



# Mottisfont & Dunbridge

# ACORN



The Village Newsletter

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## From the Editors

We thought the following was more important than our usual ramblings!  
Please help if you can. Julia and Peter.

## YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!

The Village Hall and grounds are a wonderful location hired by many residents for parties, etc., by various groups on a weekly basis, and hosts the village fete every year.

Our treasurer is standing down after 15 years in the post and we currently have no secretary. We also have other members who would probably like to have a break after years of serving on the committee.

All but one member of the current committee have served for over 5 years (some over 15 years). We urgently need villagers from Mottisfont and Dunbridge to step forward and stand for this coming year.

We have placed two notices in the Acorn, but with no response. As stated before it is not a huge commitment - one committee meeting a month.

Please consider this. If there is no committee in operation then there will be no hall available to the village. It cannot operate as a hall without an operating committee.

Please support your Village Hall **Committee. It's better than The Vicar of Dibley**, we promise!

If you'd like to know more, please call Jon on 340740.

*The Village Hall Committee*

## It's the law!

Remember Dan Walker? On 21st September Dan passed out of Netley Police Training College after successfully completing five months of training.

Dan, aged 32, is now going through 19 months of probation, based at Basingstoke Town Police Station.

**"I made my first arrest within two days," said Dan, "under the Public Order Act Section 5." He has also coped well with his first Friday night in the city, and is getting to grips with all the paperwork.**

For the first nine weeks at Basingstoke he will act as a Student Officer, but after that he will be on independent patrol. At the end of the probation he will have an NVQ in policing.

So if you are in Basingstoke, mind how you go, or you could have your collar felt by a familiar figure!



The deadline for the combined December & January *Acorn* is 16th November.

E-mail contributions 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

### Mottisfont Bridge Repairs:

Work to replace the parapets should now commence on the 26th November with scaffolding being erected a week earlier. The main reason for this date is that the timber specialist has advised that this will be the best time of year to erect the Oak. Oak by its nature will split, but the theory is that if it is erected at this time of year, the drying out process will be slower and hence the splitting will be less.

The works will be done under a lane closure with traffic lights and could take up to 4 weeks to complete. It is intended to replace virtually the whole parapet, but for a few bays that have been replaced recently.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 14th November

Frances Hanks, Clerk, 340541

### YOUNG ARTISTS: DESIGN THE PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

**Would any young person like to draw a picture for this year's Parish Christmas Card?**



Please do a drawing in black pen only (no colour) on a piece of white paper, approximately 15cm wide by 30cm high. You can include words like 'Happy Christmas' if you like.

**Please let me have your picture by early November. Don't** forget to include your name, age and address. Names of the successful artists will be published in the December *Acorn*.  
Gordon Wood - Tresillian, Barley Hill, Dunbridge. (340129)

### Table Top Sale

In aid of  
THE ARK TODDLER GROUP  
Saturday, 24th November  
Awbridge Village Hall  
10 till 12

**Tables £5, Entrance £1**

Cards & Gifts on sale

Join us for coffee and cake while you browse for a bargain.

Contact Sarah 341655 or  
Lynda 340709 to book a table



### New Rail Services



RAIL commuters at Mottisfont & Dunbridge are on track for an early Christmas present: a regular stopping service, thanks to South West Trains.

**Britain's leading train company begins operating a new and regular service to Salisbury and Southampton Central via Chandler's Ford and Eastleigh, starting on 9th December.**

First Great Western trains will no longer stop at Dean and Mottisfont & Dunbridge stations from this date, so any passengers using these stations and wishing to go beyond Salisbury or Southampton will have to change trains at either city station. For the time being Mottisfont & Dunbridge station will continue to be managed by First Great Western, but this may change next year.

**The South West Trains service will be more frequent than the current train operator's. For instance, the first** weekday stopping train in the Romsey direction will be at 5.53am and then 7.08am, 8.06am, 9.06am, 10.06am, 11.09am, 13.06pm, 15.06pm, 16.06pm, 17.06pm, 18.06pm, 19.06pm, 21.06pm and 22.06pm. In the Salisbury direction the pattern of weekday service is as follows: 6.49am, 7.56am, 8.58am, 9.57am, 11.57am, 13.57pm, 14.57pm, 15.57pm, 16.57pm, 17.57pm, 19.04pm, 19.57pm, 21.57pm and finally 00.01am. The Saturday service will be very similar and there will be more or less a two-hourly service on Sundays. Timetables giving full details of train times will be delivered to everyone when they are published.

The class 158 diesel trains that will be used on the new service will be fitted with CCTV and also with on-board passenger information screens. A minimum of two carriages will be used to form each train.

