



# Mottisfont & Dunbridge

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## From the Editors

We were delighted to see that there are more candidates standing for election to the parish council than there are seats. It is the first time in many years that this has happened, and it is a healthy sign. A community such as ours thrives better when there is a good number of people who care enough that they are willing to commit a significant amount of their time to this work.

As for the rest of us, it would be good to show them our support by turning up and voting on 3rd May. All the candidates have submitted a brief personal statement to *The Acorn* (see page 3) to help us choose.

The spirit of our community is also reflected to some extent in the range of items submitted to *The Acorn*, and we think that range is growing. Thank you for your contributions, and keep them coming in!

Julia and Peter

## IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICE ANNOUNCED

More stopping trains will serve Mottisfont & Dunbridge station later this year.

An hourly service will be provided at peak times, with off-peak trains every two hours on weekdays from December. Saturdays will see a similar service, and on Sundays, South West Trains will provide a stopping service every two hours throughout the day. Exact timings are not known at the moment.

In addition to the new South West Trains service, the existing operator, First Great Western, will continue to run a limited number of stopping trains. South West Trains will be running local services between Southampton, Eastleigh and Salisbury, and First Great Western will operate a regional service between Cardiff and Portsmouth. Although South West Trains will run the majority of stopping trains, the management of the station will remain with FGW.

FGW has finally agreed to provide a seat on the Romsey-bound platform. The original seat was moved about 18-months ago by the then train operator Wessex Trains.

Andy Simmonds has also been assured that the faulty push button passenger information points at Mottisfont & Dunbridge station will eventually be replaced, but no date for this has been given. Andy has undertaken to continue to put pressure on FGW bosses until the job has been done.

**Deadline for the next Acorn is 12 noon on 16th May. E-mail to [acornnews@mandercom.co.uk](mailto:acornnews@mandercom.co.uk). We cannot guarantee that articles received after this date will be included in the next issue.**

## MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

### IMPROVING THE PARISH OF MOTTISFONT AND DUNBRIDGE

This is an ongoing project. Please pass on any ideas/issues you have to Jeff Channing (340555) who is leading this one for the Parish Council.

### HIGHWAYS ISSUES

**Traffic calming village centre:** A plan has now been received from Hampshire Highways (HHw) but it does not include key features that were previously agreed. Following a site meeting, the Parish Council will submit an alternative outline plan for HHw's consideration.

**HGV's Use of "C" Roads:** Concern about HGV's use of Kimbridge Lane and Mottisfont village centre has been raised with Hampshire Highways.

**Lockerley Road, Dunbridge carriageway edge:** Hampshire Highways has been asked to reinstate the verge damaged by Virador tankers in/out of field.

### NATIONAL TRUST

**New National Trust Manager:** Alison Evans attended the last Parish Council meeting. She explained that her background was as a Landscape Architect and University Lecturer and not National Trust. Her remit is to "develop Mottisfont further" and the first stage is to agree a feasibility study and Conservation Management Plan. Possible ideas for Abbey Farm, the Forge and Cafe were shared. She explained tenders for the Post Office renovation had been invited with an October completion date.

**Wallace's Ditch:** Now the National Trust has cleared the verges, there is concern that visibility will be deceiving when mist is over river, and there is a danger of going straight on into the ditch. Some kind of marker, e.g. a shrub or pole, has been suggested to the National Trust to rectify this.

### LEVEL CROSSINGS

**Unevenness:** Unfortunately, whilst conceding that there is a lift in the tarmac centre of the crossing, Network Rail has not agreed to do anything about it because of limited funding and because in its view, this is not a safety issue.

**Road markings:** A letter has been sent to the Borough Council about the worn road markings leading up to Dunbridge crossing.

**DATE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** Wednesday, 16th May, 2007, at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall. This will be the first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council. Parishioners are very welcome to attend, and the agenda item "Parishioners Questions and Comments" is included to encourage public participation.

Mrs. Frances Hanks

Tel: 340541, e-mail: franceshanks@btinternet.com

*From Mary Lees*

I am absolutely delighted with the garden seat presented to me following my retirement from the post of Clerk to Mottisfont Parish Council. It has been much admired by family and friends, and I am training roses and honeysuckle to surround it.

Thank you to all those kind people who contributed to it, and to Fred Dowling who made it with his much appreciated skill.

With best wishes to you all.

Mary Lees

## Personal statements of candidates for the Mottisfont Parish Council election (3rd May)

### **Jeff Channing**

Kate and I have lived in the parish for 10 years and I'm a newish councillor. Until recently, I worked in Government delivering improvements for local communities. So I know how to get things done.

