Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



June 2012





Monday, 4th June at 2.00pm



Village Jubilee Olympicnic

At the Village Hall

Olympic Games for all children 11 and under starting at 2.00pm

Olympic Sports with a twist for everyone over 11.

Make a crown competition to be judged by Kate Mottisfont.

Donation of a Jubilee Coin to all school age children living in the parish either at the event or at a later date.

Come dressed in red, white and blue!

Please don't forget to bring your own picnic and chairs if you need them. Tea, coffee and squash will be provided.

If you are still at school (16 and under) please contact Katy Buckingham on 340714 or Rachel Fowler on 340877 to make sure that you get your Commemorative Coin.

SMALL ADS

- ► Wanted: someone to mow lawn weekly throughout summer in Mottisfont. Takes 1 hour. £10. Please phone 341905.
- ► Free to a good home (buyer collects): one pair of garage doors measuring 3' 6" by 6' 3" each. Phone Nigel & Helen Charlton, 340911.

Retirement marks change at the top in local family business

Abbey Grab Bag is now being run by Samantha Calais and Paul Murton who live in Mottisfont. Abbey was established 12 years ago and the previous owners have now retired. Samantha and Paul, who have helped out with the business over the years, have now taken over.

Abbey Grab Bag provides 1 tonne and 1.5 tonne grab bags. They will deliver them to you, you fill them at your convenience and then call for a prompt collection.



The waste is taken to a fully licensed recycling depot, where over 80% of the materials are recycled. They can also collect your own filled grab bags.

Abbey Grab Bag is offering a **10% discount** to Mottisfont and Dunbridge residents. For more details, contact Samantha on 02380 811757 or 01794 340935

LOCKERLEY SCHOOL P.T.A. SUMMER PLAYSCHEME

The playscheme will run for two weeks this year: 23rd to 27th July and 30th July to 3rd August

It will be held at Lockerley Primary School daily from 9.00am - 2.00pm for children aged 5 (incl. year R) to 11 years. The cost will be £10.00 per session.

Activities will include:-

SPORTS ARTS & CRAFTS COOKING DANCING THEMED DAYS AND MUCH MORE

If you would like more details or an application form please contact:

Chris Goodman and Phillip Stirrett 01794 340098 or Julie Black at Lockerley School - 340485

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

PARISH COUNCIL: Chairman's Report 2012

New National Trust Visitors centre

Progress in submitting plans for the NT Visitors Centre has hit a delay, but will hopefully be back on track during this coming year. I will leave Alison to comment further on this in due course.

B3084 40mph Speed Limit

Hampshire County Council has now completed its review and has recommended no change, due to low accident rates. We are hoping this may assist us in pushing forward the roadside footpaths, which are badly needed here.

Village Hall

There had been problem with dog fouling last summer in the hall grounds, which seems to been finally dealt with after highlighting the issue in the *Acorn*.

We have been concerned about village hall security and potential problems with travellers, and supported Lockerley Parish Council in their efforts to lobby the Government to make the act of trespass with a vehicle or mobile home a criminal offence. This would give the police the power to remove travellers from public and private property immediately. Unfortunately, the Government response is most unsatisfactory, in that they have no plans to strengthen the law in this area.

Village Hall Finance

Our village hall has an unusual financial set up, where the parish council has historically been responsible for rent, insurance and maintenance of the external fabric of the buildings. With other parishes, the halls are largely self-supporting, sometimes with occasional grants from the PC.

This situation originally came about because the National Trust owns the hall and could only negotiate and sign a lease with a permanent body. Unfortunately, with our small population, this has resulted in Mottisfont 'enjoying' the second highest council tax precept in Test Valley, which has also severely limited our ability to finance capital projects such as roadside footpaths.

Therefore, I am pleased to report that this burden has been significantly reduced, with the Village Hall Management Committee taking on the responsibility for maintenance; the only downside is they cannot reclaim VAT, whereas we could.

This enabled us to keep our 2012/13 precept the same as last year and we can now take a fresh look at new footway projects.

Upgraded Dunbridge Sewerage Treatment Plant New EEC rules have required Southern Water to upgrade their Dunbridge treatment plant, located in the National Trust woods at the rear of Russell Drive.

