



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

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The Village Newsletter

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YET ANOTHER SCAM

Scammers are preying on home computer users with false claims of computer virus infections.

Potential victims are called by someone using an organisation name sounding as if they are officially connected with Microsoft Windows, and claiming that they have evidence of dangerous infections on your home computer. Apparently they talk you into trying a diagnostic tool, which surprise, surprise, says there are infections on your computer. They then sell you completely useless software to remove the non-existent viruses.

If you receive such a call, do not be fooled into going along with them. It could be expensive!

By the way, is your computer protected? There are free anti-virus programmes such as AVG Free which will help to protect your computer.

VILLAGE FETE IN JEOPARDY

The fate of this year's village fete remains uncertain. To paraphrase the famous poster of Lord Kitchener, your village fete needs you!

The village fete is a wonderful event, enjoyed each year by many hundreds of people from far and wide. It brings a kind of cohesion and identity to the community that's hard to achieve in other ways. But this only happens when the community pulls together to make the whole event work.

Currently we are very short of volunteers, without whom we probably won't have a fete this year. Would you be happy to see it not happen? If not, contact Gordon (see below) NOW!

Julia and Peter

Are there fairies at the bottom of your garden?

No? Well, just because you haven't seen them, does that really mean they are not there?



See page 2 for an opportunity to enter the mysterious world of flower fairies in an enchanted garden!

Wanted: Domestic help 3 hours per week in Spearywell. Please call 342207 or mobile 07919 175684.

SITUATIONS VACANT

If you've always wanted to get to the top but wondered what it takes - look no further. LAND YOUR TOP JOB HERE! Executive appointments now being recruited.

This advertisement is only being printed in this month's Acorn as it is known that from the calibre of people in Mottisfont & Dunbridge, we need go no further...

Mottisfont Fete - Sunday, 14th August. Vacancies for Fete Organiser and small team, and on 13th/14th August people to set up gazebos, bar, stalls, etc., and pack up afterwards. For the Fete itself we need people to help with the draw, tombola, teas, ice creams, barbecue, bar and various fun and games - all very important in making for a good fete. Oh, and someone who can handle the sound system.

If you think you can help make this event successful, and raise much-needed funds for the Village Hall, please contact Gordon on 340129.

**The deadline for inclusion of items in the July edition of the Acorn is 16th June.
E-mail to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.**

A PREVIOUS JUNK TELEPHONE CALLER PEST IS BACK AGAIN

This one is 'Direct Response Security', based in Sutton Coldfield, who I last had words with them in 2009 and they market "monitoring security systems for 99p and your address has come up as being eligible", etc, etc. This company has been pulled up by Leicestershire County Council Trading Standards and the Office of Fair Trading in 2009, concerning dodgy sales practices. But they still managed to feature as a BBC Watchdog 'Rogue Trader' a year later in June 2010.

They have also been served with an Enforcement Notice by the Information Commissioner for calling TPS registered numbers. This was only last August and they are already in serious

breach of this notice, as they foolishly called me yet again (the 7th time). This time they ended up with a wasted trip out here to receive an appropriately worded message to their management!

If any other TPS registered resident has received a call from this company, could you please let me know, as I am in touch with a contact in the Information Commissioner's enforcement department and any additional evidence of illegal calls to other TPS numbers would be very useful.

John Millns, Mottisfont Parish Council
340347 or john_k@millns15.plus.com

NEWS FROM MOTTISFONT ABBEY National Trust

Open Evening

We are pleased to report that our investigations into locating the visitor facilities at the proposed site adjacent to the Visitors Car Park are progressing well. The facilities will consist of a cafe, shop, toilets, reception and staff facilities, and a Pre-Application submission to Test Valley Borough Council will be made shortly to see what the views of the planning authorities might be regarding an application for this site (the formal planning application is likely to be submitted in July). Meanwhile, as part of the on-going consultation with local residents in Mottisfont and Dunbridge, we will be holding an Open Evening so people are able to see the plans and the 3-D model of the proposal.

