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From the Editors

It's a battleground out there! Is it just us, or do other people suffer from garden rage each morning as we survey the ravages of slugs and deer from the night before?

An elderly neighbour of ours used to say, "The only good deer is one in your freezer", which we used to think was a little harsh until we had seen the beautiful creatures sauntering across the garden (aah!) and then feasting on our roses (*\$%#!).

So, the defences are going up: wire round the vegetables, and a movement detector for the flower bed, not to mention wandering around the garden in the dark with a torch collecting slugs.

All that remains is to work out how to stop the blackbird that's nesting in the vine from stealing all the grapes like it did last year!

Julia and Peter

Having your say - the Parish Plan

Have you thought what you want Mottisfont and Dunbridge to be like in the next few years? Now is your chance to have your say.

In common with over 5,000 other parishes in England, the Parish Council is preparing a plan. With this edition of the Acorn, we have enclosed a coloured sheet that asks for your views on what you think should be in the plan. Some ideas have already been suggested, and you are asked to tick one of three boxes to indicate how important you think each one is. But even more important, we want you to give us your thoughts and ideas. There's a space on the form for these, and you can add another sheet if you want to.

What happens next? Firstly, you are invited to attend a meeting in the Village Hall at 7pm on 16th July to discuss the plan. This will be followed at 7.30pm by the scheduled Parish Council meeting. You can hand in your completed questionnaire then, or give it to a parish councillor at any time, or put it in the "post box" provided in the Village Hall. Alternatively, you can hand it in at the village fete, where all completed questionnaires will be entered into a prize draw. So fill yours in – it could win a prize.

The results of the questionnaires will be published in a future edition of the Acorn. And remember, all the contact numbers for parish councillors are always on the back page. If you want to see a copy of the draft plan, contact Jeff Channing or Jacquie Horne, or visit <http://www.ukvillages.co.uk/village/Mottisfont-Hampshire> (click on notice board, then scroll down to "Mottisfont & Dunbridge Draft Parish Plan").

The deadline for the August Acorn is 16th July.
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.

NO SEPTEMBER ISSUE - see P5

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Election of Chairman

At the Annual General Meeting in May, John Millns was re-elected as Chairman to the Parish Council, and Stuart Miller was re-elected as Vice Chairman.

Representatives for 2008/2009

Representatives were agreed as follows:

Village Bus Committee Representatives	John Millns, Jacquie Horne
National Trust Liaison Officer	John Millns
Village Hall Liaison Officer	John Millns
Emergency Planning	John Millns
TVAPTC Representatives	Alan Earthrowl, Jacquie Horne
Transport Representative	Jeff Channing
Borough Local Plan Review	Jeff Channing
Mottisfont & Dunbridge Parish Plan	Jeff Channing, Jacquie Horne
Housing Representative	Jeff Channing
Dunbridge Matters	Stuart Miller
Footpath Representative	Andrew Simmonds, Jacquie Horne
Highways Representative	Andrew Simmonds
Planning Application Co-ordinator	Stuart Miller (Dunbridge), Jeff Channing (Mottisfont)
Rail Partnership Representative	Andrew Simmonds
Neighbourhood Watch Matters	Alan Earthrowl

Footpath Map The provision of a Public Footpath Map is being considered, and will be on the agenda for July's meeting.

Noticeboards The existing boards are in need of some attention, and the possibility of a new one in the village centre is being considered (subject to grant aid being available). Estimates are currently being obtained to:

- Replace the Village Hall noticeboard with a new one, relocated at the front of the hall.
- Repair the Dunbridge noticeboard by replacing the perspex and corking the backing.
- Provide a new noticeboard for the village centre (suggested location by The Old Forge).

Highways Issues A site meeting was held recently with Hampshire Highways Officers to discuss and try to progress a number of outstanding maintenance issues, including flooding at the bottom of Hatt Hill, lifting a drain cover in Bengers Lane, the ditch by the Saw Mill entrance, Spearywell Road which needs piping, as well as some capital projects like the extension of the Dunbridge pavement.

Next Meeting Will be held on Wednesday, 16th July, in Mottisfont Village Hall at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.



MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



Our June meeting was very well attended and we welcomed three new ladies. Elsie Russell gave a very interesting talk on the life and times of Lillie Langtry. Born on the Island of Jersey, Emilie Charlotte Le Breton, was a highly successful British actress. A renowned beauty, she was nicknamed the "Jersey Lily" and had a number of prominent lovers, including the future King Edward VII.

The Group Quiz had been enjoyed by all the teams participating. The questions were quite hard and thought provoking. Many congratulations to the winning team, Houghton, who will go through to the next round.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 8th July is our summer outing: a boat trip from Buckler's Hard, Beaulieu. 6.15pm for 6.30pm departure. 1½ hour trip on the river. Cost £6.00 for guests only. Husbands and friends invited! Car sharing at £4.50 per person.

A summer evening ramble is planned for Tuesday, 22nd July. We will leave The Mill Arms at 7pm. Bring along husbands, partners and friends.