I think the council needs a better idea of what it wants to achieve, and a plan for delivery. We should be working proactively to get some affordable housing on Dunbridge station goods yard - which is an eyesore - and with the Trust to revitalise Mottisfont village. Traffic is getting worse throughout the parish, and footpaths on Hatt Hill and the village are a priority.

I'm already working on a plan for the parish. I'd welcome your ideas and your support in the election.

### **Alan Earthrowl**

I have lived in Mottisfont village centre for 13 years, having moved down from London on my retirement. I have been involved with the Parish Council for most of my time here helping with a couple of working parties and the Neighbourhood Watch setup, and then being invited to become a Parish Councillor about 3 years ago. I represent MPC at the meetings of the Test Valley Association of Parish Councils, where common problems are discussed, e.g. travellers, which luckily we have remained untouched by.

Keeping Dunbridge Station open with a good number of trains at useful times, traffic calming in the parish and making sure that council's funds are spent for the benefit of the community are my main interests at the moment.

### **Jacquie Horne**

I'm Jacquie Horne, and I have put my name forward to be a parish councillor. I have never been a councillor before, but I have worked for many years helping people in the community to run their groups, so I am well used to committees, grants, fund raising, meetings and bureaucracy!

We live in Mill Rise and moved here in 2003. Since then we have enjoyed getting involved in village activities. I have helped the village hall apply for a grant for the patio and fence, and have joined in with several groups and got to know lots of new people.

If elected I would be particularly interested to ensure that young people have a say in the area and how it develops.

### **Stuart Miller**

I have lived in the locality for fifty-nine years, having settled in Lockerley, moved to Sherfield English, then Awbridge, then on to Romsey and finally Dunbridge. I have lived in Dunbridge for 21 years and been a Parish Councillor for 16 years.

I consider it important to listen to parishioners to know their feelings about the environment, highways, TVBC services, and fair distribution of low cost housing. I have campaigned for several years to get the footpath from the station to the telephone box completed. I keep a close eye on building applications in the area and any other development which might affect this area.

### **John Millns**

Age 67, married with one child, have lived in the parish since 1972, parish councillor since 1974 and have been chairman since 1997. Relevant expertise: Council Tax matters.

I consider it important to have lived here long enough to gain a good understanding of the history surrounding local issues, and have found serving on the parish council very rewarding. However, it can also be extremely frustrating when projects are delayed (sometimes for years) due to lack of finance, e.g. with such a scattered village, I think it is vital to have safe pedestrian access to all parts of the parish via roadside footways, but I now feel that I am naive in expecting this to be achieved during my lifetime!

### **Andy Simmonds**

I am married with two teenage children and have lived in Mottisfont parish for just over 50 years. I am a reporter with the Romsey Advertiser. I was first elected to the parish council in May 1983. My key interest on the parish council is highways-signage-footpath matters. I would like to see more roadside footpaths built to ensure people can walk around both Mottisfont and Dunbridge safely. Pedestrian safety is paramount. During the last five years I have also been involved in the re-introduction of traditional cast fingerposts at Mottisfont and the green Mottisfont village nameplates bearing the National Trust logo. I've also been involved in the fight to ensure Mottisfont & Dunbridge station stays open.

### **Jennifer Wineberg**

I have been asked to write a few words as a way of introducing myself as a prospective candidate at the forthcoming Mottisfont council elections. I live in Hyde Farm cottage on Saunders Lane with my husband Stuart, my eighteen-year-old daughter Ali, a chocolate Labrador called Georgie, and a guinea pig called Scratch - his partner, Sniff, died a few years ago.

My role in my husband's business is sales and marketing manager.

I am a member of the WI and describe myself as an honest, enthusiastic, creative person who cares deeply about local issues - especially flytipping, which I am particularly concerned about.



## FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Friends,

I am looking ahead to 9th December, 2007, at 10am, All Saints Church Houghton, because on this date the Bishop of Winchester will be coming to Confirm our Candidates in the Benefice Confirmation Service.

Confirmation is a very important step along the Christian road after Baptism, because the service itself allows for you with others to publicly confirm your faith and receive the laying on of hands by the Bishop. You also receive the Bishop's words declaring that you are both confirmed and asking God to grant you the Holy Spirit. This doesn't mean that you haven't yet received the Holy Spirit, but it confirms in you that which you most probably already know: that God's deep love is confirming you in the faith.

It means that you can from then on "Do this in remembrance of me" as Jesus has commanded us to do, and receive the Sacrament of the bread and the wine. It is an inner spiritual feeding of the soul and it bonds us together as a Family in Christ.

