



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



The Village Newsletter

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From the Editors

Whilst listening to the radio last week we heard an article about manners, or rather lack of manners, in the UK today. The gist of the piece was that as a nation what we once understood to be good manners are on the decline. So in an effort to redress the balance a little more in the direction of the courteous and genuinely grateful, we would like to say **THANK YOU** to all those of you who are regularly sending us articles; those who are updating us on the many and various activities that the people of Mottisfont and Dunbridge get up to, and those who give up their spare time to help us compile and distribute the *Acorn*.

This month we are trying out some new printing arrangements. In a way we hope you won't notice any difference but as always we are open to suggestions on how to improve the *Acorn*.

The next edition of the *Acorn* will cover two months, **AUGUST** and **SEPTEMBER**, so if you have any articles, dates or other information for either August or September please let us know by 16th July.

Julia and Peter

Mill Arms plans Market and Scholarship

Market at The Mill

The Mill Arms is planning to trial a small Farmers Market offering fruit, vegetables, bread, milk, cream, eggs and other items depending on demand and availability.

If any local jam, cake or relish makers would like to sell their own produce, they will be welcome to take a table at a small cost. They will also welcome produce from anyone who has a surplus.

As this is a new project, Andrea and Ian will welcome suggestions from the community.

It is planned to run the market twice a month initially, on Saturday mornings between 10:00 and 11:30. Should this prove popular and viable, they would look to make it a more regular event and expand its remit.

This is an attempt to bring some convenience to the community and is wholly dependant on the support of the community.

Hospitality industry scholarship

Andrea and Ian are announcing the establishment of a scholarship aimed at local school leavers, young people, or others interested in retraining, and who have an interest in entering the hospitality industry. They will pay course fees or a contribution dependent on the individual circumstances at a local college.

Interested? Then contact Andrea or Ian on 340401 to obtain further information.



Deadline for the August & September (combined) *Acorn* is 16th July. E-mail to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

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

MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

Following the Annual General Meeting of the new Parish Council the following representatives were agreed and can be contacted about related issues:

John Millns	Chairman Village Bus Committee Representative National Trust Liaison Officer Village Hall Liaison Officer Emergency Planning
Stuart Miller	Vice Chairman Dunbridge Matters
Alan Earthrowl	TVAPTC Representative Neighbourhood Watch Matters
Jeffrey Channing	Transport Representative Borough Local Plan Review Mottisfont & Dunbridge Parish Plan Housing Representative
Andrew Simmonds	Footpath Representative Highways Representative Planning Application Monitor Rail Partnership Representative
Jacque Horne	TVAPTC Representatives Footpath Representative

New Nameplates

Another successful grant application has helped fund some new nameplates for our parish.

Three new-style Dunbridge nameplates are on the B3084 - one at Barley Hill near the Saunders Lane junction and the other two (one each side of the road) near the bridge over the River Dun. Another is along Lockerley Road.

A new-style Mottisfont nameplate bearing a gold National Trust logo is on the north side of the bridge over the River Dun on the right-hand side of the road. One is already on the left-hand side.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 18th July 2007

Clerk: Mrs Frances Hanks, Mayville, East Dean Road, Lockerley, Romsey, Hants, SO51 0JQ.
Tel: 01794 340541. E-mail: franceshanks@btinternet.com

STOP PRESS

The Parish Council has secured agreement from Hampshire County Council to prioritise a 30 mph speed limit in Mottisfont village this year (2007-08). It's part of the 'Village 30' initiative which HCC launched to allow rural communities to bid for new or amended speed limits. Because of the likely competition, HCC have prioritised bids. Mottisfont and Dunbridge's bid is in the top priority because, at the moment, there is no speed restriction through the village. The parish council will be meeting HCC officers next in July to further discuss traffic calming measures through Mottisfont village.



