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SOMETHING ABOUT MARY!

After fourteen years of service as our Parish Clerk, Mary Lees will be retiring in October. When Mary started the job in 1992 the Parish Council were still negotiating with the National Trust for the former Mottisfont Village School building to use as a village hall. Mary says that her most rewarding time as clerk was when the lease was finally signed in 1996. On the other hand her biggest regret is that the discussions with the Trust over affordable housing in the village have not reached fruition within her period as clerk.

Mary tells us she has really enjoyed working in this 'special place' and making so many friends in the Parish and beyond. Although she is retiring Mary will not be idle. Now she will have more time to spend with her four lovely grandchildren, her seven Indian running ducks, two bantams, eleven chicken and her garden.

Good luck Mary and many thanks from us all.

NEW EDITORS

We are delighted that Julia and Peter Barnet will be taking over as Editors of the Acorn from the next issue. We have really enjoyed editing and producing your Newsletter and feel it is time for a change, so wish Julia and Peter every good wish for the future.

Please make sure that you get your articles to them at the new email: acornnews@mandercom.co.uk or by post to Peter & Julia Barnett 'Dunelm House' Barley Hill Dunbridge Romsey Hants SO51 0LF.

Dave and Pat Francis

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ACORN IS 12 NOON ON 16th OCTOBER. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT ARTICLES RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT ISSUE

VILLAGE SUPPER

After the success of our sell-out Spring supper Mottisfont Village Hall Association proudly present a Winter Village Supper for residents and friends of Dunbridge and Mottisfont to be held at the Village Hall on Friday 17th November 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. We have again been fortunate to secure the talents of local chef Paul Bascombe for the evening who has prepared a superb menu.

We are delighted to offer this wonderful menu for only £12.50 and would advise booking early to secure. Our licence will not allow a bar so please bring your own wine or drinks for the evening. We kindly request that you book by the end of October to allow orders to be placed with the chef.

To book please contact Edna Dowling on 340328, a deposit of £5 per person will be required at the time of booking along with your choices from the menu.

To Start

Homemade butternut squash and sweet potato soup served with crusty bread.

Warm poached pear with Roquefort and bacon salad.
Crab and salmon fish cakes with tomato hollandaise.

The Main

Braised steak bordelaise (red wine, button mushroom and shallots)

Breast of chicken stuffed with wild mushrooms wrapped in pancetta with light cream and chive sauce.

Baby spinach, ricotta and asparagus strudel.

For Desert

Apple and sultana crumble with homemade custard

Classic vanilla crème brûlée made with fresh vanilla pods.

MOTTISFONT AND DUNBRIDGE W.I.

At our September meeting Mary Tedd gave an interesting and often amusing insight into the joys and sorrows of being a tour guide. She was a keen observer of people and could quickly identify the parts of Britain 'grumblers' came from. She assured us it was not Hampshire.

At the Autumn Group meeting at the village hall on Wednesday 18th October at 7.30 p.m. we will welcome speaker, Guy Robinson, Fishing Manager on the Leckford Estate. He will talk about fishing management on the River Test. This will be followed by a walk by the River Test for the members on Saturday 21st October at 10 a.m. The walk will last approximately two hours, starting point to be arranged. The competition will be an interpretation of the theme 'Autumn' - four items displayed on a coffee table.

Our next meeting at the hall is on 10th October, when we look forward to Indian Cookery demonstration by Demi Ladwa. Margaret Astur was all set to enjoy a course of her choice at Denman College, Oxford.

Cathie Wood 340129

MOTTISFONT AND DUNBRIDGE GARDENING CLUB

Next meeting is on Tues. 17th Oct, 7.30 p.m. at Village hall. There will be a talk by Stephen Williams on "Three hill towns of Italy" All are welcome, visitors £1.

MOTTISFONT AND DUNBRIDGE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

We continue to change the display of pictures at the Village Hall each month, but we are desperate for more pictures and stories of the local area. Please look out old pictures and give us stories to go with them, or just stories of people or things from times gone by. We will copy photos so that you get originals back, and will happily write up stories with you.

For further information please contact Michael Horne Tel 340105

"FOREST FORGE THEATRE COMPANY" PRESENT "A WILD WEEKEND"

written by Clive Duncan, Directed by Sean Aita

...they had no idea that fending for yourself in the wild takes more than an i-pod ! at Mottisfont Village Hall on Thursday 12th October at 7.30 p.m. A "Hog the Limelight" event. Book early as Forest Forge productions always a sell out. Tickets: Adults £6.50 Concessions £5.00, available from Jon and Heather Butler on 01794 340740.

**MOTTISFONT VILLAGE FETE
Sunday 13th August 2006**

Do you remember the day? It seems ages ago now, but not too late to say a big thank you to all those who supported the fete. Thank you to everyone who helped, donated prizes, made cakes, staffed stalls, made tea and sold ice cream etc. Thanks to those who helped with the set-up and tidy-up.