It doesn't matter what age you are, 11 - 111, you can come for Confirmation, and you can attend the confirmation classes which we will hold on certain weekday evenings in the summer and autumn.

If you are interested in asking questions, or feel you may like to be Confirmed, please come to our first evening which will be at the New Church Room in St Mary's, Broughton, on 10th May, at 8 pm. If you don't want to come alone bring a friend to support you. You will be most welcome.

With blessings,

Ron Corne

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR MAY

Time	6th May Easter 4	13th May Rogation	20th May Easter 6	27th May Pentecost
8.00am	Broughton HC CW			
9.30am	Bossington HC BCP ----- Broughton Sunday Club		Mottisfont HC BCP	Broughton Family Communion with Sunday Club
11.00am	Mottisfont Matins	Bossington HC CW	Broughton HC CW with Sunday Club	Mottisfont Family Communion
6.00pm	Houghton Evensong		Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP

#### **Rogationtide, Sunday, 13th May, 11.00am.**

Please join us for this act of worship as we ask God to bless our fields and crops. There will be special activities for younger children.

#### **Ascension Day, Thursday, 17th May.**

Holy Communion (BCP) at 9.30am, Broughton. Hymn singing from St. Mary's Church tower at 6.00pm.

A favourite from Gordon Wood:

*Give me a sense of humour, Lord,  
Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some humour out of life,  
And pass it on to other folk.*

## AWBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

It's hard to believe that the Summer term is upon us with the prospect of sports day and the Summer Fete so near. The end of the Spring term was a busy time with the annual Easter bonnet parade and egg hunt for the Infants.

In the final week of term Class 2 enjoyed a trip to Eling Tide Mill, which tied in with their Geography topic on maps and the work they were doing on clockwork toys in Design and Technology. In the morning the children looked around the Mill and discovered how it worked. After a picnic lunch by the water's edge, the children followed a picture trail around the mill, finding out more about its working parts. The children brought some of the flour back to school and made some Easter biscuits.

People may not be aware of the range of after school clubs available at Awbridge Primary School. There is a very popular football club run by a professional coach, a Judo club, and for the creative a very popular Craft session. This is on top of a range of lunch time clubs, which include orchestra, French, football and choir.

## LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

**WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 10.00AM - 12 NOON**

All pre-school age children and parents are welcome. Come and see us - and bring a furry friend! Join in with KS1 "bring a bear to school" activities.

While you are here, have a look round the rest of the school and, if you'd like to, bring a packed lunch and stay for our teddy bear's picnic.

## SUMMER PLAYScheme

This year the summer Playscheme will run from Monday 6 August to Friday 10 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).

## News from Mottisfont Abbey

Mottisfont Abbey has a new property manager, Alison Evans, who started with the National Trust at the beginning of March this year. This coincides with the major developments planned by the Trust at Mottisfont over the next few years, and the local community will be kept in touch with what is happening here.

Our aim remains to conserve and enhance our historic buildings and landscape, building on the international reputation of our rose garden. We will continue with the best practice in nature conservation of our estate and river, and to increase the involvement of the wider community in our activities. Of equal importance we seek, as far as is possible, to improve the quality of the housing for our tenants in Mottisfont and Dunbridge.

We are retaining the long-standing special concession for local residents of free admission to the Abbey grounds (in normal opening hours, excluding events). However, this benefit has become known to people outside the village and been abused, so we are requesting that you register their details with us to prevent this. We will keep a list of your names and addresses at the entrance kiosk, so when you next visit, please identify yourself to the staff at the reception kiosk. If your name is not on the list, unfortunately we will not permit entry.

Please register to gain free admission by completing the form below, and returning it to us by **31 May**. The form can be left at our visitor entrance kiosk, or dropped into our letterbox in the wall to the left of the main gates, or posted to us at Mottisfont Abbey, Mottisfont, Romsey, SO51 0LP. This list will not be used for any purpose other than as a record of local people entitled to free entry.

I wish to register for free admission to Mottisfont Abbey and gardens:

Name(s) of resident (of Mottisfont/Dunbridge only) .....

.....

Address .....

Postcode .....

## **St. Andrew's Church AGM**

Though just a few parishioners came to the Church's AGM in March, we were pleased to see them and it was especially good to be able to thank Alan Lawrence personally for all his hard work at the cemetery. If you never go that way, why not go and have a look. It's amazing how many flowers have come through now that brambles and weeds have been cleared away. The show of snowdrops was beautiful. There is also a chart of the graves, which will doubtless bring back memories of many past families and events.

We are disappointed that there is still a lot of dog-fouling in the cemetery, and we ask villagers to try to keep their dogs away. We will also be putting up signs to make the same appeal to visitors and passers by.