We hope you are able to come and meet us at the Open Evening, which will be from 5.00pm to 7.30pm on 20th June. The Project Manager and myself will be available to hear your views and answer any queries about our proposals. I look forward to seeing you!

Alison Evans
General Manager, National Trust, Mottisfont Abbey

Enchanted Garden: Flower Fairies and Dark Tales

2 July – 2 October, 11am till 5pm

We are creating the first of a series of House of Fairy Tales custom designed trails for Mottisfont Abbey. We are working with Andrew Rae and Chrissie MacDonald for this exciting game of clues and challenges that we hope will be played by over 25,000 visitors.

Fairy tales are metaphors and moral barometers as well as engaging and entertaining stories which have been passed down through the oral tradition over the ages and across cultures. Folk tales, fables, myths and legends are all cousins of the fairy tale. Fairy tales contain the extremes of emotions, of hopes and fears as well as prejudice, discrimination and moral outrage. They evoke basic elements of trade, action, social structures and



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Fancy a regular trip to Andover?

A new bus route for our village bus

Following a request from a local user the Mottisfont and Broughton Village Bus is planning to run a monthly service to Andover.

The service will start on Wednesday, 27th July, and will be available on the 4th Wednesday of each month. It will pick up in Dunbridge at the car park by Mill Rise at 9.30am, and will return here at 12.55pm. Other pick-ups can be made by arrangement.

The fare will be £4.90 for an adult, £2.45 for under 16yr olds, and of course people can use their bus passes if they have them.

It is initially being run on a six month trial basis from July to December, and is currently awaiting final approval from the licensing authorities. If you would like to know more about this or other details of the Village Bus Service, please give me a ring.

Jacquie Horne, 340105

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

At our May meeting, members discussed the two resolutions concerning closure of libraries and the building of mega farms, and voted unanimously for the National WI to adopt these resolutions for the coming year.



After this business, members relaxed with wine and nibbles, and then enjoyed a fast and furious game of Beetle Drive. This caused much hilarity.

Our next meeting is at 8pm on Tuesday, 14th June, when we welcome Mrs. Davis, who will be talking on "A History of Jewellery". Guests are very welcome.

Audrey Atchison - 301156

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

We are hoping to start a 'Good Neighbours' scheme in the parish of Mottisfont.

This scheme would drive people to doctor, hospital, and dentist appointments.

If you are not entitled to Concessionary Travel, or do not have a Bus Pass, we would ask for a donation of 45p/mile for transport.

Drivers would be refunded by a similar donation in order not to invalidate their insurance.

If you think you might use this scheme, be prepared to be a driver or answer the telephone, please contact Jane Surplice on 340512 or Rachel Fowler on 340877 for further information.

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hierarchies, value systems, belief, spirituality, magic, romance as well as fear, danger, heroism and violence. They allow children to explore the complex minefield of these hopes, dreams and fears on a self-lead journey.



Central to The House of Fairy Tales is the belief that providing imaginative spaces to learn and play is not just about creating happy children but happy families and healthier communities and a thriving society too.

Make sure you catch this very special exhibition in these magical gardens between 2nd July and 2nd October 2011. Normal admission prices apply.

Blooming early...

The roses in the walled garden are two weeks early this year due to the beautiful weather we have had over the past two months. We still have plants yet to flower, but the first walled garden is looking stunning with the sweet scented climbers.

Dear Friends,



If the month of June is anything like May, we should have some lovely sunny weather - the sun, the burning orb in the heavens has certainly blessed us recently. When we have a prolonged dry spell we are also in need of life giving rain which refreshes the earth – both are required, and in the same way following the glorious message of the Resurrection at Easter the Christian is in need of the Holy Spirit to sustain and bring life to the soul. This first giving of the Holy Spirit to God's Church is recorded in the scriptures in the Book of Acts in these words: "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them".