Thank you also to Gareth Jenkins for allowing us the use of the field for parking and the preparation that goes on beforehand and to Russell Cox for his valuable work in keeping the grass cut so well.

Gordon Wood

Many thanks to all those who helped at the village fete and to all those who supported us on the day. We had a wonderful afternoon with many hundreds enjoying a variety of stalls, attractions and delicacies from the local area. The prettiest pet competition was a great success with a wonderful menagerie including snakes, dogs, birds, rabbits and cats. The teas and cakes went down well as did the beer and bbq, the ice cream being sold as fast as it could be scooped. We were very fortunate to have use of a marquee this year which, considering the weather last year, was a great relief. As it was the rain held off but the wind was quite severe and so our marquee was very well received. There was fierce competition at the men's cake competition this year but the expert judges from the WI came to a decision and selected Mike Thomas as the winner, well done Mike! We had a great variety of stalls including skittles, 'roll a penny', kids corner, bouncy castle, local history, local crafts to name but a few. Thank you again to all who worked so hard to make the fete happen and particular thanks must go to Gordon Wood who, as our fete organiser, made the day run like clockwork. The village hall funds were boosted by £838 after expenses which will make a huge contribution to our running costs for 2006/7, thank you all.

A locket was found at the fete with a picture of three young ladies inside, please call 340740 to claim.

Please remember that the village hall is available to hire and makes a superb venue for clubs, parties, events or just about anything. You can hire it by the hour for £10 (£6 for parish residents) or special rates for whole days or weekends. See the back of the Acorn for contact details.

Jon Butler

Chairman Mottisfont Village Hall Association

WHIST DRIVES

**27 October, 24th November, 15th December 2006
26th January, 23rd February, 23rd March, 27th April
2007**

We will be starting our whist drives on 27th October and monthly thereafter. We have been holding these whist drives for some fifteen years and would be delighted to welcome some new players. We do not take our whist too seriously. Our objective being to provide good prizes, good refreshments and good companionship.

We have had interest from several potential new players and are proposing to run some practice/ tuition evenings from early October.

Anyone interested please contact us.

**MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE PARISH
CHILDREN'S CHRITMAS PARTY**

As the summer draws to a close we begin to focus upon the festive season ahead. To assist this year's organisers in preparing invites we need to know about all children within the Mottisfont and Dunbridge parish who are 11 years of age and under and who would like to be invited.

If you are a parent of a child who is 11 years of age or younger and would like them to be invited to the village children's Christmas party, pick up the phone now and call me.

Please do not assume that if your child has been invited in previous years that the organisers have the correct contact details for your children, so to avoid disappointment call me.

Sarah Richie 01794 341655

FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Friends

Harvest is such a special time of the year with its mists and mellow fruitfulness. This year has been magnificent for fruits; I know this from the plum trees in my garden and speaking to others with apple trees loaded with fruit. We do live in such abundance of harvest, how fortunate we are. I wonder how often we thank God for the good gifts all around us, or do we rather groan about what we haven't got? Monks and Nuns before they enter their orders have to give up most worldly goods, because they are seen as an encumbrance. Perhaps in our society it would be good to remember this and easier to give things away, and to be more generous and not so insecure. Like bailing out a boat that is sinking it would be so good if we could all live a little simpler, which I know is not an easy thought, but once tried it may have many attractions. Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear... Who of you can add a single hour to his life." (Matt 6:25). The first stage is to trust God that he will provide. This helps us to let go of those things which we feel are our security, but often weigh us down.

With blessings

Ron

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

	1st October Trinity 16	8th October Trinity 17	15th October Trinity 18	22nd October Trinity 19	29th October All Saints
8.00	Broughton HC CW	Broughton HC BCP			
9.30	Bossington HC BCP (Harvest) Broughton Godly Play	Broughton Family Service Houghton HC CW (Harvest)	Mottisfont HC BCP	Broughton Family Communion with Sunday Club	Houghton HC CW for whole Benefice
11.00	Mottisfont Mattins	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton Mattins	Mottisfont Family Communion	
6.00	Houghton Prayer and Praise		Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP	

Looking ahead, on 2nd November, All Souls Day, at 7.30 p.m. at All Saints Church Houghton, there will be a service to commemorate the faithful departed. All are welcome to join us as we remember our loved ones who have died.

A TRIBUTE TO THE EDITORS

Cathie and I would like to offer our thanks and appreciation to our Editors, Pat and Dave, for the excellent way they have produced the Acorn over the past years. May we wish our new Editors, Julia and Peter Barnet, well for the future and look forward to the continuation of the village news sheets.

Gordon and Cathie Wood

(Thank you Gordon and Cathie Eds.)