The Church will have a stall in Mottisfont Abbey Car Park on 28th April, 9th, 20th and 27th June and 7th and 18th July. Any support you can give, either by coming or giving items to sell, will be appreciated.

The National Trust are again permitting us to have an Evening in the Mottisfont Abbey Garden on Friday 1st June from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, when we hope there will be some roses in bloom, as well as other flowers. There will be posters around the village soon, giving full details.

Valda White

## **Mottisfont Summer Fete Sunday, 12th August, 2007**

Advance notice of the date so you are aware and avoid booking your holidays at this time - we need you!

If anyone has anything to offer in the way of attractions, e.g. steam roller, helicopter, model railway, games we could use, prizes to offer, please let me know.

We are looking for one or two nice little prizes which would be highlighted on the front of the printed raffle tickets to be sold prior to 12th August, and also on the day.

If you know anyone who may be supportive and is likely to offer us a hot air balloon flight, holiday in the Bahamas, a cruise round the Med., or a day's muck spreading, please let me know so I can follow it up.

Gordon Wood, 340129

## **Gardening Club**

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 15th May, at 7.30pm in the village hall. There will be a talk and slide show by Jennifer Carter on Monet: his home and garden at Giverny.

## **Beauty Therapy Evening**

Thursday, 3rd May, from 6.30pm to 9.30pm, at Lockerley Primary School.

Tickets are just £3, which includes both refreshment and raffle ticket. Available from:

Carolyne on 511489,  
Nala on 340607,  
Chris on 340098, or  
Lockerley School, 340485

## **Local History Group**

At our next meeting we are planning to have Tony Yoward of the Hampshire Mills Group giving a talk on local and not-so-local mills. This will be on Wednesday, 23rd May, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There will be a nominal charge, with refreshments included.

You can also see our display of photos of Holbury, Lockerley, Dunbridge and Horsebridge Mills at the Village Hall.

## **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 June 2007. Applications for grants must be handed in by the end of May 2007, in time for the June Trust meeting.

## FOOTBALL



### Saturday 7th April: Hampshire League 2004

Mottisfont travelled to Stoneham for a tough match against Sporting BTC. In the first half, the Font had more of the territorial play, but could not really get their game together and went a goal behind. But they recovered really well in the second half, with two Alan Bundy strikes giving them victory.

Result: Sporting BTC 1, Mottisfont 2 (Alan Bundy (2))

### Monday 9th April: Hampshire League 2004

Mottisfont entertained AFC Wolverdene with an early kick-off, and after a very ragged start the visitors had two chances to take the lead but missed both. The Font scored two goals before the interval, and in a rather scrappy second half, they scored one more for a comfortable victory.

Result: Mottisfont 3, (Alan Bundy (2), Robbie Abbott), AFC Wolverdene 1



### Wednesday 12th April: Hampshire League 2004

Mottisfont entertained Ludwig Leisure from Basingstoke. Mottisfont put on the pressure early on, and then the visitors did the same, but it was the Font who scored first with a great strike by Jackson. In the second half, the Font scored two more great goals for a very entertaining victory.

Result: Mottisfont 3 (Mike Jackson, Colin Morris, Mike Burgess), LL Basingstoke 0

Tony Stemp



### A couple of thoughts for May

*Always remember you are unique,  
just like everyone else.*

*Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be  
replaced, you can't be promoted.*



## MOTTISFONT AND DUNBRIDGE W.I.



Derek Hawkins spoke about the benefits of magnotherapy at our April meeting.

Magnotherapy is not a new concept. In fact, the beneficial properties of magnets on health have been known for thousands of years. It sounds incredible, and no-one knows how it works, but thousands of suffering people swear magnets have cured their pain. Animals too can benefit, and by attaching a small magnet to your car or central heating boiler, it can help overall performance and reduce running costs.

After the voting and resolution discussions at the next meeting on Tuesday, 8th May, Ali Wineberg will give a make-up demonstration on one lucky lady, and give us all some good advice on how to make the most of ourselves.

Members were looking forward to the visit to High Grove at the end of April. Perhaps himself will serve is tea and cakes!

Cathie Wood, 340129

## BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

### Events for May

3rd: Visit to Furzey Gardens

10th: Mrs. Mary Savage, (Local Rep. for Samaritans Purse)

17th: Members Meeting

24th: Mrs. Margaret Picket

31st: Mr. Alan Ellsmore

### Did you fill a Shoe Box for Operation Christmas Child (Samaritans Purse)?

I am pleased to welcome **Mary Savage** who will give her personal account of her trip to Serbia last December. How she was able to witness first hand the joy and excitement on the children's faces as they opened their shoe boxes.