Unfortunately, there was some misunderstanding about being allowed to remove or trim trees on National Trust land, so they applied to situate a new treatment plant in a field beside the Mill Arms. This is also National Trust land and this proposal wasn't exactly well received by them or people local to the site, and everyone was pleased that it was dropped after SW found that upgrading the existing site was possible after all.

This still left a number of unresolved issues with the current system that needed clarification and we had a very productive site meeting with the contractors. As a result, we have been assured that the upgraded system will be adequate for current and foreseeable needs and that the soakaway issues will be resolved. We also hope that we have finally confirmed ownership of the covered tank in Mill Rise after they found Mill Rise effluent runs through it, rather suggesting that this is all SW's responsibility.

Level Crossing Safety

There have been an unacceptable number of barrier failures at Dunbridge over the last few months, frequently producing a worst case scenario of a simultaneous failure of both Dunbridge and Kimbridge barriers. While the road bridge near Romsey was closed, this resulted in drivers taking a risk and going across anyway.

We have notified the Rail Regulator of the problem, but are very concerned to find that electrical power failures can result in both level crossings being out of action simultaneously. Frankly, this is not acceptable, particularly as the potential for a major accident arising from this type of failure was highlighted way back in 1997 when we last had barrier problems.

Children's Play Area

This has come up a number of times in the past, but we have always had a number of concerns, in particular the need for inspections and the ongoing costs.

As there has been further interest, we invited the HCC Play Strategy Co-ordinator to our February meeting and it seems that there may be a way forward with a small budget. As it happens we have had two housing developments in the parish over the last two years and it is normal for developers to make contributions to the transport infrastructure and children's play space, the play space contribution being about £1000 each. Unfortunately, only one of these contributions seems to be available, as it seems that Test Valley have 'forgotten' to charge the secnd property, which is something that we are all most unhappy about, to say the very least!

John Millns

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

Our May meeting was a Social Evening which was much enjoyed by the members. A quiz was arranged, with some very amusing questions which caused



amusing questions which caused quite a bit of hilarity. Wine and nibbles were also enjoyed, with the table groaning with goodies ranging from cheese and onion tartlets, to homemade chocolate biscuits, to garlicky dips!

The Nordic Walking Taster session, which took place in the New Forest, was a great success, and the weather was good. The members who took part are arranging another session.

We have other events planned for the coming summer. On Tuesday, 12th June, we welcome Mrs. H Carter, who will be talking about "Fair Trade at the Fairground". Why not join us? We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in Mottisfont Village Hall at 8.00pm.

GRAND DRAW AT THE VILLAGE FETE

I am running the Grand Draw at the village fete once again this year, on Sunday, 19th August. In previous years we have attached books of draw tickets to the *Acorn* for all households in the village. But this year I have decided not to do this.

Anybody who wants to purchase books of draw tickets to sell in the village can collect them from me at 1 Mill View, Barley Hill, Dunbridge, or telephone me on 340398.

Thank you.

Tony Stemp

Police Report

The Police have reported that there have recently been a number of thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles. Most of these thefts have occurred in public car parks, including supermarkets and activity centres, during daylight hours.

The Police have asked everyone to remain vigilant to any activity around vehicles in car parks. We should not assume that a man in a fluorescent jacket is a legitimate mechanic - he could be removing the catalytic converter!

Please report any suspicious sightings to the police immediately.

Awbridge Primary School Update

What a busy time it's been since Christmas! We have appointed new Junior Road Safety Officers (Tess, Maisie, Faith and Harriet) who lead a campaign to promote safety for children on the roads in the dark winter months, and organised a very successful 'Be Bright, Dress Right' day. Next week is National Walk to School day, so we will be putting all their good advice into action!

We are very proud of our Sports Leaders Ella and Ben, who undertook specialist training at Mountbatten. "It was a breathtaking experience that we will never forget," said Ben. Josh Smith commented that he was most impressed with the children's organisational and team skills, and competitive spirit.

Our ace running team (Alex, Ben, Ellen, James B, Jenny, Kate, Lottie S, Maisie, Sophie D, Sophie H, Tess and Tom) went off to compete in the cross country inter-school event at Romsey. They all did a marvellous job and ran brilliantly, but particular mention should go to Ben who came 3rd, Sophie H who also came 3rd, Maisie who came 4th, James who was 7th and Sophie D with an 8th place.