MOTTISFONT CRICKET CLUB

Saturday 5th August. Hampshire County Div. 3. Mottisfont travelled to Liss with a very weakened side. Result: Liss 376 for 5 wickets, Mottisfont 167 all out (Richard Blake 47, Paul Fielder 40).

Saturday 12th August. Hampshire County Div. 3. Away match versus Havant 3rd XI postponed. Unable to field a side.

Saturday 13th August. Friendly. Away match versus East Tytherly postponed.

Saturday 19th August. Hampshire County Div. 3. Mottisfont 2 for 0 wickets versus Shrewton. Match abandoned. With Bishops Waltham winning Mottisfont were relegated to County Div. 4.

Saturday 26th August. Hampshire County Div. 3. Mottisfont played their last league game of the season against fellow strugglers Bishops Waltham and came away with a good victory by 38 runs. Result: Mottisfont 198 for 9 wickets (Ian Bradwell 50), Bishops Waltham 160 for 9 wickets.

Saturday 27th August. Friendly. Mottisfont versus Phoenix C.C. match postponed.

MOTTISFONT FOOTBALL CLUB

Saturday 19th August. Hampshire Div. 2004. Mottisfont made a great start to their 2006/7 league campaign when they travelled to play Netley Central Sports with a fine single goal victory thanks to a superb free kick from Guy Bewick. Result: Netley Central Sports 0, Mottisfont 1 (Guy Bewick).

Wednesday 23rd August. Hampshire Div. 2004. Mottisfont continued their good form when they travelled to newcomers Four Marks with a competent 2-0 victory and another clean sheet. Result: Four Marks 0, Mottisfont 2 (Guy Bewick O.G.).

Saturday 26th August. Hampshire Div. 2004. Mottisfont travelled to Winchester Castle for this early top of the table clash and came away with a 2-2 draw. Result: Winchester Castle 2, Mottisfont 2 (Guy Bewick, Mike King).

Saturday 2nd September. Hampshire Div. 2004. Mottisfont entertained East Lodge from Portsmouth on a miserable, wet and very windy day as both sides battled out a goalless draw. Result: Mottisfont 0, East Lodge 0).

Saturday 9th September. Hampshire Div. 2004. Mottisfont entertained newcomers Over Wallop and completed an easy victory by scoring six without reply. Result: Mottisfont 6 (David Kemp 3, Mark Green 3, O.G.), Over Wallop 0).

Tony Stemp

Mottisfont Church Fayre

**Saturday 4th November
from 2.00 p.m. until 4.00 p.m.
Mottisfont Village Hall.**

Reserve this date now!!!

More information in the November Acorn.

BROUGHTON & MOTTISFONT VILLAGE BUS EXCURSIONS

18th October 2006 Chichester.

Bookings should be made with Elsie Croucher (301428) on the first day of the month in which a trip takes place, starting at 6.00 p.m. Fares will remain the same as for 2005, i.e. £11.00 for each trip except the Isle of Wight, for which the fare will be announced later. Free Fare Passes or tokens are not to be accepted for these excursions.

**OPEN MORNING AT LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.**

If your child is pre-school age and you would like to come and see our school at work then please call in during the morning. You will have a chance to meet the staff, tour the school, and see the children in their learning environment. Our new arrangements are Reception children in class R and years 1 and 2 in class 1. For further information or a school brochure contact the school on 01794 340485

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER AT 6.30 p.m.**

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

BROUGHTON MOVIOLA PRESENTS

Friday 13th October 2006 at 7.30 p.m. Broughton Village Hall. Doors open 7.00 p.m. *Separate Lies* (12) 85 mins. Starring Emily Watson, Tom Wilkinson & Rupert Everett. Directed by Julian Fellowes (writer of *Gosford Park*).

A cyclist is killed, run over in a village lane. James and Anne Manning become involved because the victim is the husband of their cleaner, Maggie. A solicitor soon comes to suspect William Bule, a millionaire playboy who has moved back to the village. William, confesses to the hit and run, but the confession is clouded by Anne's admission of her affair with William.

Full of compelling moral dilemmas: when is it better to lie than to confess? Can a selfish act also be a selfless one? What does it mean to be a good wife or husband? And what price would you be willing to pay to make the one you love truly happy?

Coming to Broughton Moviola on 17th November - *The White Countess*

Professionally screened by Hampshire Moviola (www.moviola.org) with digital light projection, and stereophonic sound. Tickets £4.50 per person in advance from Broughton West View Stores and Post Office, or £5.00 on the door. Refreshments available. Please bring a cushion!