SNIPPETS FROM THE PAST

From the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Mottisfont Parish Council dated 18 Dec. 1982, Chairman Mr A Sykes:

"Mr Lawrence reported that the National Trust had agreed to siting the bus shelter adjacent to the Abbey gates and the Clerk was requested to inform Michelmersh Parish Council that it would be removed from the main road.

The Clerk reported that the Divisional County Surveyor had confirmed that work to the junction of B3084 and Lockerley Road would be carried out when the new automatic half barriers were installed at the Dunbridge level crossing.

The Clerk also reported that there were no applications for the post of Clerk. Mr Chase said that Mr Len Spurge was interested in the position and requested the Clerk to discuss duties with him.

Mr Chase expressed concern that four cottages on Barley Hill may have a planning covenant restricting occupancy the agricultural workers, but that the present occupants were not agricultural workers. The Clerk was requested to write to Test Valley Borough Council on this matter."

Fascinating one that last item, but I cannot find anything more on it in the next few meetings.

John Millns



MOTTISFONT AND DUNBRIDGE W.I.



Demi Ladwa brought along a wonderful selection of colourful Saris to our June meeting. The Saris, which are long pieces of cloth, were exquisitely embroidered and decorated with beads, and gold and silver braid.

Tamzin O'Hara was the model for the evening, and Demi showed us how to wear the Sari. The cloth is tucked into an underskirt at the waist and pleated by hand for the front section. A bodice blouse is worn at the top and the end of the fabric is draped over one shoulder to complete the dress.

Our next meeting will be on 10th July, and will be a trip to a Lavender Farm at Selborne.

We are running a toys and bric-a-brac stall at the village fete on Sunday 12th August. Any items will be greatly appreciated and can be collected. Please call Cathie (340129) or Frances (301614).

On Thursday, 5th July, an evening walk has been arranged. For anyone who would like to come along, we will leave the Mill Arms at 7.00pm, and the walk will take about 1½ hours. Refreshments will be available at the pub on our return.

Everyone is welcome to join our meetings. Why not come along and see what we do?

Cathie Wood (340129)



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There have been reports of a white truck and a white van being seen on several occasions in the village.

The occupants do not appear to be working in the area, and have claimed to be making a delivery. While they may be perfectly innocent, it's important that their presence has been recorded.

Photographs of suspicious activity could be very useful. Don't forget that many models of mobile phone have a camera built in, but carrying an inexpensive or disposable camera in the glove box is a good idea too.

SECURITY TIPS

- ◆ Even when your car is parked on your driveway or in your garage, ensure that it is securely locked, windows are shut, and all items of value removed. The police frequently receive reports of incidents where vehicles on private property have been broken into and Sat. Nav., laptops, etc., stolen.
- ◆ Loose stoned footpaths up to the house make a crunching noise and are not liked by burglars.
- ◆ Install security lighting by the front door but ensure it does not dazzle passing vehicle drivers.
- ◆ Plant prickly shrubs or roses by your perimeter. They may take some time to grow, but when established will become a good deterrent.

Mottisfont Summer Fete, Sunday, 12th August, from 2.00pm

You should have already found with this month's *Acorn* a book of ten 50p raffle tickets. These tickets are to help the fete along, and I ask that you please try to sell the tickets and promote the event itself.

You will see that we have some excellent prizes which have been donated - I'm still awaiting the holiday in the Bahamas and the Mediterranean Cruise!!!

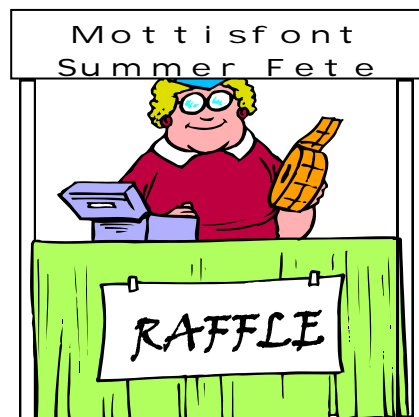
If you are an excellent salesman or woman and would like more books, or if you are not able to sell them and don't want them yourself, just give me a ring.