Our pupils have entered teams for football, cricket, tag rugby, netball and athletics festivals throughout the year, and made us very proud with their skill and tenacity. The girls' football team had their first festival, and we are pleased to announce Awbridge Primary School was triumphant and did not lose a single match!

Class trips have included a visit to Hampton Court as part of a topic on Tudors, and a marvellously interactive day at INTECH at Winchester for all of our younger pupils. We also visited a local farm to find out about life cycles.

We have had a big push on reading at school, and our new scheme for teaching phonics (Read, Write, Inc) has had a huge impact on reading and writing skills for our pupils. We also have a growing band of parent volunteers who come in each day to hear the children read. Children's author Amanda Walsh visited, and delivered workshops on reading and writing, which encouraged the children to write marvellous story books to be published on her

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Free Insulation

We have been told of a project involving local Councils, Hampshire County Council and Scottish Power offering cavity wall insulation free of charge for residents of Hampshire. More information is available at www.insulatehampshire.co.uk.

Dear Friends.

The Queens Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated in our Benefice at both St. Andrew's, Mottisfont, and

St. Mary's, Broughton. At St Mary's, Broughton, we will have a Benefice Communion with very much a Queens Diamond Jubilee theme and we will be welcoming the Revd. Canon Gordon Wynn, a past Rector of the Benefice, to preach for us. At Mottisfont on the 10th June at 11.00am a very special Jubilee Service will take place followed by coffee in the garden of Mottisfont House.

Why do we, especially as the Church of England, celebrate our monarch's Diamond Jubilee? It is because The Church of England is the established or state church in England. It is divided into two provinces - Canterbury in the South of England and York in the North. Each province has a head or Primate - the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

The Church of England is part of the Anglican Communion, which is a worldwide family of churches in more than 160 different countries. On any one Sunday more than a million people attend Church of England services, making it the largest Christian denomination in the country. The Church of England is the established church, meaning, amongst other things: the monarch is the Supreme Governor of the Church (theologically Jesus is the head); the Church performs a number of official functions; Church and State are linked.

The Church of England traces its roots back to the early church, but its specifically Anglican identity and its links to the state date back to the reformation. Henry VIII started the process of creating the Church of England after his split with the Pope in the 1530s. Henry was anxious to ensure a male heir after his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, had borne him only a daughter. He wanted his marriage annulled in order to remarry. In 1534 after several attempts to persuade the Pope to grant an annulment, Henry passed the Act of Succession and then the Act of Supremacy. These recognised that the King was "the only supreme head of the Church of England called Anglicana Ecclesia". Henry adopted the title given to him by the Pope in 1521, that of Defender of the Faith.

Revd. Ron Corne.

Picnic at The White House

I hope you'll all enjoy the Jubilee festivities at the Village Hall - and then, on the Sunday following, 10th June, don't forget to join us at St. Andrew's church at 11 o'clock and/or at The White House next door at 12 o'clock.

Tea and coffee provided but bring your own picnic.

All people connected with the village, and their relatives, are invited.

See you there.

Valda White - 368346 for any enquiries

SUNDAY BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

Time	3rd June TRINITY SUNDAY	10th June TRINITY 1	17th June TRINITY 2	24th June JOHN THE BAPTIST	
8.00	-	Broughton HC (BCP)	-	-	
9.30	_	Broughton Pet Service Broughton House	Mottisfont HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Communion (CW)	
		Houghton HC CW	Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton Sunday Club	
10.00	Broughton Jubilee Service for Benefice	-	-	-	
11.00	-	Mottisfont Family Service for Jubilee	Broughton HC (CW) and Coffee Club	Mottisfont Family Communion	
6.00	-	-	Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC (BCP)	

Diamond Jubilee Flower Festival

at

St. Andrew's Church, Timsbury and

St. Mary's Church, Michelmersh

Friday, 15th to Sunday, 17th June 11am to 5pm daily

Admission: Adults £5
Children under 12yrs £1
(covers entry to both Churches)

Refreshments £1
Proceeds to both Churches

Services of particular note this month

3rd June, 10am, St. Mary's Broughton: a special service commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This will be a joyful service full of music suitable for all ages. Please join us as we celebrate this important day. This is a service bringing together the whole benefice.

