

Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



July 2010

The Village Newsletter

The Village Fete, Sunday, 15th August, at 2pm.

The Fete, organised by the Village Hall Committee plus other loyal supporters from within the village, is our main fund raising event for the Village Hall. The fete also benefits other local clubs & societies such as the Church, W.I., Gardening Club, etc.

We have a Village Hall and grounds to be proud of, serving our community for many social events, theatre, adult anniversaries, children's parties, meetings, etc. Recent improvements include a new larger access gate, better security lighting and - hopefully before long - the drive-way, car park and hard standing will be resurfaced.

The Fete is a popular and happy event. Please give it your support on the 15th August.

THE DRAW TICKETS enclosed with this month's Acorn are especially for YOU. Do you have the book with the 'First' prize in it, and maybe others? Please return money and counterfoils before the Fete to ease things on the day. If you require more, wonderful, just shout.

The Tombola Stall: there is one empty table at the moment but if you can help to fill it, it would be appreciated. Bottles, cans, tins of beans, packets of biscuits, bottles of champagne - we will accept anything!

All money goes to help the upkeep of your Village Hall.

Gordon, 01794340129

P.S. Help run, set up/take down: you have still time to offer your services!!

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



June's speaker was Mr. John Hanks, a local beekeeper, who gave us an insight into the complexities of beekeeping. There are over 250 native species, the most common being the Honey Bee, Solitary Bee and Bumble Bee, who all benefit the

environment by their ability to pollinate a wide range of flowers and crops. The Honey Bee, of course, produces delicious honey and in addition is the only source of Beeswax, which is used in polishes, cosmetics, the food industry and traditional candlemaking.

Questions were asked about the Red Mite, originating in South-East Asia and arriving through Europe, which is threatening our bee population. The mite carries several viruses and at the moment there is no cure, but urgent research is being carried out.



We are looking forward to a River Walk along the Test in June, and an evening Ghost Walk around Southampton Walls in July.

On Tuesday, 13th July we have an Open Meeting with John Ericsson giving a talk on The Shakers of North America. Visitors are welcome.

Mottisfont Village Fete is on Sunday, 15th August. The WI will be running a Toy, Book and Bric-à-Brac stall. Any items for us to sell would be appreciated. Cathie (340129) or Frances (301614) will be happy to arrange collection.

The next edition of the *Acorn* will be in August. Information for the August edition must be submitted by 16th July. Note that there will be **NO SEPTEMBER EDITION!** The *Acorn* will be back in October. Our e-mail is acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

Parish Council

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council in May, Cllr. John Millns was elected as Chairman and Cllr. Jeff Channing was elected as Vice Chairman.

It was reported that the Parish Lengthman project, which is a scheme to provide additional funding for general work around the village that can be identified by the Parish Council, would give the parish three days work to a value of £1000. It was agreed to request that the following work is completed:

- 1) Clear the encroaching grass along Hatt Lane, and Church Lane;
- 2) Clear the ivy in the bus shelter;
- 3) Clean finger posts;
- 4) Fill in potholes down Church Lane;
- 6) Collect litter.

Alison Evans reported that the National Trust (NT) is now the owner of the grey phone box in the village centre, as a result of the "adopt a BT kiosk" scheme. A use for the box is currently undecided.

Alison also advised that June is their busiest month of the year. Additional parking will be provided behind Dairy Barn for two weekends of the month, and stewards will be assisting with parking in general.

Other NT matters included:

- the new cycle way is due to be opened and is intended for local use only;
- ◆ The plans for the new visitor facilities are progressing;
- a bat survey is being conducted and traffic is being monitored for information gathering purposes. The National Trust trustees will reach a final decision in July and further consultation

will take place in the autumn on the plans to be submitted to the planning department for approval.

As a result of the elections in May 2011, TVBC has a choice of adopting either a Mayor and Cabinet or a Leader and Cabinet, and are asking for local input. We are interested in the views of the parish, so please let us know how you feel before 16th July. For further details, please refer to www.testvalley.gov.uk - new executive arrangements.