Please drop off the counterfoils and money when convenient, or give me a ring, and I will collect them.

Thank you for your support.

Gordon Wood, 340129

'Tresillian', Barley Hill, Dunbridge.





FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Friends,

Afghanistan, Iraq, and the most recent happenings in Gaza, add to this Darfur where more than two million people are living in camps after fleeing almost four years of fighting, and we have a snapshot of so much suffering in our world. We can become immune to suffering, and feel helpless in the face of so much need. Added to this, we are living in a secure land of plenty and we have so much to be thankful for. If only we could daily count our many blessings and bring those thanksgivings to God, but very often we are too concerned with what we don't have rather than all we have. To focus upon the needs of others is a medicine to our souls, for it brings a change within us from self to selfless, and there are many ways we can help. The obvious way is answering appeals for money, but even more precious is your time given in prayer for peace and justice in all of these places. So next time you are feeling hard done by, focus your mind on these places. You will soon have a heart of thanksgiving and a growing desire to discover how you might help.

Blessings,

Ron Corne, Rector

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR JULY

Time	1st July Trinity 4	8th July Trinity 5	15th July Trinity 6	22nd July Trinity 7	29th July St. James
8.00am	Broughton HC CW	Broughton HC BCP			
9.30am	Bossington HC BCP ----- Broughton Sunday Club	Houghton HC CW ----- Broughton Family Service	Mottisfont HC BCP	Broughton Family Communion with Sunday Club	Bossington HC CW
11.00am	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton HC CW	Mottisfont Family Communion	
6.00pm	Houghton Evensong		Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP	Bossington Compline



Things of note for July - Sea Sunday

On 8th July we shall be recognising Sea Sunday in all our parishes. This is the day when we especially remember our own seafarers, as well as those from other countries, who spend many months at sea, often on low pay, and having little or no contact with their families and loved ones.

THE THOMAS DOWSE TRUST

The Thomas Dowse Trust was created to provide people up to the age of 25 years with financial assistance towards educational requirements. The Trust meets four times a year (March, June, September and November) to award grants to those who show a need for financial assistance towards their education, whether it be for Pre-School, School, College or University.

If you live in the Benefice of Bossington and Mottisfont and would like to apply for a grant, please contact Mrs. Gill Kilroy on 01794 301332 for an application form.

The next Trust meeting will be in September 2007. Applications for grants must be handed in by the end of August 2007, in time for the September Trust meeting.



Valda White.

A few smiles...

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Speakers for July – 5th, Anniversary Service. 12th, Mr. Bob Taylor (Recovered Alcoholic). 19th, Tea at Medina, Stockbridge Road, Lopcombe. 26th, Mr. Philip Mutton.

Bob Taylor will be speaking about his battle with alcohol and other addictions. How he came to believe that only by surrendering his life to Christ could he make a full recovery. All welcome. Do come and join us.

The Bright Hour will be holding their **74th Anniversary Service on Thursday, 5th July, at 2.00 pm in Broughton Village Hall**. The guest speaker will be Richard Jones, who will be talking about his work with BibleLands. The carol sheets which are used in many churches at Christmas time are produced by the BibleLands Association.

Tea will be provided after the service. Everyone welcome. Do come and join us.

There will NOT be any meetings in August.

Ann Ridout 01980 862232



General Cleaner/Conservation Cleaner

We are looking for a **General Cleaner/Conservation Cleaner** to join the team at Mottisfont Abbey working in the beautiful historic mansion and surroundings.

During the open season, 1 March to 1 November, the post holder's duties will include the daily cleaning of visitor and staff facilities. During the closed season, 2 November to 28 February, the duties will include cleaning staff facilities, assisting house staff with 'putting the house to bed', and spring cleaning rooms and their contents. Applicants will need good manual dexterity; good hand to eye co-ordination and to feel comfortable working at heights both in and outdoors. Training will be given for this specialised and interesting work.