The Enabling and renewing Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles, fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ, on the ancient Jewish festival called the "feast of weeks" or Pentecost (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). *Whitsunday* is so called from the white garments which were worn by those who were baptised during the vigil; *Pentecost* ("Pfingsten" in German), is the Greek for "the fiftieth" (day after Easter). Whitsunday, as a Christian feast, dates back to the first century. Evidence of this is contained in the seventh of the fragments of writings attributed to St. Irenæus a first century Bishop of the Church.

In Italy it was customary to scatter rose leaves

from the ceiling of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues; hence in Sicily and elsewhere in Italy Whitsunday is called *Pascha rosatum*. The Italian name *Pascha rossa* comes from the red colours of the vestments used on Whitsunday. In France it was customary to blow trumpets during Divine service, to recall the sound of the mighty wind which accompanied the Descent of the Ghost (has anyone got a trumpet for Sunday Service?). In England the gentry amused themselves with horse races. The Whitsun Ales or merrymakings are almost wholly obsolete in our land...perhaps a shame! At these ales the Whitsun plays were performed. At Vespers of Pentecost in the Oriental Churches the extraordinary service of genuflexion, accompanied by long poetical prayers and psalms, takes place. On Pentecost the Russians carry flowers and green branches in their hands.

Therefore as you can see as we celebrate Pentecost, many others will be doing so in their own unique and interesting ways, but the most important thing is to ask God to fill you with his Holy Spirit and presence and to receive the gift of his new and wonderful life giving Spirit. Pentecost this year is celebrated on 12th June, please do come along to our services in the Benefice and join us for our Pentecost Celebration.

With Blessings

Ron Corne
Rector

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR MAY

Time	5 June Sunday after Ascension	12 June Pentecost	19 June Trinity Sunday	26 June Trinity 1
8.00	Broughton HC (CW)	Broughton HC (BCP)	-	-
9.30	Bossington HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Service	Mottisfont HC (BCP)	Broughton HC (CW)
		Houghton HC CW	Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton Sunday Club
11.00	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton HC and Coffee Club	Mottisfont Family Communion
6.00	Houghton Evensong	-	Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP

Every Wednesday: 9.30am - Broughton - Holy Communion (BCP)
BCP - Book of Common Prayer CW - Common Worship

Ascension Day, Thursday 2nd June, 6pm: Hymn singing from the tower at St. Mary's, Broughton (weather permitting). Please come and join us!

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

2nd June: Members Meeting
9th June: Members Meeting
16th June: Mrs Ann Freeland
23rd June: Mrs Sheila Few
30th June: Mrs Liz Trasler

Please come and join us.
Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

HISTORY GROUP

Following on from the meeting with the National Trust, we hope to be doing some audio stories on life in the area years back. If you would like to be a part of this project, please either ring me on 340105 or Email hornes@btinternet.com.

Michael Horne

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 2011.

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.

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advice where necessary.

We stock local produce including ales from Romsey and Droxford, apple juices from Swanmore, ice cream from Twyford, Lyburn cheeses from Landford and many more. We would be very interested to hear from local food producers to further expand our range.

John Harding
Farm Shop: 341681

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Friday,
10th June, leaving at 10am from
outside the Mill Arms.



It will be moderate - no more than three hours.

Why not join us?

Gordon 340129

GARDEN CLUB

A date for your diaries:

We will be running a trip to The
Garden Show in Shepton Mallett on
Saturday, 3rd September.



Michael Horne

ART GROUP



We meet at the Village Hall every
Thursday, from 2 - 4pm - outside
when weather permits!

Charge £2, includes
refreshments.

Gordon

Lockerley Primary School Open Morning Wednesday, 22nd June 9.30am - 12 noon

Picnic Lunch 12 - 1.00pm

We would like to invite all pre-school children to
come and join in the fun and activities at our
open morning.

This is our bring-a-bear-to-school day, so please
bring a furry friend with you.

