



The Village Newsletter

Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



August-September 2008

Sunday, 17th August, 2pm – 5pm

Mottisfont Village Fete

at Mottisfont Village Hall

Fun for all the family!

*To be opened by Christie Bridgman,
Lockerley Carnival Queen, & her attendants*

GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Children's Pet Competition

**The Prettiest Pet, The Most Unusual Pet,
and The Pet Most Like Its Owner!!**

Free to enter, just turn up on the day

PLUS

**Stalls, Games, Competitions, Tombola, Cake Stall,
Bar & BBQ, Dance, History, Art & Photography, etc.**

Men's Cake Competition

Any variety, size & decoration - Just bring it along on the day!

Free Admission!

WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY VENUE

The deadline for the October *Acorn* is 16th September. **NO SEPTEMBER ISSUE!**
Please e-mail contributions to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.
We cannot guarantee that articles received after this date will be included in the next issue.

MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

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for information about the Parish Council, meetings and events

Southern Water Highways Drainage Charge, Dunbridge

The Parish Council has unfortunately been unsuccessful in getting any reduction in the Drainage Charge levied in Dunbridge. Despite writing to the Chief Executive, the answer is that Southern Water is directly responsible for the treatment and disposal of the wastewater for the properties in question, and this is why the charge is raised for both the wastewater and the highways drainage. The fact that the system they are responsible for is a rather sub-standard one obviously does not come into it.

BT proposal to remove public telephone kiosks

The Parish Council wrote a letter to meet the initial deadline in July. It is opposed to the removal of the two kiosks in our parish due to the very poor or non-existent mobile phone reception in this area and their vital need in emergency situations. Figures showing the low usage of the kiosks have now been supplied by BT, and the deadline for consultation extended into August. This will be further discussed by the Parish Council but a further letter explaining, among other things, that the low usage is in no small part due to their conversion from cash to card is likely to be sent.

Village Centre Speed Limit

It is now planned to bring this scheme into operation in the first two weeks of September, and to coincide with a campaign to raise awareness and encourage compliance. The Parish Council is waiting to hear from Hampshire County Council's Road Safety Team with the details.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 10th September.

Parish Plan: Have you had your say?

We are starting to get the yellow Parish Plan Questionnaires back, so some people are having their say....make sure you have yours by returning your form which was in the last Acorn.

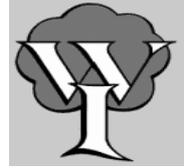
If you would like another form then ask one of the councillors, and we will let you have one or email you one. Alternatively you can look on the website www.ukvillages.co.uk/village/Mottisfont-Hampshire (click on notice board then scroll down to "Mottisfont and Dunbridge Draft parish Plan) and see a copy of the whole plan and download a questionnaire from there.

Some people have said that they wanted another form as each person in the house would like to fill in their own form...that's great, by all means get another form if you would like one.

Remember the forms can be returned to a councillor, posted in the "post box" at the village hall, or returned at the village fete. All forms returned will then be entered into a draw that will be drawn at the fete, so two reasons to complete and return your form.



MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



Our July meeting was spent cruising down the river at Beaulieu from Bucklers Hard. It brought members' husbands and friends together for a very enjoyable evening sail. The captain of the boat gave an interesting commentary on the wild life and historic buildings we passed on our journey.

A delicious supper was provided at the Mariners pub on our return. Thank you Margaret, for organizing another successful trip.

The village fete will be on Sunday, 17th August at 2pm. We will be running a toy, book and bric-a-brac stall, and will be pleased to accept any donations. Please call Cathie (340129), Margaret (341922) or Frances (301614), or bring items along to the village hall on the morning of the fete.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th August, at 8pm in the village hall. John Marchbank will give a talk on English Wines. I suspect there will be a little sampling for us all to enjoy!!

Looking ahead, on 9th September Hampshire and I.O.W. Air Ambulance will give a talk on the wonderful work they do.