Date of next meeting: 28th July. Everyone welcome.

Sue Holder Clerk.

Children's play area?

As a result of housing development in the parish, we have been allocated some money for the provision of children's play - possibly around £1,000. The Parish Council is looking for suggestions about how we might spend it and where. One idea is to lay out a small football pitch at the Village Hall and put up some goalposts. Have you got a better idea? And what about something for small children? Is the Village Hall the right place and are there alternatives? There are potential safety and liability issues, so we will need to think carefully about what to do, but Jacquie Horne, Jeff Channing or any of your other parish councillors would be really grateful for your views.

Jeff Channing

Mottisfont Abbey's June Rose Season: Overflow Car Park Problems

I apologise for the inconvenience and nuisance caused by excessive traffic through the village, caused by the rose garden in June which has attracted greater numbers of visitors than ever before this year. Although we have worked extremely hard to minimise the disruption, we have been overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of cars. Please be assured we are acutely aware of the problem and are doing all we can to minimise the disruption to the local community's daily life. I am also starting an urgent review of what can be done to deal with this in the future, as it does seem these extreme numbers of cars is unlikely to change and we need to find ways to prevent this annual disruption to our neighbours in Mottisfont.

We will be consulting with the Parish Council over proposals to deal with this problem in the future and will keep you informed.

I hope you will accept our apologies.

Alison Evans General Manager

WHAT'S ON AT MOTTISFONT ABBEY

'Beatrix Potter Time' Exhibition

3 July - 30 September

This is a rare chance to see original drawings and watercolour illustrations by Beatrix Potter, on loan for the first time from their home in the Lake District.

It's Beatrix Potter Time!

3 & 4 July, 12pm - 4pm

Come along and meet Peter Rabbit (look out, he will be hiding). Free face painting, story telling and activities. Plant seeds in Mr. McGregor's garden to take home, and explore the exhibition in the House

Peter Rabbit & Friends Scarecrow Trail

3 July - 30 September, 11am - 5pm Come along and discover Peter Rabbit and friends lurking around the gardens with our free familyfriendly trail.

Peter Rabbit Family Trail

3 - 31 July, 11am - 5pm

Discover the wonderful world of Peter Rabbit in Mottisfont family self-guided trail. Trail £2 - prize included

Art Workshop - Working with pastels

8 July, 10am - 3pm

Join Jenny Hill, leading artist for Derwent Pastel Pencils, and master the technique of drawing with pastel pencils. Jenny will lead the group in building up texture to create one of Mottisfont's famous livestock: Highland Cattle.

Booking essential on 01794 344020.

Tickets £25.00, including refreshments throughout the day, but please bring lunch.

Local People, Local Passions: Jan's People

10 - 15 July. 11am - 5pm

Discover a local group of talented artists exhibiting and selling their work.

Family Fun - Summer Garlands

11 July, 12pm - 4pm

Come along and make a traditional willow garland and decorate it with summery accessories. Booking not necessary - it's a drop in workshop. £2.00 per garland.

Local People, Local Passions: Art 14

17 - 29 July

Mottisfont welcomes back a local group of talented artists exhibiting and selling their work.

Food Glorious Food - Mottisfont Food Fair

11 & 18 July, 11am - 5pm

Come and browse around a selection of local Hampshire food providers.

Photography Trail - Capture Summer at Mottisfont

15 July, 1:30pm - 9:30pm

Take advantage of the soft summer evening light. We will guide you through informal photographic opportunities, using your own camera equipment to learn new and different perspectives. Themes to include water, Mottisfont Estate and nature. A light hearted approach to the art. Suitable for beginners and improving photographers. Booking essential on 01794 344020. All tickets £69.50, including refreshments and supper.