The Village Fete will be held on Sunday, 17th August, at 2pm. We are hoping to run a toys, books and bric-a-brac stall. If you have any unwanted items, they will be most welcome, and we are happy to collect them from you. Please call Cathie (340129), Margaret (341922) or Frances (301614). A percentage of the proceeds are for Village Hall funds.

If you would like to join us at any time, you will be most welcome.

Cathie Wood, 340129

Hampshire
**Water
festival**

FREE EVENT!

**Saturday, 9th August 11am to 4pm
Romsey Memorial Park, Town Hall and other
venues around the town**

Festival stewards needed!

Volunteer stewards are needed for the 6th Hampshire Water Festival, to be held in Romsey on Saturday, 9th August, from 11am to 4pm.

There are a number of roles for the stewards, including assisting with car parking, acting as guides and sources of information for festival goers, handing out brochures, etc. The benefits include a Festival T-shirt, a maximum of four hours on duty throughout the day (giving you plenty of free time to enjoy the Festival), being part of a team who are the public face of the Festival, participating in stewarding training, and receiving a £10 lunch allowance.

For more information or to volunteer please contact Pat Nield on 01962 846810, or email Patricia.Nield@hants.gov.uk

Dear Friends,

With all the busyness of life it is good in the summer to be able to take time in the rhythm of the week for some rest, a place for a pause. For many this will mean taking a holiday, a break from the everyday routine. A change is as good as a rest the old adage reminds. Another way of often refreshing ourselves is to attend to our prayer lives. In the Medieval Church and even today in the monastic life, a way of refreshment was and is to pray regularly. This gives nourishment to our weary souls.

The Monastic Hours can be explained thus:

- Vespers (at the end of the day)
- Compline (upon retiring)
- Vigils (some time during the night)
- Matins (at sunrise)
- Prime (during the first hour of daylight)
- Terce (at the third hour)
- Sext (at the sixth hour)
- None (at the ninth hour)
- Vespers (at the end of the day)

It is good for us who cannot attend to such a rigorous prayer life to select perhaps just one of these times and use it for our own. Place is also important. Find somewhere you can have some peace. A wonderful place to pray at this time of year is out in the garden or in your favourite place as you walk the dog or go for a cycle ride. You can pray anywhere; it doesn't just have to be in a sacred building.

St. Cyprian (died c.258) said, "One must also pray in the morning, that the resurrection of the Lord may be celebrated by morning prayer. Likewise at sunset and the passing of the day it is necessary to pray. For since Christ is the true sun and the true day, when we pray and ask, as

the sun and the day of the world recede, that the light may come upon us again, we pray for the coming of Christ, which provides us with the grace of eternal light... So let us who are always in Christ, that is, in the light, not cease praying even at night. This is how the widow Anna, always praying and keeping vigil, persevered in deserving well of God... Let us who by God's indulgence are recreated spiritually and reborn, imitate what we are destined to be. Let us who in the kingdom are to have only day with no intervening night, be as vigilant at night as in the light. Let us who are to pray always and render thanks to God, not cease here also to pray and give thanks."

Wonderful thoughts!

Here are some useful traditional prayers used in the Monastic Offices:

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
(Psalm 63: 1-2; 5- 7)

With Blessings

Ron Corne
Rector



CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR JULY

	6th July TRINITY 7	13th July TRINITY 8	20th July TRINITY 9	27th July TRINITY 10
8.00 am	Broughton HC CW	Broughton HC BCP		
9.30 am	Bossington HC BCP ----- Broughton Godly Play	Houghton HC CW ----- Broughton Family Service	Mottisfont HC BCP	Broughton Family Communion
11.00 am	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton HC CW	Mottisfont Family Communion
6.00 pm	Houghton Evensong		Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

30th April to 11th May, 2009

Next year we will be making another pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by our Rector.

To hear all about our plans, come to see the presentation we will be giving at St Mary's, Broughton, on Tuesday, 15th July, at 8pm.

If you cannot make this date but you want information, call Philip Mutton on 01794 301227

SUMMER HOLIDAY

Note that there will be no edition of the *Acorn* in September.

Please make sure that news of events in September reaches the editors in time for the August edition (i.e. by 16th July!).



What's your footwork like?

Polish those dancing shoes to join John Curtis and friends for a bit of hopping and bopping at the Village Fete on Sunday, 17th August!

ALPHA

In just over 2 months Alpha will be starting in Broughton. It seems a long time away but we are halfway through the year already. Diaries fill up so quickly it is time to put the New Alpha Course in them now:

Start date: 10th September, 2008 at 7pm.
Venue: the Community Room of the Flats in the High Street in Broughton.

It lasts for 10 weeks and it has changed the lives of millions of people. Why not come, have supper with us, and try the Alpha course for yourselves?

Everyone is welcome.

Contact Ann Ridout (01980 862232), Rector Ron, or Philip Mutton.



BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

- July 3rd, Mr. Philip Mutton
- 10th, Rehearsal for Anniversary Service
- 17th, 75th Anniversary Service
- 24th, Tea Party at Ann's
- 31st, Boat trip on Alison MacGregor

Bright Hour 75th Anniversary Service
on Thursday, July 17th, at 2.00pm
in Broughton Village Hall.