Every one is most welcome to join any of our meetings.

Cathie Wood
340129

Mottisfont Fly-Fishing Club

Village Tickets

A limited number of day tickets to fly-fish for trout on the Mottisfont Estate are available at £20 each (market price is £250!) to anyone living or working in the parish of Mottisfont. One per applicant. You must have some fly-fishing experience, and have a current Environment Agency rod licence (£3.50 for 1 day - available from Post Offices or online). Under 16's must be accompanied at all times by an adult.

Beginners

Villagers new to fly-fishing can learn the basics of casting and fly selection from the National Trust on a date to be arranged. Rods and lines etc supplied. Minimum age 12. You will need to bring polarised sunglasses for safety. £10 each, and limited places – first come first served!

Contact: info@mottisfont.org.uk or 341310.

ACORN DISTRIBUTORS WANTED!

The *Acorn* is entirely reliant on a group of helpful volunteers who among them deliver copies to every house in the parish.

We would like to thank them all, but in particular John and Betty Pragnell, Ann Saunders and Alan Lawrence for the hundreds (if not thousands!) of copies they have delivered.

We would also like to welcome Alan Groves on board!

However, we do need a few more people to share the load, so if you can help, we would be delighted to hear from you!

Please contact Gordon Wood on 340129, or e-mail acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

**St Andrew's Parish Church Mottisfont
Gift Day
Saturday, 20th September, 10am – 1pm**

There are many people who remark about the beauty of St Andrew's parish church here in Mottisfont, and many of those people are on a sort of mini pilgrimage as they cross over to the Church from the Abbey. They come for many reasons, but we know even a visit to a church helps and inspires those who cross the threshold. I am sure that you will agree with me that we are so blessed in having an open and functioning parish church here in Mottisfont. It is a holy place where anyone may come to offer prayer or just to sit and reflect on the things of God in a building which has seen countless parishioners pass through its ancient and beautiful doors. Besides the rhythm of weekly worship, there are the many other important milestones when only our parish church will do. There are the happy times of Baptisms and Weddings and, inevitably, the sad occasions when the ministry of the Church is needed to bring hope and support at times of death and bereavement.

To keep our church maintained, open and functioning costs some £15,000 per annum. This

is no easy sum to find among a small congregation. Could I ask if you would consider making an annual donation to St Andrew's, which will help us to keep our beautiful church open and functioning?



I am holding my annual Gift Day on Saturday, 20th September from 10am until 1pm. I will be in church and would be delighted to meet you and receive any donations you may wish to make to the St Andrew's Gift Day. Please place your donation in an envelope and include your name and address although any anonymous donation would also be gratefully received. If you are unable to come to church please address it to The Treasurer, and send it to me, The Rector, The Rectory, Rectory Lane, Broughton, Hants SO20 8AB. Cheques should be made payable to Mottisfont PCC.

I look forward to meeting you on our Gift Day.

With Blessings,
Rev. Ron Corne
Rector

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

28th Sept. TRINITY 19		Broughton HC CW (Harvest) Broughton Sunday Club	Mottisfont Family Communion (Harvest)	Houghton HC BCP
21st Sept. TRINITY 18		Mottisfont HC BCP Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton HC CW Broughton Coffee Club	Houghton Evensong
14th Sept. TRINITY 17	Broughton HC BCP	Houghton HC CW Broughton Family Service	Mottisfont Family Service	
7th Sept. TRINITY 16	Broughton HC CW	Bossington HC BCP Broughton Godly Play	Mottisfont Matins	Houghton Evensong
31st August TRINITY 15		Benefice Service at Bossington HC CW		6.30 Bossington Compline
24th August St. Bartholomew		Broughton Family Communion	Mottisfont Family Communion	Houghton HC BCP
17th August TRINITY 13		Mottisfont HC BCP	Broughton Matins	Houghton Evensong
10th August TRINITY 12	Broughton HC BCP	Houghton HC CW Broughton Family Service	No service at Mottisfont	
3rd August TRINITY 11	Broughton HC CW 8.00am	Bossington HC BCP 9.30am	No service at Mottisfont 11.00am	Houghton Evensong 6.00pm

Please join us for the

Harvest Festival Service

at St. Andrew's

on Sunday, 28th September

at 11.00am

All gifts of produce, including canned goods, will be very welcome. These will be taken to the St. James' Shelter in Southampton for distribution among homeless people.