Outdoor Theatre - An ideal Husband

15 July, 7:30pm - 9:45pm

Sir Robert Chiltern is a man up to his neck in a political scandal that could ruin his life. His wife, Lady Chiltern, has a strong moral code. If exposed, could she forgive her husband the sins of his youth? As topical as ever, this comedy is sure to leave a question mark over who decides what is ideal! Recommended accompaniments: the Husband (so he can see how lucky he is!), friends and a picnic basket! Booking essential on 0844 249 1895. All tickets £16.00.

Mr McGregor's Garden Time: Seeds of Yesteryear

10, 17, 24, 31 July, 12pm-3pm.

Drop in and have a go at making paper pot planters and sowing free heritage seeds to take home and grow at home. No gardening experience required. Free to all ages.

Beatrix Potter Storytime

11, 18, 25 July, 12pm - 4pm

Join us on these Sundays to hear a reading from one of Beatrix Potter's famous tales. Free to all ages.

VILLAGE BUS

This summer we're getting a new village bus...and we'd like you to try it. It's not just for the old and those without cars – it can take you to the shops and back without the cost of your petrol and parking. There are regular services to Romsey, Winchester, Salisbury and Southampton, as well

as summer outings. The bus can be hired. Farepass holders and under-5s go FREE.

Contacts and enquiries: Michael Howe (301723), George Vaughan (301045), Group hire: Julie Smith (301470)

Dear Friends,

We are about to embark upon three Gift Days in our Benefice to pay for and support the ministry and the general running costs of our beautiful and, might I say, magnificent parish churches in Broughton, Bossington, Houghton and Mottisfont.



The first will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Mottisfont, on Saturday, 10th July, between 10am and 1pm. The second will be on 14th July at All Saints, Houghton, between 6pm and 8pm; and the third on 24th September from 10am till 1pm for Bossington and Broughton.

Please can you support these Gift Days as generously as possible? Our churches are much used in our benefice, and the ministry is I know greatly used and appreciated throughout the year for so many important occasions. The only funding we have is what you are able to give, so please give generously so that we can continue to serve these villages with baptisms and weddings, and care at times of funerals and all the other occasions which mark the rhythm of our lives throughout the year from Christmas to Easter.

Our churches and the ministry that has been provided are witnesses not only to today, but also to the Church's ministry and care throughout the ages. Our churches point to local history, events that shaped our individual communities and aspects of the past of which there may be no other trace left other than the church itself. Please support your church in your village with a financial donation which will enable the ministry to continue.

With blessings,

Ron Corne. Rector.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR JULY AND AUGUST												
Time	4th July Trinity 5	11th July Trinity 6	18th July Trinity 7	25th July St. James	1 August Trinity 9	8 August Trinity 10	15 August Trinity 11	22 August Trinity 12	29 August Trinity 13			
8am	Broughton HC CW	Broughton HC BCP			Broughton HC CW	Broughton HC BCP						
9.30 am	Bossington HC BCP	Broughton Family Service Houghton HC CW	Mottisfont HC BCP	Broughton Family Communion CW	Bossington HC BCP	Broughton Family Service Houghton HC	Mottisfont HC BCP	Broughton Family Communion CW	Bossington HC for the whole benefice			
11am	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton HC	Mottisfont Family Communion	No service at Mottisfont	No service at Mottisfont	Broughton HC CW	Mottisfont Family Communion CW				
6pm	Houghton Evensong		Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP	Houghton Evensong		Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP	6.30pm Bossington Compline			

9:30am Wednesdays: Broughton HC BCP
(HC: Holy Communion, BCP: Book of Common Prayer, CW: Common Worship)
Children's Sunday Club and Coffee Clubs at Broughton will resume in September

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

1st July: Mr. David Sullivan

8th July: Mrs.Vida Reynolds (Feed the Children)

15th July: Mrs. Ann Freeland 22nd July: Tea at Ann's 29th July: Trip to St. Cross

Please note: There will not be any meetings during August.