10th June, 9.30am: a pet service will be held at Broughton House. Please come, and very importantly please bring your pet too!

10th June, 11am, St. Andrew's, Mottisfont: again we shall commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee within our family worship. Following the service we are kindly invited to Mottisfont House for refreshments.

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The children have raised almost £1000 for charities Barnardos and Sport relief, and are looking for ways to involve local senior citizens in a gardening project.

Pam Harvey, our local Parish Councillor, came to consult the pupils on how they felt a grant for new playground equipment at Awbridge Village Hall should be spent, and several of our boys and girls have been invited to join Romsey Abbey choirs after auditions held at school.

Pupils have written to Jaimie Oliver to ask if he will kindly come and open our shiny new refurbished school kitchen. What are the chances, do you think? Maybe our super writing skills will do the trick!

Don't miss the PTA Summer Fayre on Friday 22nd June, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Speakers for June

7th June: Revd. Christopher Walker 14th June: David English 21st June: Desmond Graves 28th June: Revd. Ron Come

Everyone welcome. Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

The Friends of St. Andrew's

will be holding a

Hog Roast

by the river in the garden of Mottisfont House on Saturday, 16 June, 6.30 - 9pm.

Licensed bar and Raffle.

All welcome to come and share a delightful evening.

Entrance by ticket only.

Price: £20 for adult (16+), £10 for 6-15 year olds, and under 5s free

Tickets available from:
Mottisfont House, Mottisfont, Romsey, SO51 0LN

Broughton Short Mat Bowls

Our activity takes place on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 in Broughton Village Hall from April to September.

We welcome anyone who would like to take part. All the equipment needed is available, so why not come along and join in?



If you have not taken part in bowls before just turn up and our current members will show you what to do to enjoy this sport. Age is no barrier.

Hope to see you soon!

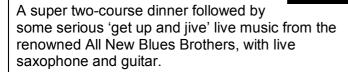
For more information contact Amanda Hayter on 01980 862883 or John Perry on 301466.

The Mill Arms proudly presents:

An evening with.....

The All New Blues Brothers Revue

Friday, 6th July at 7.00pm



This quartet are so good you might mistake them for the real Jake and Elwood!

£32.95 per person. To book, call us on 340401, or email millarms@btconnect.com.

Menu

Roast breast of chicken, thyme potatoes, spinach, bacon and mushroom cream
Slow roasted belly of pork, Champ potatoes, leeks and cider

Grilled fillet of salmon, Jersey royal potatoes, pea, prawn and crayfish fricasse
Followed by

Seasonal fruit crumble and vanilla custard Warm chocolate brownie and Honey comb Lemon posset and lemon drizzle cake

Oriental banquet

Friday, 27th July, 6.30 – 8.30pm

Come and join us for an evening of East meets West cuisine, enjoy a Chinese banquet down at your local.....

It's buffet style so you can try everything, and have as much or as little of it as you like.

Menu

Dim Sum Selection
Sesame prawn toast
Beef, ginger, spring onion and black bean sauce
Sweet and Sour pork
Singapore Noodles
Egg fried rice
Sesame Chicken

All served with copious amounts of prawn crackers, Hoi Sin sauce, soy sauce and Hot and Sour sauce – 'Just the way it should be'.

To reserve your table, email millarms@btconnect.com or phone 340401.

Book a table of 10 and 1 person eats free! £12.00 per person

COOK REQUIRED FOR LOCKERLEY SCHOOL

We are delighted to inform you that Lockerley School is to have its own kitchen, with work commencing this term.

If you are interested in cooking the meals for our children, please contact Denise Stuart at Hampshire Catering Service on 07718 146863.

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Lockerley Primary School Open Morning

Wednesday, 20th June, from 9.30am to 12 noon Picnic lunch 12 to 1pm. 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, bring a packed lunch.

If you are new to the village or currently looking for a school place in any year group, you would also be welcome to join us for the morning.

Please call the school office on 340485 in advance to let us know

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Advance notice

LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL BIZARRE BAZAAR ~ Friday, 6th July, 6 - 8pm

Awbridge Primary School

"Great Britons"
Summer Fete

Friday, 22nd June 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Stalls & Activities:-

Fancy Dress Competition,
Ringside Entertainment,
Maypole Dancing,
Books,
Cakes,
Bar,
BBQ,
Coconut Shy
Jewellery,
Face Painting
and many more ...