A new non-profit making organisation, Three Rivers Community Rail Partnership, has been launched to promote and enhance train services in the area. Hampshire County Council, Test Valley Borough Council, Eastleigh Borough Council, Southampton City Council and Salisbury District Council, South West Trains and First Great Western fund the partnership. Mottisfont & Dunbridge station is now included in the Three Rivers and First Great Western adopt a station scheme. Gordon and Cathie Wood along with myself and three others will be looking after various aspects of the station.

Andy Simmonds



## MOTTISFONT AND DUNBRIDGE W.I.



The story of a smallholding and wool production was a most enjoyable talk with slides by Robert Barnes at our October meeting.

Against strong competition our entry in the Halloween **themed flower arrangement was judged 'first' at the** Autumn Group meeting at Sherfield English. Congratulations to our clever designer Grace Harvey.

Our team is all set for the group skittles match at Wellow Golf Club on 31st October at 7.00pm.

To encourage members not to miss the A.G.M. on Tuesday, 13th November, we have invited Julie Adams to talk about the History of Cracker Making with a demonstration. This will put us in the mood for Christmas and decorations.

Looking ahead to 2008 we are hoping to run a craft workshop day with May Martin, a well known local genius with fabrics.

Everyone is most welcome to join any of our meetings.

Cathie Wood, 340129

### Some new words

courtesy of the Washington Post:

Hipatitis (n): Terminal coolness

Sarchasm (n): The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

*More on page 5...*

## Test Valley Borough Council corrects Barley Hill addresses

For many years TVBC have insisted that Barley Hill is in Dunbridge Lane, despite being frequently told by residents that this is not the correct Royal Mail postal address and that Dunbridge Lane has been part of Awbridge since 1968. I have attempted to correct this myself, via a personal letter to TVBC in 2006, after they gave my **address as 'Romsey Road, Mottisfont'. Another road that doesn't exist!**

Until now this has just been annoying and a general nuisance, but recently it generated a far more serious problem for Barley Hill residents who have applied for credit cards. It appears that some credit card companies now cross check the address on an application with the Electoral Register and if it fails to match, then the application is rejected with no reason given.

After recent discussions with TVBC, I am fairly confident that Barley Hill addresses will be correctly listed in the next Electoral Register, which is due out in a couple of months. However, in the meantime, the TVBC have said that they would be happy to send a letter of apology, explaining that the error was their fault, to any other Barley Hill resident who has suffered from a similar application rejection. This letter can then be forwarded to the credit card company with a new application. To arrange for a personal letter from TVBC, please contact your local parish councillors, Jackie Horne or Stuart Miller, who will arrange this for you.

John Millns

## Security Floodlights with Manual Override (to turn lamps on permanently)

Shortage of space prevented a more complete explanation last month.

**The problem with these lamps first 'came to light'** (*ouch! Ed.*) following the replacement of a badly corroded lamp at the village hall. After two months the replacement lamp was staying on continuously and had obviously failed. This was replaced with a different lamp. After about two weeks this lamp also remained permanently on. It was at this point that I realised that both lamps were fitted with a badly designed manual override feature, which is activated by briefly switching the lamp off, then on again. Unfortunately, this is what can happen after very brief power breaks, which are common occurrences in rural areas (as we all know!).

I referred this matter to Trading Standards, as it seems that the main DIY retailers all sell similar lamps, with variations of wording on the box to describe the manual override feature: e.g. Automatic Manual Override, Pulse Manual Override, Click Once Manual Override, etc.

I have since found a similarly priced lamp from Screwfix without this feature: Security Floodlight PIR Black 500W (Part No: 93954), or 150W (Part No 47419). Screwfix has a Southampton branch at Millbrook Road West (near the roundabout at the end of Tebourba Way). Incidentally, the Screwfix lamp seems to have a greater sensor pick up range than the B&Q Pankhurst 500W that I fitted originally.

TLC, a supplier near Northam Bridge, Southampton, can also supply a lamp with a safe manual feature, via an extra cable and switch.

John Millns

REMEMBER: The deadline for the combined December 2007 and January 2008 issue of the *Acorn* is 12.00 noon on 16th November.

Dear Friends,

When I was a child, I remember an advertisement on the television for fireworks.

**It went, "Remember, remember the fifth of November, light up the sky with..."**

This of course was taken from a piece of English poetry dating back to the 17th Century on the gunpowder plot of Guy Fawkes, "Remember, remember the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot."



But in November we remember for many reasons, not least on 11th November, which is Remembrance Sunday, the day when for a while we especially remember all those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country. This is all the more poignant because on a weekly basis we hear of our own young troops dying in Iraq and Afghanistan.

