speaker was of particular interest following the closure of the school, as he suggested that a concentrated effort over a short period could turn the existing school into a village hall. The first step should be to investigate running costs and then the Parish Council should obtain a lease from the National Trust, plus set up a Management Committee with a trust deed and constitution."

Needless to say, the 'difficult' bit was obtaining a lease that we were happy with!

John Millns

BROUGHTON MOVIOLA

presents

THE WHITE COUNTESS (PG)

Directed by James Ivory

Starring Ralph Fiennes, The Richardsons & Redgraves

A period drama set in Shanghai in 1936. It tells the story of an American ex-diplomat, blinded in a traumatic accident, who befriends an exiled Russian countess, Sofia. Whilst they dream of escaping to Hong Kong to regain their social status, Jackson's (Ralph Fiennes) fortunes lead him to own his 'perfect bar' with Sofia as the centrepiece. But for how long can Jackson remain blind to events in the outside world?

Friday 17th November 2006 @ 7.30 p.m. Broughton Village Hall Doors Open 7.00 p.m.

Tickets £4.50 in advance from West View Stores or £5.00 on the door.

Please pre-book to avoid disappointment.

Next screening to be held Friday 16th February 2007 – Title TBC

The technical quality of the last showing was not up to the usual standard. We have brought this to the attention of the projectionist, and expect the November showing of 'The White Countess' to be more satisfactory.

LOCAL JOB VACANCIES

The Mill Arms has vacancies for a

Kitchen Porter

and a

Bar/Waiting Person.

Training and flexible hours are offered for both positions. Telephone 340401.

A reliable

Domestic Cleaning Person

is sought

for a family home in Dunbridge.
Good references essential.
Telephone 341053.

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

Awbridge Primary School is seeking to appoint a lunchtime supervisor to join our friendly lunchtime team.

We are looking for a calm and caring person who enjoys working with children. Duties will include supervising the children in the dining hall, ensuring that the children play safely, and attending to welfare needs. First Aid qualification would be an advantage.

Monday to Friday 12.25pm to 1.25pm. Term time only. Rate of pay - £6.01/hr.

For further details, please contact Mrs. A. Baker, School Admin. Officer, Awbridge Primary School, Danes Road, Awbridge, Romsey SO51 0HL Tel: 01794 340407

VILLAGE DIARY

Wednesday 8 Nov.	History Group meeting	7.30pm, Mill Arms
Thursday 9 Nov.	Awbridge First Responders Coffee Morning	10.30am, Awbridge Village Hall
Saturday 11 Nov.	Lockerley Primary School Safari Supper	7.30 pm, Lockerley School
Monday 13 Nov.	Awbridge First Responders Cheese & Wine Evening	7.00 pm, Awbridge Village Hall
Tuesday 14 Nov.	Women's Institute AGM	8pm, Village Hall
Wednesday 15 Nov.	History Group talk	7.45pm, Lockerley Memorial Hall
Friday 17 Nov.	Broughton Moviola	7.30pm, Broughton Village Hall
Tuesday 21 Nov.	Horticultural Society meeting	7.30pm, Village Hall
Wednesday 22 Nov.	Mottisfont Parish Council	7.30pm, Village Hall
Friday 24 Nov.	Lockerley Primary School Christmas Fayre	6.30pm, Lockerley School
Friday 24 Nov.	Jumble Sale	6.30pm, Broughton Village Hall
Saturday 25 Nov.	Rainbow, Bownie & Guide Christmas Bazaar	2pm, Lockerley Memorial Hall
Saturday 25 Nov.	Broughton's Christmas Market	2.30pm, Broughton Village Hall
Saturday 2 Dec.	The Mill Arms Christmas Fair	10-4pm, The Mill Arms
Friday 8 Dec.	Acorn Pre-School and Toddler Group Christmas Bazaar	10.15am, Lockerley Memorial Hall
Sunday 10 Dec.	Children's Christmas Party	3pm, Village Hall
Wednesday 13 Dec.	History Group talk	7.30pm, Village Hall
Tuesday 19 Dec.	Horticultural Society meeting	7.30pm, Village Hall

Who's Who, What's What and Where's Where in Mottisfont and Dunbridge

	ter & Julia Barnett	340793	St. Andrew's	Rector	Revd. Ron Corne	301287
Acorn Pre School Group	Bella Thomas	342212	Church	Reader	Gina Livermore	388433
Art Group	Gordon Wood	340129		Church	Susan Clutterbuck	340475
Community Spirit	Lesley Taylor	340942		Wardens	Lesley Taylor	340942
	Rachel Fowler	340877	Social Club	Chairman	Peter Simmonds	340891
County Councillor	Michael Woodhall	01264		Secretary	Lanita Begg	529631
		810500		Steward	Julie Lyne	340521
Cricket Club Secretary	Tony Stemp	340398	Test Valley Co	ouncillor	Neville Whiteley	01264
History Group	Michael Horne	340105	_		·	811101
Horticultural Society	Michael Horne	340105	Village Bus	Secretary	George Vaughan	301045
Football Club Secretary	John Fryer	512695		Bookings	Pam Dawkins	301203
Member of Constituency	Sandra Gidley	511900		Private Hire	Julie Smith	301470
Parliament Office				Operations	Mike Howe	301723
Mill Arms Andr	ea and Ian Bentall	340401	Village Hall	Chairman	Jon Butler	340740
Mottisfont Abbey Est. Mana	iger	340757	(Reg.Charity	Village Hall	Jon &	
MPNTTA	Gillian Francis	340151	No 291629)	Entertainmer	nts Heather Butler	340740
Neighbourhood Mottisfont	Alan Earthrowl	341799		Secretary	(Vacant)	
Watch Dunbridge	Cliff Astur	341922		Bookings	Cathie Wood	340129
Parish Council Clerk	Frances Hanks	340541	W.I.	Secretary	Cathie Wood	340129
Chairman	John Millns	340347	Police	Village	P.C. Dave Turpin	0845
Councillors	Jeff Channing	340555		-	·	045 45 45
	Alan Earthrowl	341799		Romsey		0845
	Stuart Miller	340903		•		045 45 45
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