

The Village Newsletter

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Exclusive! Major roadworks planned for Dunbridge

After extensive efforts by the Acorn's investigative journalist, codenamed Rockface, we can exclusively reveal plans being developed to implement a new road layout in Dunbridge. A new

roundabout and raised section of road will speed traffic past the dangerous junction outside the Mill Arms and over the trains on the railway lines below.

A Council spokesman said, "This is a junction in need of attention. The new layout will give the planning and building control departments something to do during these recessionary times."

Andrea and Ian, Landlords of the Mill Arms, said, "No worries." When pressed further, they did concede that having traffic pass at bedroom window height with no apparent way into the car park might not be good for business.

Construction of the new road will involve the compulsory purchase of some land



An artist's impression of the new road layout

adjacent to the railway tracks. A Dunbridge resident, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "I've often wondered what was going to happen to that bit of land since I was a nipper."

The Council has confirmed that subject to a few further approvals, work on the scheme should begin in exactly a year, on 1st April, 2010.

SMALL ADS

For sale: Garden table and chairs - wrought iron and wood, with cushions, umbrella and stand. Contact Molly Jackson on 340121.

For sale: NETGEAR 32 bit PCI Adapter 10/100 Mbps Fast Ethernet - FA311 - Supports Windows Vista. New and unused. - Still boxed. - £8 Phone 341301

For sale: Siemens electric double oven, for mounting in standard kitchen units. Approx 88cm high. Buyer collects (heavy!). £30. Call Peter on 340793.

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The deadline for the May *Acorn* is 16th April. Please e-mail contributions to <u>acornnews@mandercom.co.uk</u>. We cannot guarantee that articles received after this date will be included in the next issue.

MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

Village Hall – The Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a whopping £7,769 lottery fund "Awards for All" grant. This is to cover internal and external painting and the provision of a new oil tank. Work can now commence shortly to give the Village Hall its final spruce up following completion (at last!) of works to deal with "the crack". Thanks go mainly to Jacquie who did the research and most of the work to secure this very welcome sum.

Village centre speed limit – Now the 30mph speed limit has been implemented, the Parish Council would like the message reinforced and have recently held discussions with Hampshire Constabulary's Safer Roads Partnership team. The team has agreed to provide a more frequent police presence in the village, and to look at doing some speed checks. A site has been suggested, and they are currently looking at its feasibility.

Village centre traffic calming – Grant aid has now been secured from both Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council, but unfortunately it is £1000 short of the amount the Parish Council requested. This will be considered further at the meeting on 31st March.

Noticeboards – Two new noticeboards are currently being constructed by Fred Dowling, and will soon be erected – one to replace the board outside the Village Hall, and a new one in the village centre. Again, these are being funded mainly by grant aid, so thanks to Michael Woodhall, our County Councillor, who awarded us this Members grant. We had hoped also to replace the Dunbridge Board, but the grant did not stretch this far. So thanks go to Stuart, who did a brilliant job at renovating this one at minimal cost.

Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday 15th April – Please come along to this, your parish meeting. New for this year we have a guest speaker. Alison Evans, the National Trust manager, will be talking about the plans for Mottisfont Abbey and Estate. This is also your opportunity to find out what your Parish Council and other representatives have been doing and are planning, and to have your say. You will be welcome to raise any issues or concerns, or ask any questions of the Parish Council and guests. After the meeting there will also be the opportunity for informal networking over a glass of wine or fruit juice. So if you are a regular, please put the date in your diary. If you have never been before, make this a first – you will be very welcome.

Change of clerk – a fond farewell from Frances, who is resigning on 31st March, and a big welcome to Sue Holder, who is taking over from 1st April. Sue, I am sure, will have plenty to say in future editions!

Date of next meeting – Tuesday, 31st March, in the Village Hall.

Frances Hanks



MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

The March meeting was well attended, and we welcomed two new ladies. The guest speaker, Marion Emery, spoke about the

eminent writer, designer, artist and socialist, William Morris. William was born in Walthamstow in 1834. He founded a design firm which had a profound impact on the decoration of churches and houses into the early 20th century. Morris's chief contribution was as designer of repeating patterns for wallpapers and textiles, many based on a close observation of nature.

Many thanks to all who gave items for us to sell at the jumble sale. The event was well supported and financially very rewarding. The money we raised will enable us to engage good speakers at our meetings and fund educational activities.