WHAT'S ON AT KIMBRIDGE

1st June: Fish Fryday, 12 noon till 3.30pm, £8.95

6th June: Our Wednesday evening Special Buffet plus Jazz from DC Solo Sax, 5.30pm till 8.30pm, £6.95, to include 3 hot dishes, potatoes & veg

9th June: Jubilee Celebration Special 4-course

Regal Meal, £16.95

13th June: Buffet fully booked

17th June: Fathers Day 3-course Special Meal for

£16.95

19th June: Creative Art Workshop, 10.30am till

1.30pm, £18.50

20th June: Our Wednesday evening Special Buffet, 5.30pm till 8.30pm, £6.95, to include 3 hot dishes,

potatoes & veg

23rd June: Closed from 3pm for a wedding

27th June: Buffet fully booked

4th July: Our Wednesday evening Special Buffet, 5.30pm till 8.30pm, £6.95, to include 3 hot dishes,

potatoes & veg

From your team at Kimbridge Tel. 340777 or 340556

Art Group

The Art Group meets at the Village Hall every Thursday, from 2pm to 4pm.

We look forward to getting out and about to draw and paint outdoors in the sunshine.

Why not come and try your skills?

Gordon 340129

WALKING GROUP

Our next walks are:

- ► Friday, 8th June, starting from the station at 10.00am.
- ► Friday, 13th July: 09.56 train to Dean, walk to Salisbury. Bring a picnic lunch.
- ► Friday, 10th August, 09.30: Cheriton and Hinton Ampner with a pub lunch at the Flowerpots. Car sharing will be arranged.

Full details from Gordon on 340129

PAN-FRIED COD WITH BROAD BEANS & PANCETTA

Make the most of broad beans during their short season with this quick, but sophisticated fish dish. This recipe serves four.

Ingredients:

400g of podded broad beans (weight with pods

approx 1.6Kg)

A little salt

125g of pancetta, cut into strips 200g of crème fraiche

Half a 25g packet of fresh dill Freshly milled black pepper Olive oil

4 cod fillets, skin-on, 125g each 40g of salted butter

Large handful of parsley, finely chopped

How to make it:

Firstly, blanch the podded broad beans in a pan of lightly salted boiling water for 2 minutes. Drain and then plunge the beans into cold water. Larger or older (late season) broad beans will now need their membranes peeled off.



lan Wooldridge, Head Chef at Kimbridge Farm

Next, heat a frying pan and add the pancetta strips. There is no need to add any additional fat or oil. Fry until the fat from the pancetta is rendered and it becomes crisp. Add the blanched broad beans to the pan, constantly stirring until tender.

Now stir in the crème fraiche. Discard the thicker stalks from the dill and chop the rest finely, then add to the pan. Season with salt and pepper and set aside.

In a separate pan, heat a little olive oil. Season the cod fillets with salt and pepper and place skin-side down into the pan. Fry for approximately 3 minutes until the skin is crisp. Turn the fillets over and add the butter (10g each) and cook for a further 2 to 3 minutes until they are cooked through, basting them with the butter as you go. The cod is cooked when it breaks easily with a fork. Depending on the size of the pan, you can do this one or more at a time.

To serve, share the broad bean mixture between four plates and place the cod skin-side up on top. Sprinkle with freshly chopped parsley.

A bowl of buttered new potatoes or sauté potatoes would be a good accompaniment.

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.

The Mottisfont Beer Festival at the club was a huge success, a great range of real ales and ciders to tickle everyone's tastes buds. Peter is looking into the possibilities of hosting a winter festival this year watch this space for more information.

Skittles

We are looking for more people to join our Skittles teams for the next season starting in October. If you would like to partake please come in and speak to Linda who will pass on the details.

Forthcoming entertainment

2nd June - Comedy Night: 4 comedians to entertain you. Free to members - non members will need to purchase a ticket. Call us for details.

What's on

Mondays: Ladies' darts, Snooker

Tuesdays: Billiards

Wednesdays: Airborne Darts (mixed)

Thursdays: Bingo, Crib

Fridays: Men's darts, Thrift Club

Saturdays: Chase the Aces and occasional entertainment

Sundays: Skittles.

Club Opening Hours

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

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

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