Advance Notice

Bright Hour Anniversary Service: 16th September, guest speaker Mr. David Stone.

Everyone will be welcome. Do come and join us. Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Your Village Church: St Andrew's

We are always pleased to welcome any villagers (and others) at the Church and we know that many of you, though not regular church-goers, value having such a beautiful and ancient church for example to come to for special celebrations like Carol Services and family events. We have been pleased to have several baptisms recently and more are to happen later this year. Maybe we could advertise them in the Acorn so that you can come along and support the families.

Like every other building, there are considerable running costs, including maintenance of the church and its surrounds. In addition, we share with the benefice in providing a contribution towards the stipend for our Rector and expenses of travel, etc. None of our Church Officers ever claims postage, stationery or any other expense. We have come to the stage of being unable to find sufficient funds to meet our requirements, and we need £8,500 for one year's costs. We are always organising fundraising events: the stalls which we have at the Abbey car park 4 or 5 times each year are an especially good source, as we are getting money

from people who don't live in the village.

This time we are appealing to you to help us, and with that in mind our Rector Ron Corne will be at the Church on the morning of Saturday, 10th July, between 10am and 1pm, when we hope that as many of you as possible who can afford some kind of monetary gift, however large or small, will come along and contribute. If you are willing to sign a Gift Aid form, this would allow us to claim an additional sum from the Tax Man.

Please will you consider whether you can help, so that the future of St Andrew's and its ministry is not threatened by debt or even closure? If you prefer, you can send or deliver your contribution either to Broughton Rectory or to the Church Secretary, Valda White, at 1 Station Cottages, Mottisfont. All discussions and contributions will be kept in strict confidence.

Thank you.

Valda White (368346) for St Andrew's Church, and on behalf of the Rector (301287)

LOCKERLEY SCHOOL

BIZARRE BAZAAR Friday, 9th July at 6pm. Official opening by Lockerley Carnival Queen and her attendants. Come and join in the fun at our annual Bizarre Bazaar Craft stalls, Children's Games, Bar, BBQ, Raffle and Tombola, Children's Art Exhibition.

Lockerley School PTA Summer Playscheme

Monday, 26th July to Friday, 30th July at Lockerley and East Dean Memorial Hall £5.00 per morning 9.30am - 12.30pm, for children aged 5 - 11. Booking forms are available from school - call 340485. Prior bookings only, by Friday, 9th July at the latest.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's Summer Reading Challenge will be hosted at Lockerley and East Dean Memorial Hall on 29th July and 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th August, from 10am to 12noon (all Thursdays). The School Library Service mobile will be available for children to take part in the challenge, to read six books during the summer holidays. The Lockerley Coffee Shop and Post Office will be open at that time. Come along and meet the challenge!!

Gardening Club

We had a very enjoyable American supper, and are looking forward to our trip to The Hawk Conservancy (due to numbers, we will be going in cars).



Don't forget the **Heaviest Marrow** and **Longest** Runner Bean competitions to be held at the Village Fete. See you there!

Michael Horne

WALKING GROUP

Our next scheduled walks are:



Friday. 9th July Meet outside the Mill Arms at 10.00am.

Friday 13th August and Friday 10th September

Meet at the Mill Arms at 9.50am.

Gordon, 340129

The University of Broughton and the Test Valley Villages...

...is an idea, not an organisation.

Work on a Parish Plan for Broughton showed that introduction to the computer and its most there was interest in increasing the adult education activities in this group of villages. We have been working on a plan with Hampshire Learning and others, and from September there will be some taster days, extra classes and a directory of local clubs and societies to help you find like-minded people with whom to share your interests. Everyone is welcome, no matter where you live – don't be shy about joining in outside your own village. Further details will be circulated Test Valley School. Ring 08458 500 916, as during the summer, but here is a taste of what's to come...