If you would like to stay for our teddy bears'
picnic, please bring a packed lunch!

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BIZARRE BAZAAR

Friday, 8th July, 6 - 8pm

BAR, BBQ, GAMES, TOMBOLA
Lots of fun for all the family!

AWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

There's something very special about seeing children beaming with smiles and that's exactly what I saw when the choir returned from singing at Romsey Abbey. On 11th May the Awbridge Primary School choir sang their favourite songs at Romsey Abbey to raise money for charity. One particular favourite was 'From a tiny ant' and the audience enjoyed joining in and clapping. The children sang so beautifully and the congregation were full of compliments about how our children represent our school so well. Well done!



Volunteers hard at work creating the new garden

Mrs Hawke and Miss Collins were recently joined in school one Saturday morning to start work on the sensory garden and outdoor learning environment. They were joined by many families who came in with their own tools and lots of energy. After an eight hour day the outdoor classroom was transformed and it now has one long raised bed, three small raised beds, one raised bed with little ponds inside, a huge flower bed, a gravel pit ready to go AND a bamboo forest!! Phew! We really are so lucky to have such supportive parents and the children's learning will be enriched due to their efforts. Thank you! We really appreciate the donations of plants and landscaping materials from parents and local businesses to help us create an exciting and inspiring place in which to learn outdoors.

Summer Fayre

We are all looking forward to the Awbridge PTA Summer Fayre on **Friday, 10th June from 5:30pm to 8:00pm!** We would appreciate any prizes that local businesses may have to offer for our raffle.

Come along and join in with our Wild West theme and enjoy the atmosphere while perusing the many stalls including books, jewellery and the raffle. Refresh yourself in the tea room or with some fresh strawberries and cream or delicious pancakes. Maybe you would like to adopt a teddy or have a go at 'Beat The Goalie'? There's also face painting, lucky dip, BBQ and much, much more! We look forward to seeing you there!

BROUGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

Roll up! Roll up! It's time for Broughton Primary School's fete...

Are you strong enough to win the tug of war?
Fancy a ride on a pony?
Will you be in for a soaking in the stocks?

Saturday, 18 June, 2pm - 4.30pm
All welcome!

AWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WANTED

for our "Wild West" Summer Fayre
on
Friday, 10th June
5.30pm - 8.00pm

- New items (or newly new in very good condition) that can be sold, e.g. Jewellery, CDs, DVDs, smellies, etc.
- Paperback books in good condition
- Second hand uniform in good condition



- Teddies for the 'Adopt a Teddybear' stall
- Help to man a stall at the fete - just for ½ hour
- Raffle prizes
- Cakes to sell at the cake stall

REWARD

A chance to join in the fun
at Awbridge Primary School,
Danes Road, Awbridge

Annie's Restaurant & Tea Rooms

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday, 1st June: Sorry, no Evening Buffet tonight.

Saturday, 4th June: Curry Buffet Night 'Restaurant Favourites' from 7pm. £15.00. Special: Beer & Lager 25% off tonight only.

Tuesday, 7th June: Watercolour painting to include all materials, with mid-morning coffee/ lunch buffet. 10am till 1pm, £15.00.

Wednesday, 8th June: Evening Buffet 5pm till 8pm. 3 hot dishes including a vegetarian dish, £5.99. From 6pm Jackie Hockham, glass artist, will be here showing her Jewellery.

Saturday, 11th June: GRAND OPEN DAY for the new butchery and farm shop with Owtons. Also fun things for the whole family in the restaurant and tearooms.

Wednesday, 15th June: Evening Buffet 5pm till 8pm. 3 hot dishes including a vegetarian dish, £5.99. From 6pm Russ Hankey will be here showing his wildlife photography.

Sunday, 19th June: Fathers Day special 3-course menu, £16.95, plus all your favourites.

Wednesday, 22nd June: Evening Buffet 5pm till 8pm. 3 hot dishes including a vegetarian dish, £5.99. From 6pm Deanna Bespoke Bags explains the making of her bags and gives her tutorial sessions.