Many of these children live in squalid conditions in tumbledown shacks without running water or electricity. Mary visited one Romany community whose home is under a road bridge leading into the city of Belgrade.

It's easy to see how a simple gift filled shoe box can bring a little happiness into the lives of these deprived children.

Every one welcome, do come and join us.

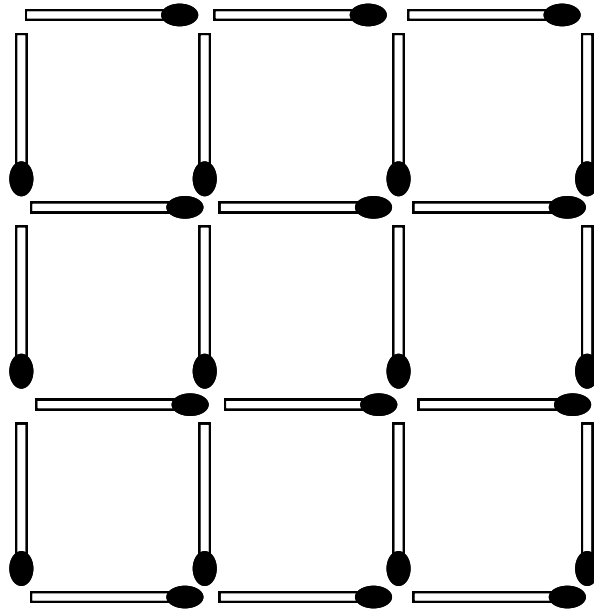
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# VILLAGE DIARY

Thursday, 3rd May	Beauty Therapy Evening	6.30-9.30, Lockerley Primary School
Tuesday, 8th May	WI meeting	8.00pm, Village Hall
Tuesday, 15th May	Gardening Club	7.30pm, Village Hall
Wednesday, 16th May	Parish Council AGM	7.30pm, Village Hall
Wednesday, 23rd May	Local History Group meeting	7.30pm, Village Hall
Wednesday, 27th June	Lockerley Primary School Open Morning	10.00-12.00, Lockerley School
6-10 August	Summer Playscheme	
Sunday, 12th August	Mottisfont Summer Fete	

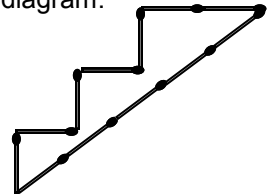
## Brain Teaser: Matchstick Mania II

Can you see how to make two squares whose sides do not touch, by removing exactly eight matches?



### **Solution to last month's brain teaser: Matchstick Mania**

The matches form half of a rectangle three matched by four, twelve units. Therefore, three units must be removed, moving no more than four matches, as in the diagram.



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

<b>Acorn</b>	Editors	Peter & Julia Barnett	340793	<b>St. Andrew's Church</b>	Rector	Rev. Ron Corne	301287
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		Rachel Fowler	340877	<b>Social Club</b>	Chairman	Peter Simmonds	340891
<b>County Councillor</b>		Michael Woodhall	01264 810500		Secretary	Lanita Begg	529631
<b>Cricket Club</b>	Secretary	Tony Stemp	340398		Steward	Julie Lyne	340521
<b>History Group</b>		Michael Horne	340105	<b>Test Valley Councillor</b>		Neville Whiteley	01264 811101
<b>Horticultural Society</b>		Michael Horne	340105			George Vaughan	301045
<b>First Responders</b>	Coordinator	Kay Murrant	340289	<b>Village Bus</b>	Secretary	Pam Dawkins	301203
<b>Football Club</b>	Secretary	John Fryer	512695		Bookings	Julie Smith	301470
<b>Member of Parliament</b>	Constituency Office	Sandra Gidley	511900		Private Hire	Mike Howe	301723
<b>Mill Arms</b>		Andrea and Ian Bentall	340401		Operations	Jon Butler	340740
<b>Mottisfont Abbey</b>	Est. Manager		340757	<b>Village Hall</b>	Chairman	Jon &	
<b>MPNTTA</b>		Gillian Francis	340151	(Reg.Charity No 291629)	Village Hall	Heather Butler	340740
<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>	Mottisfont	Alan Earthrowl	341799		Entertainments	(Vacant)	
	Dunbridge	Cliff Astur	341922		Secretary	Cathie Wood	340129
<b>Parish Council</b>	Clerk	Frances Hanks	340541	<b>W.I.</b>	Bookings	Margaret Astur	341922
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		Stuart Miller	340903				
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