The Spring Council meeting will be held at the Guildhall, Portsmouth, on 24th March. This is the final event of the 90th anniversary year. Simon

Weston OBE, veteran of the Falklands, is the main speaker of the afternoon, and one not to be missed.



A reminder of the Test Valley Spring Group meeting on Monday 6th April 7.30pm at Houghton Village Hall. The speaker will be Tom Yendell, a mouth and foot artist.

The next meeting at Mottisfont Village Hall is on Tuesday, 14th April, at 8.00pm. The speaker will be John Ericson. He will talk about the Shakers: Their Beliefs, Architecture, and Artefacts.

With all the interesting speakers we have lined up, maybe one of them may just tempt you to come along and join us. We hope so. Everyone is warmly welcomed.

Cathie Wood 340129



April Events at Mottisfont

The month of magnolia, tulips, wild bulb meadows and the Easter bunny!

Easter Mosaic Workshop: Saturday, 4th & Sunday, 5th April, 11am - 4:30pm Be inspired by the mosaics at Mottisfont, created by the Russian artist Boris Anrep. Drop in and create a simple mosaic tile ... a perfect Easter treat for non-chocolate admirers. Prices start from £4 per tile.

Garden Workshop: Pruning Shrubs & Climbers: Wednesday, 8th April, 9:30am -12noon Enjoy a morning of expert advice, tips and demonstrations from the renowned team of gardening experts at Mottisfont. Includes light lunch. All tickets £25. Booking essential on 344020.

Easter Weekend: Easter Egg Trail: Friday 10th, Saturday 11th, Sunday 12th & Monday 13th, 11am - 4.30pm

Family fun: Bring all the family to Mottisfont for our popular Easter Bank Holiday trail. Find the clues around the garden and claim your Cadbury's chocolate egg prize. Normal admission charges apply. £2.50 per trail.

Spring Photography Trail: Capturing Spring: Thursday, 16th April, 8am - 4pm The day will be organised in two sections. The morning session will focus on the spring activity around the grounds. The afternoon session will include bluebells in the wider estate. All tickets £69.95. Booking essential on 344020.

Mysterious World of Bats - Uncovered! Thursday, 16th April, 7:30pm

Did you know that Mottisfont is home to 10 species of bats? Join Stephanie West, a member of Hampshire Bat Group, in discovering some of the less well known species of wildlife around the grounds of Mottisfont. Walk leaders will have bat detectors to allow different species to be identified. All tickets £8.50. Booking essential on 344020.

THE NATIONAL TRUST

Mottisfont Estate Path

Following the temporary diversion of the estate path, the National Trust are pleased to announce that a new start point will be open from 1st April 2009. The start point, originally located at the visitor car park, will now be located at Spearywell Wood car park. The information panel and leaflets that illustrate the new route are currently being updated.

Unlike the original route that only offered one circular walk, over the next year a wider choice of both short and long walks will be developed. To provide additional interest, new interpretation panels are to be installed along the estate path that will be both seasonal and give an insight to the estate's past and present management.

For more information please contact Chris Stock, area warden, on 07967-657006 or via email: chris.stock@nationaltrust.org.uk.

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.

The next Trust meeting will be held in June. All applications for the June meeting must be submitted to the Secretary, Mrs Christine Hoskins, The Old Thatch, High Street, Broughton no later than the end of May. Any application received after this date will be carried forward to the next meeting in September 2009.

If you live in the Benefice of Bossington and Mottisfont and would like to apply for a grant, application forms can be obtained from the church, the village hall or the Secretary.

FOUND

On footpath near Mill Arms and Dunbridge Station: Ladies' Wrist Watch. Call 341922.

Dear Friends,

April is a glorious time of the year especially in the Test Valley as nature begins to stir and new life shoots forth from the earth bringing the promise of long days and warmth and the end of winter. It is also significantly the conclusion of Lent, with the Message of Easter and Resurrection! We all are in need of this change after a poor summer last year, a hard winter, and added to this the difficult economic climate.

Therefore on Easter Morning the Church proclaims Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation! These are the words we will use at the early morning service at Bossington Airfield as the dawn breaks and we celebrate again the wonderful victory of Christ's life over death.

But before these words can be used, we will enter what is known as The Easter triduum, marking the days of Jesus' passion and resurrection, and it is the most important time in the church year. It begins with the evening Communion of Maundy or Holy Thursday, travels through Good Friday and closes on Easter Sunday.