The post holder will be required to work 3 hours per day, up to a total of 18 hours per week, from Tuesday to Sunday during the open season and from Monday to Friday during the closed season. Daily attendance times are negotiable and job share proposals may be considered.

The salary for this post will be pro rata of the Trust's full time equivalent, £11,476-£12,264, salary band. Benefits include holiday allowance, pension, free entry to Trust properties and discounts in Trust shops and holiday cottages.

For further details see the National Trust website www.nationaltrust.org.uk or phone the Mottisfont Estate Office on 340757. Closing date 5.00pm Monday, 9 July, 2007.

MOTTISFONT LANE ROAD CLOSURE

9th to 20th July

Please note that in order to carry out essential repair works to the road elevation of Glebe Farmhouse, Mottisfont Lane will be closed to traffic from the entrance to the Social Club, past Glebe Farmhouse along to Church Lane, from 8am until 4pm week days from 9th to 20th July.

Warning signs will be posted prior to the closure and directional signs will be posted for alternative routes.

The National Trust apologises for any inconvenience caused.



GLIDING WITH ATC 1391 ROMSEY SQUADRON FINALLY OFF THE GROUND

After getting up early in February/March to go gliding and flying (both trips were abandoned due to bad weather), we set out at 8.00am on Sunday, 17th June, bound for Upavon in Wiltshire with our fingers firmly crossed. This time the weather was on our side and we finally got into the air.

To be able to get off the ground the glider is attached to a winch which pulls the glider from 0 to 60 miles per hour in 3 seconds.

My instructor Gavin took me up 3 times during the morning. My longest time in the air was for 9 minutes (the length of time spent in the air depends entirely on the thermals). Gavin showed me how to pitch and roll the glider.

You land the glider like a normal aircraft, but once landed a Land Rover pulls you back to the take-off position.

In the afternoon I spent most of my time launching the gliders and helping them to get back from the landing strip.

This was my first experience of gliding and I enjoyed it immensely.

Richard Chase

6th Romsey (Lockerley) Explorer Group



Bounceathon

Non stop bouncing for 24 hours!
Lockerley Scout Hut and Glebe Field

10am Saturday 7th July to 10am Sunday 8th July!

We are raising funds for the Explorer Scouts to be able to attend events/camps including a charity trip to Uganda in July/August 2007.

Please come and join in. You can have a go on the bouncy castle for **only 50p** and there is going to be a **bonfire in the evening**.

Update on Hampshire Scouts in Uganda for 100 years of Scouting

Lockerley Explorer Scouts are one step closer to setting off for Uganda on 27 July, 2007. Our fundraising efforts for the trip itself have been very successful and we have now raised all the money we need. We would like to thank those organisations and individuals who have made donations or helped in other ways.

Our fund raising efforts are, however, not completely over. We are now beginning to raise funds for "Water Aid in Uganda" run by Hampshire Scouts. Our Explorer Group has organised a "24 Hour Bounceathon" on 7th – 8th July, to take place at Lockerley Scout Hut. If you would like to sponsor us or make a donation - or just cheer us on - please come along to Lockerley Scout Hut on Saturday, 7th July from 10.00am, or contact me on 340506.

We have a stall at Lockerley Fete on 30th June, and intend to hold a quiz later in the year at Mottisfont Village Hall.

Laura Chase

AWBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

As part of the Romsey 400 years charter celebrations, local schools came together to give a performance of world dance. This took place at the Plaza Theatre in Romsey, where some of the children put on an evening performance after a day's workshop in school.

Four children recently attended a peer mentoring conference at INTECH science centre in Winchester. This was organised by Hampshire County Council and was focused around staying healthy and safe, and equipping the children with an understanding of how to support their peers. It was an informative as well as fun day:

Year 6 children recently went on their annual residential trip to the Isle of Wight, where they took part in a host of outdoor pursuits including climbing, kayaking and raft building. This was a great experience which all thoroughly enjoyed.