November is also about remembering the incredible Saints of the Church, and 1st November brings us immediately to All Saints day! Or, as the first Prayer Book of 1549 said, "And here we do give unto thee most high praise, and hearty thanks, for the wonderful grace and virtue, declared unto thy saints." Then straight on to All Souls on 2nd November, where we remember our loved ones who have died, or where as St. Athanasius said, "Death is a pilgrimage, a lifetime's pilgrimage which none of us must shrink. It is a pilgrimage from decay to imperishable life...".

All of these days carry teaching of bravery and heroism and self-sacrifice. Finally remember our own Patronal saint for Mottisfont, that of St. Andrew on 30th November. We will remember his life in the service at St. Andrew's on Sunday, 2nd December at 11 am.

Please join us for our services in November throughout the Benefice as we remember all these in prayer and thanksgiving.

With blessings,

Revd. Ron Corne, Rector

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

	4th November TRINITY 22	11th November REMEMBRANCE	18th November TRINITY 24	25th November CHRIST THE KING
8.00 am	Broughton HC CW	Broughton HC BCP		
9.30 am	Bossington HC BCP ----- Broughton Godly Play		Mottisfont HC BCP	Broughton Family Communion with Sunday Club
11.00 am	Mottisfont Matins	* 10.45 * Remembrance Services	Broughton HC CW with Coffee Club	Mottisfont Family Communion
6.00 pm	Houghton Evensong		Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP

### Friday, 2nd November: All Souls' Day

All Saints Church, Houghton, at 7pm on Friday, 2nd November. A special service for remembering our dear departed loved ones. All welcome to attend.

### Sunday, 11th November: Remembrance Day

At 10.45am there will be a service of Remembrance in three of our churches: Broughton, Houghton and Mottisfont.

### Sunday, 18th November: Shoebox Sunday

This year the Deanery Shoebox service will take place at St. Peter's Church, East Tytherley, at 3.00pm.

## Christmas Stall at Mottisfont Abbey In aid of St Andrew's Church

Saturday, 1st December  
Friday, 7th December (evening), and  
Saturday, 15th December

If you have anything that we can sell please deliver any items to Rachel Fowler at Dunbidge House or Susan Clutterbuck at Mottisfont House or ring me, Rachel, on 01794 340877 for collection. If you have an hour or two to spare we also need help with manning the stalls. Please contact me to let me know when you would be available.

Rachel Fowler.

## 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 March 2008. Applications for grants must be handed in by the end of February 2008, in time for the November Trust meeting.

## Broughton Bright Hour

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

Speakers for November:

1st: Mr. Brian Page of Age Concern (Deputy Mayor of Test Valley). Brian will be speaking about his involvement with Age Concern. Why not join us? He may have the answers to some of those questions you always wanted to ask.

8th: Mrs. Katy Blake (fundraising, Macmillan Cancer Support). Katy will be giving us an insight into the caring and compassionate work of Macmillan Cancer Support. We all know of some one affected by cancer and the devastating impact it has on peoples lives. If you would like to know more about this worthwhile charity, please come along.

15th: Members Meeting. 22nd, Revd Christopher Walker.

29th: Mr. David Sullivan. All welcome, do come and join us.

Barbara Perry, 301466 (Booking Secretary)

## More new words

(Thanks, Jon!)

Giraffiti (n): Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

Karmageddon (n): It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

Arachnoleptic fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

Caterpallor (n.): The colour you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.



## Weddings at St Andrew's

The display by villagers, former residents and their families has attracted a lot of interest and given pleasure to many, including passers by. One couple from Stevenage just happened to call at our church when the photos were on display and have since sent one to **add to the collection. It is of the lady's grandparents James Harman and Emily Street, and the wedding was in 1892, the oldest we have.**

In all probability the photos will eventually be displayed in the Stable area at Mottisfont Abbey but, in the meantime, if you know of anyone **who would not be able to get there and didn't get to the church either, I** just may be able to call on them.

I would like to thank Ray Armstrong, Peter White and John Millns for the help they gave me staging this exhibition, and of course thanks to all those who contributed the photos.

Valda White







## THE NATIONAL TRUST

### Open House

2.00 – 4.00pm, Sunday, 4 November, 2007

The local community of Mottisfont and Dunbridge is invited to come to see the interior of 1, Abbey Farm Cottages following its recent restoration. It is believed to be the oldest house in the village, with its main timbers carbon dated to 1473, and has a wonderful cruck beam ceiling on its upper floor, plus medieval carvings on the fireplace to ward off evil spirits.