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE Wednesday, 1st September, 2-4pm, Broughton Village Hall. Taster session £8, followed by 6 weekly classes for beginners, same time, same place. £50 for 6 sessions. There is a possibility of a daytime improvers' class if there is enough interest.

MATHS AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE An introduction to how it's now done in primary school, for parents and others. 7.30-8.30pm, Tuesdays, 28th September and 5th October, at Broughton Primary School. Free. Possibility of a 6-week follow-up course to brush up your own maths.

IDEAS@TESTVALLEYVILLAGES A series of lectures on the fourth Wednesday of the month, designed to provoke and inform. Starting on 22nd September at 8pm, Broughton Village Hall, with Professor Christopher Mulvey, of the University of Winchester, on the Englishes of Hampshire. £3 charge for each lecture, including a drink, payable on the night.

COMPUTERS WITHOUT FEAR A five week common uses. Wednesdays from 15th September, 6.30-8.30pm at Test Valley School, Stockbridge. Free. Ring 08458 500 916 to book your place.

USING PHOTOSHOP to create exciting images. Three consecutive five-week courses: an introduction, intermediate and advanced, starting on Wednesday, 3rd November at 6.30-8.30pm, at above, to book your place. Free of charge, as the school's service to the Community.

Also on offer during the year will be an introduction to the tracing of your family history, using certificates and census records; some French conversation sessions in advance of the next twinning visits; painting and drawing workshops: and a knit and natter group. Hampshire Learning will also be offering courses in numeracy, family finance, and some family learning days.

To register for a place on any of the above (apart from the computer and Photoshop courses) email learners@broughton-hants.net or ring 01724 301725. Updated information will be on the Broughton website, www.broughton-hants.net look for the link to LEARNERS.

If you run a club or society which helps develop new skills, or if you offer tuition locally and would like to be included in the forthcoming directory of learning opportunities in the Test Valley Villages, please email your details or phone as above. If you are interested in forming a specialist study group, such as Hard Maths for post A-level Brains, or Appreciating Art, do let us know.

WHAT'S ON AT THE MILL ARMS

Moroccan Buffet

Monday 19 July, 6.30-8.30pm, £11 per person. Visit the buffet as many times as you like!

Dishes will include:-

Lamb Mutumma, Chicken Harissa, Turla turla, Black Beans & rice, Carrot & cumin salad, Chickpea salad, Moroccan coleslaw, Patas Bravas, Tabbouleh

Book a table for 10 and receive a complimentary bottle of wine.

Moroccan food takes its influence from all around the African sub-continent, and offers much for both vegetarians as well as the meat eaters, delivering subtle spices and flavours – delicious!

You can't wait for the 19th July, but your partner isn't so keen? Don't worry, there will be a couple of pub fav's to choose from as well – however, no other menus will run that night. We will only cater for the numbers that have reserved, so please ensure that you reserve early.

World Cup

We will be screening the England matches for the World Cup on a 8ft by 6ft screen in the function room - subject to a couple of existing bookings of the room. Best if you phone first to double check we are screening that day. It will not interfere with normal pub/restaurant business, so non footie fans will be safe!

Andrea 340401, millarms@btconnect.com

RESTAURANT AND FARM SHOP HELP LOCAL SCHOOL WITH FUNDS

Kimbridge Farm Shop and Annie's Restaurant now opens every Thursday evening until 8pm for late night shopping and a delicious £5.00 buffet, of which a percentage is donated to Awbridge school for their new outdoor class room.

Pictured are customers Victoria and David Martin, and Susan Ford, first to try the delights created by one of the Chefs at Kimbridge. On offer that



evening was Penne Bolognaise, Luxury Fish Pie and the vegetarian option was Mushroom and Asparagus Risotto, all served with as much salad and crusty rolls as desired.

Mrs Martin, originally from Uganda now of Romsey, said "I was so delighted not only with the food and service but the choice of wine on offer. We had a great night and will be returning next Thursday."