Prepared by the days of Lent, Christians celebrate on these holiest of days the saving work God has accomplished in Christ. From these events remembered, so sorrowful and so joyful, the church learns the deepest lessons. In rites and words, the mysteries of Jesus' final hours are with us again, his passion, his cruel suffering, his rising from the dead. And we discover the answer to the age old questions: Does God love us? Is God merciful? Does God care for us? We have only to look and learn from Jesus Christ. These are days for fixing our eyes on the holy mystery of his cross and filling our ears with the words of his gospel. Nowhere else does God's love appear so vividly. In the love Christ showed for a sinful



world we find the beginning of our church, the source of our sacraments, the key to understanding the human story, and our hope for eternal life.

I hope you will be able to join with us at our varying services engaging in the liturgy and worship of our churches throughout the Benefice so that on Easter Moring you too will be moved to say with us as we light the Easter Candle "The light of Christ, Thanks be to God!" Jesus Christ is risen, he is risen indeed Alleluia!

With Blessings

From Ron Corne.

HELP!

Spring is coming, Easter is in the air, and the grass is beginning to grow, which is lovely, but...

Does anyone have a serviceable sit-on mower you would be willing to donate to the Rectory?

My old one has long ago died - it was over 20 years old!

So for an Easter present for the Rectory, if you do have one hiding in your shed that you might be able to donate, I would be so very grateful.

Ron - 301287

	5th April PALM SUNDAY	12th April EASTER DAY	19th April LOW SUNDAY	26th April EASTER 2				
8.00 am	Broughton HC CW							
9.30 am	Bossington HC BCP Broughton Godly Play	See separate notice	Mottisfont HC BCP Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton HC CW Broughton Sunday Club				
11.00 am	Mottisfont Matins	for Easter services	Broughton HC CW with Coffee Club	Mottisfont Family Communion				
6.00 pm	Houghton Prayer and Praise	30111063	Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP				

Services during Holy Week and Easter throughout the Benefice

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm, St. Mary's, Broughton: Eucharist of the last supper and foot washing

Good Friday

10am, All Saints, Houghton: Holy Week Trail - Hot cross bun service! 2pm, St. Mary's, Broughton: Meditation on the Cross

Easter Day

6.30am Bossington Airfield: Holy Communion
9.30am St. James's Bossington: HC BCP
9.30am All Saints, Houghton: HC CW
11am St. Andrew's, Mottisfont: HC CW
11am St. Mary's, Broughton: HC CW

Palm Sunday (5th April) at 4.30pm

This annual event will take place again this year at Houghton Lodge, the home of Capt. and Mrs. Martin Busk. It is for all families with young children living in the benefice. Please come and join the fun and enjoy a delicious tea afterwards.

For more details, contact Gina on 388433.

Advance notice

Rogation Sunday (17th May), 11am, St. James's, Bossington. Please make a note of this date in your diaries now!

There is an ancient tradition of asking God to bless our crops at this time of year when we plant and sow the seeds. As we meet at St. James's, hopefully out of doors, we are reminded of the many joys, as well as the hardships, of living in a rural community.

This is a service suitable for all ages, with particular activities prepared for children. We hope to picnic following the service, with games to enjoy as in previous years.

It will also be the occasion for presenting the Fairey Cup.

MOTTISFONT RE-VISITED

SATURDAY MAY 16TH 2009

St Andrew's Church members are planning an event for the whole village in the Village Hall on Saturday, May 16th, between 2pm and 6pm. The objectives are:

To reinforce the fact that there are lots of worthwhile activities already going on in the village and to recruit new members

To invite Mottisfont and Dunbridge residents both present and past to come along, share memories, anecdotes, photos or anything they think might be of interest, or just to chat and reminisce over a 'cuppa'.

My hope is that each Group will be prepared to make and bring a poster about what they do and give the name/phone number of a contact person.

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

2nd April: Mr. Philip Mutton 9th April: Mrs. Gina Livermore 16th April: Mrs. Margaret Picket 23rd April: Mrs. Helen Carter 30th April: Members Meeting

Everyone is welcome! Do come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

St. Andrew's Church

AGM

St Andrew's Church Annual General Meeting will be held in the church at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 21st April. All Parishioners are welcome. Churchwardens and Church Council members will be appointed (and may be nominated beforehand), and there will be a Comments and Questions time. Please come if you can.