It is open for visiting on this day only, prior to being let to a tenant. Opening time: 2.00 – 4.00pm on Sunday 4 November. Free admission.

If arriving by car, please park in the National Trust staff car park (entrance next to the Social Club car park) and follow the signs.

### December Lecture Lunch

5th December Lecture lunch: Sweets and Treats for Christmas. Festive ideas to create your own edible and elegant gifts and treats. Includes 2-course lunch. **Cost £25. Book on 0870 428 8933.**

*Note: free admission to village residents holding entrance passes when normal admission charges apply. For special events, such as lecture lunches full cost applies.*

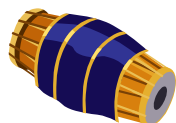
### Christmas at Mottisfont

30th November - 2nd December, 7th - 9th December, 14th - 16th December: Enjoy Christmas at Mottisfont. See the Abbey decorated in late Victorian style. Relish the atmosphere of our Christmas fair in the stable block. Sales of Christmas trees and mistletoe (latter 2 weekends only), refreshments, music. **£5 adults.**



### Ghanaian Culture Day

On Saturday 6th October my Mum and I went to the Ghanaian Culture Day at Mottisfont. It was interesting to see how similar the food is to the food we eat at home. It was fun because we did a whole session of drumming and dancing. To learn the rhythm we were taught to say over and over **again "How are you?", "OK."** I did some stamping of Ghanaian cultural symbols and I had my face painted as a fairy.



**Maisie Lake Age 7½**  
Junior Acorn Reporter

### Village Supper

The Village Supper will be held on 17th November in the village hall. The menu includes a starter, various curries (mild, hot, vegetarian), fruit and coffee, **all for just £12.50 per person.**

Contact Edna Dowling on 340328 for tickets - but hurry, half the tickets have already gone!

**The supper is at 7 for 7.30pm, and don't forget to bring your own beer or wine!**

Jon Butler

### Gardening Club



Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 27th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when we have a slide show by the Romsey Camera Club with Terry Jameson and George Marsh. All are very welcome! **Non-members £2.**

**Then on 18th December we have "The Digital World of Dennis Bright" followed by "Christmas nibbles to share."**

Michael Horne, 340105

### The Gardeners Prayer - found on an old mug!

Oh Lord, please listen to my prayer,  
As I sit here upon my chair,  
I've cut the hedge and mowed the lawn,  
And planted seeds from early morn,  
And now I pray you make them grow,  
Like the pictures on the packets show.

Edna Dowling

## **The Mottisfont and Dunbridge Parish Children's Christmas Party**

**Mottisfont Village Hall 3 - 5pm, Sunday 9th December**

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 or guardian of such a child and would like them to be invited to the village children's Christmas party please call Sarah Richie on 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!



## THE SMITH FAMILY PANTO

Or Sleeping Mother Whittington in Boots!

Live music, comedy routines and a romantic story combine in this delightful modern fable for the whole family. At Mottisfont Village Hall on Tuesday, 20th November, at 6pm.

Tickets from Jon & Heather Butler on 340740.  
**Adults £7.50, children £3.00, concessions £6.00.**

## Mottisfont Football Club

Mottisfont Football Club has once again started well this season, still unbeaten in League and Cup.

The results so far are:

### Hampshire League 2004.

Saturday, 25th August, v Ludgershall Sports (A)  
Won 4-1 (Bundy, Jackson, King, Caw)

Wednesday, 29th August, v Michelmersh / T (H)  
Won 4-1 (Bundy(2), Bewick, Clark)

Saturday, 1st September, v Crusades (H)  
Won 3-0 (Bundy, Bewick, Kemp)

Saturday, 8th September, v East Lodge (A)  
Won 2-0 (Bundy, Bewick)

Saturday, 22nd September, v Broughton (A)  
Won 4-2 (Kemp, Morns, Smith, Iddes)

Saturday, 29th September, v Netley Cent Spts (H)  
Drew 0-0

### Cup (Southampton Snr Cup 1st Round)

Saturday, 15th September, v Hamble Club Res (H)  
Won 7-1 (Berwick(3), Bundy(2), Cook, Cutler)

Saturday, 6th October v Durley (H)  
Lost 1-3 (Cook)

The Club was honoured when asked by the League to represent them in the National League System Cup by playing The Dorset Premier League (away). They won 2-1 (Alan Bundy 2). They will now play the Reading League at home in the second round.

### League

Saturday, October 13th v Academicals (H)  
Won 5-4 (Berwick (3), Bundy, Jackson)

Tony Stemp



## Whist Drives

The monthly Whist Drives have once again started in Mottisfont Village Hall. Please note that there has been a change of date for our November Whist Drive. It will now take place on FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER.