LOCKERLEY SUMMER PLAYScheme

This year the summer Playscheme will run from
Monday 6th August to Friday 10th August
for children aged 5 - 11.

Sessions will be from 9.30am to 12.30pm at
Lockerley Memorial Hall, and cost £5.00 per day.

Application forms are available from
Lockerley School (340485).

LOCKERLEY SCHOOL BAZAAR

Friday, 13th July, 2007, 6.30pm

at Lockerley School

Crafts, Raffle, Tombola, Games,
BBQ, Bar, etc.

VILLAGE DIARY

Sunday, 1st July	Art exhibition and teas	Afternoon, Bossington Mill
Thursday, 5th July	WI Evening Ramble	Start and finish at the Mill Arms
Saturday, 7th July	Explorers 12 hour Bounceathon.	10.00am , Lockerley Scout Hut
Friday, 13th July	Lockerley School Bazaar	6.30pm , Lockerley School
Monday, 16th July	Deadline for the <i>Acorn</i> (combined August & September issue)	
Monday 9th July - Friday 20th July	Road closure	8.00am-4.00pm, Mottisfont Lane
Wednesday, 18th July	Parish Council Meeting	Mottisfont Village Hall
Monday 6th August - Friday 10th August	Summer Playscheme	Lockerley Memorial Hall
Sunday, 12th August	Mottisfont & Dunbridge Summer Fete	2.00pm, Village Hall

Brain Teaser: The Broken Watch

Fred's watch is in need of repair - it's gaining a lot. He sets his watch to the right time at 8.25pm, but two hours later it says 10.49pm.

Fred goes to bed, and gets up when the watch says 8.25am. What time does Fred actually get up?
Space for sums!

Answer to last month's Brain Teaser, The Hungry Puppy:
On the fifth day, the puppy ate 32 biscuits.

Reminder:

The deadline for the August and September combined *Acorn* is 12 noon on Monday 16th July.

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

Acorn	Editors	Peter & Julia Barnett	340793	St. Andrew's Church	Rector	Revd. Ron Corne	301287
Acorn Pre School Group		Bella Thomas	342212		Reader	Gina Livermore	388433
Art Group		Gordon Wood	340129		Warden	Susan Clutterbuck	340475
County Councillor		Michael Woodhall	01264 810500	Social Club	Chairman	Peter Simmonds	340891
Cricket Club	Secretary	Tony Stemp	340398		Secretary	Lanita Begg	529631
History Group		Michael Horne	340105		Steward	Julie Lyne	340521
Horticultural Society		Michael Horne	340105	Test Valley Councillor		Neville Whiteley	01264 811101
First Responders	Coordinator	Kay Murrant	340289				
Football Club	Secretary	John Fryer	512695	Village Bus	Secretary	George Vaughan	301045
Member of Parliament	Constituency Office	Sandra Gidley	511900		Bookings	Pam Dawkins	301203
Mill Arms		Andrea and Ian Bental	340401		Private Hire	Julie Smith	301470
Mottisfont Abbey	Est. Manager		340757	Village Hall	Operations	Mike Howe	301723
MPNTTA		Gillian Francis	340151	(Reg.Charity No 291629)	Chairman	Jon Butler	340740
Neighbourhood Watch	Mottisfont	Alan Earthrowl	341799		Village Hall	Jon &	
Parish Council	Dunbridge	Cliff Astur	341922		Entertainments	Heather Butler	340740
	Clerk	Frances Hanks	340541		Secretary	(Vacant)	
	Chairman	John Millns	340347	W.I. Police	Bookings	Cathie Wood	340129
	Councillors	Jeff Channing	340555		Secretary	Margaret Astur	341922
		Alan Earthrowl	341799		Village	P.C. Dave Turpin	0845 045 45 45
		Jacque Horne	340105		Romsey		0845 045 45 45
		Stuart Miller	340903				
		Andrew Simmonds					