Contact Secretary - Valda White 368346

Sales

This year we begin our Sales Stalls on behalf of St Andrew's Church in Mottisfont Abbey Car Park from 12 noon to 3 pm on Monday, 13th April (Bank Holiday), and then again on Saturday, 25th April. Please support us either by visiting, or sending something to sell. We usually have cakes, preserves, plants, books, CDs and videos, unwanted new gifts and Bric-a-Brac.

Contact Valda White for 13 April - 368346 Anne Saunders for 25 April - 340882

Exhibits will be welcome e.g. programmes, art work, plants and flowers, photos from the past, etc., and any relevant items to be offered for sale.

Tea/coffee/cold drinks will be available throughout and visitors will be asked to bring enough cake for 2 (as some may forget!). Charging £1 a head should, hopefully, produce enough for the hall hire and the drinks.

Invitations by word of mouth are always the best, so please tell anyone you think might be interested. There will also be details in the village Newsletter and perhaps in the Romsey Advertiser.

Please contact Valda White on 368346 for any more information.

Women's World Day of Prayer and one next year, and join this special service. St. Mary's Prayer Day

What a weekend for Broughton! Our lovely Church is steeped full of prayer from the countless worshippers who have prayed there over the years, and yet on the weekend of the 6/7th March there were even more prayers to add.

The Women's World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical movement of informed prayer, and prayerful action, which is organised by Christian women who call for a Day of Prayer on the first Friday in March each year. The service is written by a different country each time, and that country becomes the focus of the world's prayers on the day chosen. It begins as dawn breaks over the islands of Tonga in the Pacific, and continues across each continent until the last services of this special day are held back in the Pacific. on the islands of Samoa, and prayer has encircled the world for 36 hours.

It is a privilege to be able to take part in this and St. Mary's Church enjoyed a beautiful interdenominational service on Friday, written by the independent state of Papua New Guinea, 96% of whose residents are Christian, in a population of 5.8 million. At St. Mary's Church we were joined by ladies from Lockerley, and although our numbers were fewer this year, we had a lovely time of fellowship followed by refreshments. If you missed this year, why not put the first Friday of March in the back of your diary, ready to transfer into your new

GARDENING CLUB

Following a very successful talk on Hinton Ampner, we are organising a visit to see it. We will also visit Bramdean House. The trip is on Sunday, 21st June, and we will travel together by coach.

Our next meeting is a talk and slide show on Tuesday, 21st April, at 7.30pm, on "Wild Orchids of the Countryside" by Roger Grier. It is at the village hall and all are welcome. Visitors £2.

Beaver Helper Required

An adult Beaver helper is required for Lockerley Beaver colony.

We would also like to extend a welcome to any 6-8 year old boys or girls to join in our activities on Tuesdays, 5.45pm - 7pm.

> For more details, please phone: Jean Beauchamp, 01722 712251 or Viv Smith, 01794 340646

St. Mary's Prayer Day

In the previous two years St. Mary's has held a Prayer Day, a time to visit the Church at a time convenient to you and pray with differing types of prayer. This year on Saturday, 7th March, the Church was open again for people to explore prayer. After coffee we were given a talk by David Foster, who unravelled the ways of Intercessions. Although some of us had led Intercessions, it was good to have it explained in detail. Hopefully now we will all be able to design and shape our prayers for ourselves and others, more thoughtfully and prayerfully. Following this, the Rev'd Canon David Scott explained the prayers in poetry and prose of The Saints. We learnt how The Saints worshipped, and for many of us it was a new aspect of prayer. Lastly we listened to Richard Evans who talked on Contemplative and Meditational Prayer, which was fascinating, especially as he showed us how to use Meditation in our prayers. The new room in St. Mary's was 'full of silence' and yet full of meaning, as we prayed in this way together, and I am sure our prayers will be enriched by this experience. It was good that this years Prayer Day was so well attended. We had prayer and fellowship as some had never experienced before. We learnt a lot which we will be able to use in the future. And we enjoyed coffee and lunch together. What a lovely day! Our thanks to our Rector Ron who organised this for us.

Ann Ridout 01980 862232.

From the Editors

After a thinner than usual edition last month, we are delighted to be back to full size, and even to be struggling a bit to make everything fit in!

You probably know that The Mill Arms covers the printing costs for the Acorn, and that the Parish Council contributes to our other costs. Our thanks to both organisations!