Anyone wishing to come along can reserve a table by telephoning 340556, or just turn up on the night.



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 September. All applications for the September meeting must be submitted to the Secretary, Mrs Christine Hoskins, The Old Thatch, High Street, Broughton, no later than the end of August. Any application received after this date will be carried forward to the next meeting in November 2010.

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.



Mottisfont Children's Christmas Party

Don't panic, we are aware that we are only in July! However, preparations are under way and we need to start raising funds for this year's Christmas Party. Last year's was a huge success, and we are hoping exceed standards again for this year!

Firstly we are holding a Table Top Sale on 24th July at Mottisfont Social Club, from 1pm to 3pm. Tables will be £5 each and sold on a first come, first served basis. If you would like one, please contact Tracy Holmes on 341939. There will also be a donations table, so if you have anything that you no longer want and you think that someone else might buy it, please give it to us. All proceeds from the donations table and from the sale of other tables will be going towards the Children's Party.

Secondly, we will have a table at the village fete, and we are looking for donations of any children's toys, games and books to sell. So if your children have out-grown anything from their toy boxes, please donate it. All proceeds from the table at the fete will go towards the party.

Donations can be left with Tracy Holmes (4 Spearywell, Mottisfont), Catherine Jenkins (Hatt Farm, Mottisfont) or Doug Haste (Station House, Dunbridge).

Please come along to these events and help us to raise the funds needed in order to give the children a great Christmas party this year.

Mottisfont Social Club

I'm pleased to say that we've had a few new members from the village join the club this year. It's always nice to meet new people, and what better place could you find to chat to neighbours and future friends than your own village social club. New this year are the giant garden games - we have Jenga, Dominoes and Connect Four, all free to use. They keep the children (and adults) occupied whilst you enjoy a catch up over a cold beverage.

Forthcoming Events:

2nd July - Crib Presentation Evening with entertainment from singer Jimmy J.

17th July - Scotty (singer)

24th July 1pm - 3pm - Table Top Sale in aid of Mottisfont Childrens Christmas Party

31st July - Close up magic from 'Wayne the Weird' and a BBQ.

All welcome!

Tracy Holmes

Who's Who, W	hat's What	and Wher	e's Where i	n Mottisf	ont and Dun	bridge
Acorn Editors Pete	er & Julia Barnett Gordon Wood	340793 340129	St. Andrew's Church	Rector Reader	Revd. Ron Corne Gina Livermore	301287 388433
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History Group	340105			Susan Clutterbuck	340475	
Horticultural Society	Michael Horne	340105	Social Club	Chairman	Peter Simmonds	340891
First Responders Coordinator	Marion Gray	341370		Secretary	Tracy Holmes	341939
Football Club Secretary	John Fryer	512695		Steward	Linda Taggart	340521
Hampshire County Councillo	r		Test Valley Councillor Neville Whiteley			01264
•	Andrew Gibson	01264	•		·	811101
		861138	Village Bus	Secretary	George Vaughan	301045
Member of Parliament	Caroline Nokes	512132	_	Bookings	Pam Dawkins	301203
Mill Arms Andre	340401		Private Hire	Julie Smith	301470	
Mottisfont Abbey Est. Manag	er	340757		Operations	Mike Howe	301723
Neighbourhood Mottisfont	Alan Earthrowl	341799	Village Hall	Chairman	Lynn Young	340134
Watch Dunbridge	Cliff Astur	341922	(Reg.Charity	Village Hall	Jon &	
Parish Council Clerk	340130	No. 291629)	Entertainments Heather Butler		340740	
Chairman	John Millns	340347		Secretary	Alan Groves	341301
Councillors	Jeff Channing	340555		Bookings	Cathie Wood	340129
	Alan Earthrowl	341799	W.I.	Secretary	Cathie Wood	340129
	340105		Press reporter Audrey Aitchison		301156	
	Stuart Miller	340903	Police	Village	PC John Viney	0845
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