We would be pleased to welcome any new players, **and if anyone would like an evening's practice**, please contact Gordon Wood or John Jenkins.

Planned dates are 16th November, 14th December, 25th January, 22nd February, 28th March and 25th April, all at 7.30pm.

We play social whist, and do not take it too seriously. We enjoy good company, refreshments and prizes.

Gordon Wood 340129 John Jenkins 301614

## Local History Group



Our next meeting will be an informal evening on Tuesday, 6th November at 7.30pm at the Mill Arms, in the Flints Room off the conservatory.

We will share any recent finds and discuss future events people want us to put on. No charge, so please come along.

Michael Horne, 340105

## LOCKERLEY SCHOOL

Friday, 23rd November, at 6.30pm  
Christmas Fayre at Lockerley Primary School

Craft Stalls, Tombola, Raffle, etc.

**£1 entrance to include a glass of wine and mince pie**

## Lockerley Christmas Market

Sunday, 4th November, 2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Lockerley Memorial Hall

Hand made cards, plant stall, jewellery, gifts,  
**Children's sing along, refreshments and**  
much more!! All welcome.

Contact Linda on 341572 or Kim on 341320.  
In aid of Acorn Community Pre-School

## News from Awbridge School

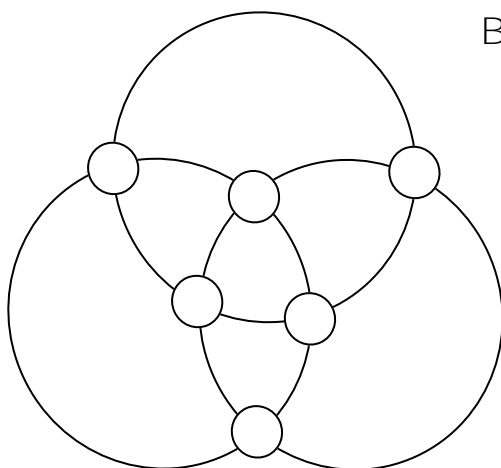
Dates for December: 11th, 12th & 13th December - Christmas School Performances;  
19th December - Last day of term

In October the whole school enjoyed a performance given by the Wizard of Oz theatre company. Class 2 spent a day at Manor Farm dressed as Victorian pupils experiencing a Victorian classroom with slates, copy books and a teacher with a very strict view on all matters. They thoroughly enjoyed the day.

On a sunny September day the children stood outside to cheer on the cyclists of The Tour of Britain. The children, wearing the special event sunhats and waving flags gave encouragement at the end of the Kents Oak hill climb section, when the competitors had already cycled 45 miles from Reading.

# VILLAGE DIARY

Sunday, 4th November	Lockerley Christmas Market	2.30pm to 4.30pm, Lockerley Memorial hall
Tuesday, 6th November	Local History Group	7.30pm, Flints, The Mill Arms
Tuesday, 13th November	WI, AGM and talk	Village Hall
Wednesday, 14th November	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Friday 16th, November	Whist Drive	7.30pm, Village Hall
Saturday, 17th November	Village Supper	7 for 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sunday, 18th November	Shoebox Service	<b>3pm, St. Peter's, East Tytherley</b>
Tuesday, 20th November	The Smith Family Panto	6pm, Village Hall
Friday 23rd November	Christmas Fayre	6.30pm , Lockerley School
Tuesday, 27th November	Gardening Club	7.30pm, Village Hall



## Brain Teaser

Using all the numbers from 0 to 5, put one in each of the small circles, so that the numbers on each of the three big circles add up to 10.

*Answers to the previous Brain Teasers: The bottle was worth 50p.  
The bear was white (polar bear!).*

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

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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		Secretary	George Vaughan	301045
Football Club Secretary	John Fryer	512695	Village Bus	Bookings	Pam Dawkins	301203
Member of Parliament	Constituency Office	Sandra Gidley 511900		Private Hire	Julie Smith	301470
Mill Arms	Andrea and Ian Bental	340401		Operations	Mike Howe	301723
Mottisfont Abbey Est. Manager		340757	Village Hall (Reg.Charity No 291629)	Chairman	Jon Butler	340740
MPNTTA	Gillian Francis	340151		Village Hall		
Neighbourhood Mottisfont Watch	Alan Earthrowl	341799		Entertainments	Heather Butler	340740
Dunbridge	Cliff Astur	341922		Secretary	(Vacant)	
Parish Council Clerk	Frances Hanks	340541	W.I.	Bookings	Cathie Wood	340129
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