However, we are also completely reliant on a small army of volunteers who put the Acorn through your letterboxes: David & Gill Chase, Marg Spreadbury, Alan Groves (plus his son), John & Jacqui Millns, Ann Jeans, Susan Clutterbuck, Amabel Carr, Stuart Miller, Rachel Fowler and Fred & Edna Dowling - we do hope we haven't forgotten anyone!

Finally we would like to thank Emma Taylor for proof reading prior to printing. Our challenge is to get a proof to her that she can't find any mistakes in, but we have not quite succeeded yet!

Julia and Peter

AWBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 3rd April : End of term 20th April : Start of term

Awbridge School's very own School Crossing Patrol person has made the headlines by being voted Test Valley's favourite lollypop man. Mr. Richard Griffiths was nominated as one of 11 finalists from across Hampshire as the county's favourite School Crossing Patrol of the year. Mr. Griffiths is known by everyone at the school for his friendly and cheery manner, and greets everybody personally as they cross the road. Awbridge School is very proud of Mr. Griffiths' achievement, which was thoroughly deserved.

National Book Week was celebrated in much style on 5th March, with the school combining reading with maths activities. The theme was Alice in Wonderland, and pupils dressed up as their favourite characters, the Mad Hatter being a firm favourite. A Bedtime Stories Evening was held, when children came in their pyjamas and listened to their favourite book being read, while having a hot chocolate.

Meanwhile, Class 3 beat the winter blues by putting on their very own talent show: Awbridge Has Got Talent. There were some amazing acts of art, music, football and much, much more, and the judges had great fun awarding points.

Class 1 have been designing an outdoor learning area, and their teacher, Miss Collins, is going to be running a half marathon to raise money so that their ideas can be put into action.

Whist Drives



The next Whist drives will be held on 27th March and 24th April, at 7 30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall

7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall. All are most welcome!

If you would like some practice or explanation, please contact either Gordon Wood on 340129, or John Jenkins on 301614.

ART GROUP

Our little group is now well established, meeting every Thursday afternoon from 2 - 4 pm.

If we continue to grow, we may have to spill over to another day!

Once the better weather arrives we will be setting our easels and paints out and about in our wonderful countryside.

Gordon 340129

Unsolicited phone calls

I would like to hear from anyone who receives a marketing call from 'Direct Response Security'. If you do, please try to ask the name of the caller, and note the time and day they called.

I am particularly interested if you are registered with the TPS (Telephone Preference Service) and they still call you.

I should add that I would personally not have anything to do with this company.

John Millns, 340347

The Parish Luncheon

The Parish Luncheon was very successful. It was well supported by parishoners and friends, and everyone enjoyed the occasion.

We would like on behalf of everyone present to thank our National Trust Property Manager, Alison Evans, for making the facilities available to us, and enabling us all to have a very memorable lunch and social event.

Gordon Wood & John Jenkin

LOCKERLEY SCHOOL PTA FUNDRAISING EVENT

Saturday, 16th May MASKED SUMMER BALL

at Lockerley Memorial Hall Tickets £25, to include supper and entertainment Licensed bar Call Lockerley School on 340485

LOCKERLEY SCHOOL PTA SUMMER PLAYSCHEME

Monday, 27th July to Friday, 31st July Mornings only, at Lockerley Memorial Hall For further details, contact Lockerley School on 340485

WALKING GROUP

April walk - This will be on Friday, April 17th at 10.00am, starting as usual outside the Mill Arms. We plan to walk via Holbury to Dean, and then return by train (about 3 hours in total).

May walk - Friday 8th May. I *May(!)* leave it to someone else to plan and lead, otherwise it will be the 09.57 train to Salisbury, and walk back to Dean. Gordon, 340129

DIARY							
WI Test Valley Spring Group	7.30pm, Houghton Village Hall						
WI meeting	8pm, Village Hall						
Annual Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall						
Walking Group	10am, outside the Mill Arms						
Gardening Club	7.30pm Village Hall						
Whist Drive	7.30pm Village Hall						
Walking Group	10am, outside the Mill Arms						
Lockerley School Masked Ball	Lockerley Memorial Hall						
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BRAIN TEASERS

1. Jack and Jill were born on the same day in the same year, and are children of the same parents, but they are not twins. How could this be?

2. A man and his sister were out walking, when he points to a boy across the street and said, "He's my nephew." She replied, "He's not my nephew." How could this be?

3. A son is quarter the age of his father, but five years ago was one fifth the age of his father. How old is the father? Space for

sums!

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

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