PLEASE PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2007

Was your child born between 1st September 2002 and 31st August 2003? If so, it is important that you apply for a school place by midday on Friday 17th November 2006. To do this you need to collect a brochure & application form (CR2) from your local primary or infant school (Lockerley Primary School Tel: 01794 340485). You can either complete the form or apply on-line (www3.hants.gov.uk/admissions)

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

Broughton Bright Hour is a local group of people who come together once a week for fellowship and informal worship. We have visiting speakers, all with a different Christian message. Every few weeks we have a meeting where members contribute a bible reading, poem or anything that is special to them. We meet on Thursday's at 2.30 pm in the New Room at St. Mary's Church, Broughton.

Speakers for October. 5th, Mrs. Vida Reynolds. 12th, Trip to The Fairground Craft & Design Centre, Weyhill. 19th, Mrs Kitty Boxall (Tearcraft). 26th, Mrs. Ann Robinson.

November 2nd, Mr. & Mrs Peter Beadle. All are welcome, do come and join us.

Barbara Perry 01794 301466. Ann Ridout 01980 862232

AYIKO!
Ghanaian Cultural Family Day
TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER 2006

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MOTTISFONT ABBEY Nr. ROMSEY

(courtesy of The National Trust)

The aim of the day is to gather together talented performers and artisans to portray the rich culture displayed in African life, allowing people who have previously had little or no experience of African culture to enjoy and learn through a multi-sensory day packed with hands-on participatory experience, which will remain vivid in their memories, ensuring that their interest in global similarities and differences is a positive one.

AFRICAN DRUMMING AND PERCUSSION WORKSHOPS - AFRICAN DANCE WORKSHOPS
STORY-TELLING - AFRICAN ARTS AND CRAFTS - FACE PAINTING - FOOD
EDUCATIONAL AREA

Activities may be subject to alteration

Normal Admission Prices to Mottisfont Abbey apply

£7.00 adults. National Trust Members, children 15 and under and residents of Mottisfont Parish free.

Supported by: Ayiko!, Hampshire Development Education Centre, Smith Bradbeer Charitable Trust
and Test Valley Borough Council

Details from Pat Francis 01794 340609

AWBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

Diary Dates

4th October Open Afternoon from 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
6th October Genes for Jeans Day
10th October Parents Evening
12th October Parents Evening
13th October Harvest Assembly
19th October PTA AGM at 7:30 p.m.
23rd October Half Term Holiday

The Autumn term started smoothly and all the children settled well into their new classes. Two new teachers have joined Awbridge School this term, Mr. McCall is teaching Class 3 and Miss Beal is teaching Class 1 whilst Mrs. Stevens fulfils the role of Head Teacher until the new Head Mr. Barnes arrives in January. Several families from Awbridge joined the Deputy Mayor of Romsey on the 16th September when he opened the new cycle route from Stoney Marsh to Hunts Farm in Timsbury.

The school are looking forward to watching a performance of "Charlotte's Web" by the travelling theatre company M & M Productions which will take place in the school hall on the 11th October. This adaptation of the popular children's story is an ideal opportunity for the children to experience the thrill of live theatre with colourful costumes and highly enthusiastic acting.

FUNGHI FORAY 15th OCTOBER 2 p.m.

A chance to look at many types of funghi that occur in the area
Meet the National Trust Countryside Warden at Spearywell Car Park and take a walk lasting
approximately two hours.

FREE

VILLAGE DIARY OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

1st October	Mattins 11 a.m.	St. Andrew's Church
4th October	Open afternoon 1.45-3.15 p.m.	Awbridge Primary School
7th October	Ayiko! Ghanaian Cultural Family Day 11-4	Mottisfont Abbey
8th October	Family Service 11 a.m.	St. Andrew's Church
10th October	Open morning 9.30-11.30 a.m. W.I. 7.30 p.m.	Lockerley Primary School Mottisfont Village Hall
13th October	Separate Lies film 7.30 p.m	Broughton Village Hall
15th October	Holy Communion BCP 9.30 a.m. Funghi Foray 2-4 p.m.	St. Andrew's Church Meet at Spearywell Car Park
16th October	ACORN DEADLINE 12 noon	'Dunelm House' Barley Hill Dunbridge
17th October	Garden Club 7.30 p.m.	Mottisfont Village Hall
18th October	Bus Excursion W.I. 7.30 p.m.	Chichester Mottisfont Village Hall
22nd October	Family Communion 11 a.m.	St. Andrew's Church
27th October	Whist Drive	Mottisfont Village Hall
29th October	Holy Communion CW for whole benefice	All Saints Church, Houghton
2nd November	All Souls Day Service 17.30 p.m.	All Saints Church, Houghton
Every Thursday Every Thursday Every Friday Every Saturday	Art Group 7.00 - 9.00 p.m. Broughton Bright Hour 2.30 p.m. Bottle Draw Meat Draw	Village Hall St. Mary's Church Room, Broughton Social Club Social Club

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

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