CHURCH SKITTLES

St. Andrew's Church members want to find out what some of the village groups do on their home ground. We have WI members but only one Social Club member, so we thought we'd arrange a skittles evening there, in the hope that representatives of other village groups would come along, enjoy a friendly challenge and a ploughman's supper, and perhaps have time for a chat over a drink. You will be hearing from us with details.

Keep the 23rd of September free.

Lesley Taylor and Valda White

DID YOU MISS THE ALPHA NOTICE LAST MONTH?

Don't worry, Alpha doesn't start until 10th September. I expect by now you have it in your diaries. Please come along to the Community Room of the Flats in the High Street, Broughton, at 7pm. As there will be supper provided it would be useful if you could telephone Ron, Philip, or Ann if you would like to come. But don't worry if you haven't telephoned and you decide to try Alpha, you will be welcome. Alpha only lasts for 10 weeks, but it has changed the lives of millions of people for ever. Interested? Just come to a meeting or two and try it for yourselves.

See you on Wednesday, 10th September.

Contact Ann Ridout on 01980 862232.



BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

There will not be any meetings in August.

4th September: Members Meeting
11th September: Mrs. Helen Carter
18th September: Mrs. Ann Ridout
25th September: Revd. Jill Bentall

Everyone welcome. Do come and join us.

Barbara Perry,
Booking Secretary, 301466

A Lancashire poem

This Lancashire poem illustrates the values of self-reliance and compassion that many lived by in the nineteenth century.

A Gradely Prayer

Give us, Lord, a bit o' sun,
A bit o' work, an' a bit o' fun.
Give us all in th' struggle an' splutter,
Our daily bread – aye, an' a bit o' butter.

Give us health, our keep to make,
An' a bit to spare for poor folk's sake;
Give us sense, for we're some of us duffers,
An' a heart to feel for them that suffers.

Give us, too, a bit of a song,
An' a tale an' a book to help us along;
An' give us our share o' sorrow's lesson
That we may prove how's grief's a blessin'.

Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our gradely best, brave, wise, an' free;
Our gradely best for ourselves an' others,
Till all men learn to live as brothers.

Can anyone guess who sent this in to the *Acorn*? It's not too tough if you live on Barley Hill...

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

We had a very successful talk and slide show by Phil Marshall last month. Our next event will be the Village Fete.

We may also be having a talk by the National Grid on how they have done the pipe work...not that it is history yet...but one day it will be!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Most families will be aware of the Christmas party which is run every year for children living in the parish of Mottisfont and Dunbridge.

It's a really fun afternoon with music, games, tea and, of course, a visit from Santa Claus!

This very popular event takes quite a bit of work to organise, and as our own children get older, it would be good to know that there are other parents who would also be willing to get involved and take over from us in due course.

This year we would really like some extra help both beforehand and on the day.

If you can help share the load, please contact Sarah Ritchie on 341655.

Also, if you have moved into Dunbridge or Mottisfont in the last year, please let us know the names and ages of your children so that we can inform Santa Claus that they are now resident in the parish!

SMALL ADS

► Novatech laptop PC running XP Home. 14" display. DVD/Re-writable CD drive. 2 USB ports. About 6 years old, with original installation disks, but battery dead (works fine on mains), so just £20. Tel. 340793.

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GARDENING GLUB

We had an enjoyable evening BBQ and American Supper last month. We even managed some fine weather for both evenings!