Wednesday, 29th June: Evening Buffet 5pm till 8pm. 3 hot dishes including a vegetarian dish, £5.99. From 6pm Ron from Acorn Crafts shows the art of handcrafted writing instruments.

Special for all our regulars

Book an evening function for family, society or business in May or June for 25 people or more and have the 1st drink per person on us (prices start at £7.50).

Owtons at Kimbridge

Owtons traditional butchers have traded in the Southampton area for 35 years and have now expanded to include Kimbridge Farm Shop. With its idyllic setting, Kimbridge seems the perfect place for Owtons' vision of the perfect farm shop. With quality local produce at the forefront we aim to bring you the best of what Hampshire can provide.

We work with 20 local farmers providing us with the best pork, lamb and beef from around the area, including beef from our very own farm in West End, Southampton. Our knowledgeable onsite butcher is able to provide you provenance and advice on which cut to choose, with cooking

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RECEPIE OF THE MONTH: EASY STRAWBERRY TORTE

With Wimbledon and Henley Regatta being held in the latter part of June, a strawberry recipe is what's required – oh, and of course a Pimms! This recipe makes eight servings.

Shopping List:

1 200g ready-made sponge flan case
500g of strawberries, hulled
50ml of masala wine or dark sweet sherry
600ml of double cream
500g of mascarpone cheese
Icing sugar, sifted

How to make it:

Put the sponge flan case on a flat work surface. Place a 23cm (9 inch) springform tin on top of the flan and with a small, sharp knife, cut around it. Then, with a long, sharp knife, carefully cut through the sponge horizontally to give you two rounds of sponge. Place one half of the sponge neatly at the bottom of the tin and sprinkle with some (not all) of the masala wine, but not too much as to soak.

Next, cut the strawberries in half from top to bottom. Sit the strawberry halves around the inside edge of the tin with the middle of the strawberry facing outwards. Finely chop the remaining strawberries and set aside.

Now whip the cream until it forms soft peaks and then add the mascarpone. Mix well whilst adding the reserved diced strawberries and the remaining masala wine. Add icing sugar to your taste (normally around 3 tablespoons will be enough) and give the mixture a final stir.

Spoon the mixture onto the sponge keeping the strawberry halves in the upright position and up against the side of the tin. Smooth the top of mixture until level. Now carefully place the other half of the sponge on top of the levelled mixture.

Chill in the fridge for a least 4 hours or preferably overnight. Then release the spring from the tin and lift off carefully. Smooth the sides of the torte and dust liberally with icing sugar before serving.



Ian
Wooldridge,
Head Chef
at Kimbridge
Farm

Mottisfont Social Club

Mottisfont Social Club welcomes families and offers a friendly face and reasonably priced bar. We have a range of giant games for children, and for the adults there is a choice of a snooker table, pool table, 5 dart boards, skittle alley, adequate parking and a garden for the warmer weather.

The club is very well situated in the heart of the village and members can take advantage of the premises for their birthday parties and family celebrations. Come in and ask for details.

Club Opening Hours

Monday – Saturday: 7pm till 11pm
 Sunday lunchtime: Noon till 2pm
 Sunday evening: 7pm till 10.30pm

What's On

Saturday, 4th June: Stardust
 Saturday, 23rd July: Race Night in aid of Mottisfont Cricket Club
 Saturday, 30th July: Scotty

Mondays: Ladies darts, Snooker
 Tuesdays: Billiards
 Wednesdays: Airbourne Darts (mixed)
 Thursdays: Bingo, Crib
 Fridays: Mens darts, Thrift Club
 Saturdays: Meat draw and occasional entertainment
 Sundays: Chase the Aces, Skittles.

Don't forget to turn out at the sports field on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons to support your village cricket teams. Fixture listings are available behind the bar at the Mottisfont Social Club.

Tracy Holmes

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

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