Our next meeting will be on 16th September at 7.30pm on "Being a Bird Ambassador...Birds in your garden". All are very welcome.

GIANT VEGETABLE COMPETITION

Are you growing the
heaviest marrow
or
longest runner bean?

Why not bring yours along to the

Mottisfont and Dunbridge
Village Fete
on
Sunday 17th August

and enter the competition...
where size matters!

FETE GRAND DRAW

Have you been able to make any headway with the sale of your Draw Tickets which we enclosed with last month's *Acorn*?

How about something for the Tombola or Cake Stall? Anything offered is very much appreciated and all goes to help Village Hall funds. And you have the chance to win or buy it back!

If you would like me to collect your sold or unsold tickets (before the fete if possible), bring you more, or pick up anything for the Tombola or Cake Stalls, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support

Gordon Wood, 340129

What's on at the Mill Arms



Monday 11th August – Curry Buffet We haven't had one for some time and there has been quite a lot of interest of late so if you fancy it - book soon.

Tuesday 19th August – Seafood and Wine Evening 'Fishy stuff' and a glass of white wine (or a soft drink) each with a dessert to follow £18.50 (add Breton fish soup for 3 courses - £21.50pp). The rate that we have been selling seafood platters makes this a definite 'reservations essential' night! Please note that we will also only order for that which is reserved!

Sunday 7th September – Live Jazz Band with BBQ With the way the weather is at the moment we figure that it will be positively tropical by September! More details to follow once the band have given me the times that they can play – probably from 3pm onwards though I think.

Thursday 18th September – Starters & Desserts Night Hugely popular earlier in the year - we know this will sell out fast! Different dishes to try from the last event. The more people at the table the merrier, was the general consensus - so get a real crowd up. £17.50pp

Yes this has increased from the last time – sadly what hasn't!

Romsey Brewery Visit – this will be on a Wednesday night for a maximum of 12 people. Meet at the Brewery, guided tour, tastings, and then make your way back to the Mill for a 2 course meal - approx. price per person to be about £17-20. At least one of their ales will be on draught that night. If there is enough interest we will do several trips, during August and September. Please register your interest so that I can liaise with the brewery regarding dates.

Andrea

VILLAGE HALL TIDY UP

Can you help with tidying up the Village Hall and grounds in preparation for the fete?

A working party will be gathering at 10.00am on Sunday, 10th August.

If you can help in any way, no matter how small (even with cups of tea!), you will be made most welcome!

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 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.

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.

PC VINEY

PC John Viney makes regular visits to the area to discuss any matters you may wish to raise.

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, he's available from 2.00pm until 4.00pm (sometimes longer). He spends the first hour in the car park of Mottisfont Club, and the second at Mill Rise, Dunbridge.

SANDRA GIDLEY, MP

Sandra Gidley, MP, is keen to hear from you on any matters of concern. She can be contacted at 3A Victoria Place, Love Lane, Romsey, SO51 8DE.
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DIARY

Saturday, 9th August	Water Festival	11-4, Romsey Memorial Hall
Sunday, 10th August	Village Hall Working Party	10am, Village Hall
Tuesday, 12th August	WI meeting	8pm, Village Hall
Sunday, 17th August	Village Fete	2-5pm, Village Hall
Tuesday, 9th September	WI meeting	8pm, Village Hall
Wednesday, 10th September	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday, 16th September	Gardening Club meeting	7.30pm, Village Hall

BRAIN TEASERS

What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, but not at all in a hundred years?

What question can never truthfully be answered "Yes"?

If you were given a 3 pint container, a five pint container, and a tap so you could fill them as many times as you want, how could you measure out one pint of liquid?

How much money would I have originally had in my wallet, if in spending one fifth and then spending one fifth of what remained, I had altogether spent £36?

← Space for sums!

Answers to last month's brain teasers

The log was 18ft long.

The bag of nuts weighed three pounds

Five extra lines make TEN like this:

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

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