The guest speaker will be Mr. David Sullivan, a semi-retired shepherd from Ibthorpe. David has many amusing stories and anecdotes to tell from his lifetime of working with sheep. He will also be talking about his involvement with Farm Crisis Network which consists of volunteers from the farming community and rural churches, who offer pastoral and practical support for farming people and families facing difficulties.

The Service will be followed by tea.
Please come and join us.

Please note:

There will not be any meetings in August.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

FREE BUS!

Did you know there's a free bus that runs between Romsey railway station and Mottisfont & Dunbridge station on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 4th May to 28th September? Neither did we!

It has just two other stops: Mottisfont Abbey entrance, and Hillier Gardens entrance, and it takes 35 minutes to get from station to station.

Departures from Romsey railway station forecourt are at 1040, then every two hours until 1640. Departures from Mottisfont and Dunbridge station are at 0935, then every two hours until 1735.

Operated by Test Valley Community Services, the bus is intended to help those arriving by rail to get to the Abbey and Hillier Gardens. Their leaflet states "The Bus is free to everyone".

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 3rd July, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when we have:

Phil Marshall from The National Trust giving a talk and slide show on The National Trust Estate before they were given it, since they have had it, and their plans for the future.

There will be a charge of £2.00 which will include a drink.

All are very welcome.

GARDENING GLUB

We had a very enjoyable trip to Weald & Downlands Museum in June.

Our next open meeting will be on 16th September, but we are running The Village Fete competitions for:

- **the heaviest Marrow**
- **the longest Runner Bean**
(must be a Runner Bean)

So, bring your marrows and runner beans along with you to the garden club stall. Looking forward to seeing all your entries!

AWBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DATES:

15th-17th July	Summer School Production
21st July	PTA School Disco
23rd July	Year 6 Leavers' Service
23rd July	End of Term

The Summer term is always a busy time of year, and there has been lots going on this term. Awbridge PTA organised another very successful Summer Fete on a lovely sunny day. There was an Egyptian theme, linking in with classes 4 and 5's trip to the Tutankhamen exhibition. Everybody enjoyed a wonderful afternoon.

The weather was also very kind for this year's Sports Day, and many people enjoyed a picnic in the sun before watching lots of energetic races and relays. The children cheered on their

houses and all tried their hardest, whatever their ability, and there was a wonderful atmosphere.

The school has been developing an Environmental Area which has been funded by the PTA. This will consist of a 9m x 5m pond with a dipping platform, surrounded by a rail fence. It will provide an opportunity for children to study the animal and plant life associated with a pond, and will be a wonderful addition to the school.

There has been a lot of interesting work going on within each class as well. This has included a comparison between Awbridge Primary and a larger Primary in Croydon by Class 1, the development of the School Transport Plan in Class 3 and the creation of some fantastic papier-mâché instruments by Class 4. We look forward to an equally action packed last half of term.

SMALL ADS

► 9ltr of Cuprinol 'Rich Cedar' wax enriched (water based) preservative, for rough sawn garden wood, £6. Tel. 01794 340347.

Conditions

The editors will accept advertisements of up to 35 words for items for sale or exchange from individuals (no commercial ads, please) free of charge, subject to space. The editors may refuse to accept any advertisement at their sole discretion. The editors will accept no responsibility for the content of any advertisement, the items advertised, nor for any transaction that may result. It is your responsibility to ensure that the goods are as described.

Don't forget to start grooming your pets for the *Pet Show* at the Village Fete on Sunday, 17th August.

A couple more George Bush-isms (can't resist 'em!)

"The vast majority of Iraqis want to live in a peaceful, free world. And we will find these people and we will bring them to justice." *Washington DC, 2003*

"This case has had full analyzation and has been looked at a lot. I understand the emotionality of death penalty cases." *Seattle, 2000*

VILLAGE FETE, SUNDAY, 17th AUGUST, FROM 2PM

You have received with this month's Acorn a book of ten 50p raffle tickets. These tickets are to help the fete along, and I ask that you please try to sell the tickets and promote the event itself to friends, relatives, colleagues - anyone!

We have an excellent selection of prizes which have been donated, so I don't think you need to be a super sales person before you will be back asking for further books!

Among the very attractive prizes to be won are, numerous Family Days Out including by rail and sea, pub meals, canoe trip, gift vouchers, wine and champagne, and not forgetting our £100 Cash Prize, plus many, many more.

If you are not able to sell the tickets, or you have sold out quickly and want more, just give me a ring and I will collect them or bring more.

Thank you for your support.
Gordon Wood (340129)
'Tresillian', Barley Hill, Dunbridge.

P.S. If anyone is able to equal or better Tony Stemp's record number of Draw Ticket sales made last year, then there is a prize for you.

RECYCLE OLD YELLOW PAGES

Lockerley Primary School is a collection point for old yellow pages. When you receive your new one please bring the old one into school.

This initiative is in conjunction with TVBC. Money raised from recycling will go to the Woodland Trust.

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.

BIZARRE BAZAAR AT LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday, 11th July, at 6.00pm
Bar, BBQ, Stalls, Tombola,
Raffle and a lot more!!

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Lockerley School PTA Summer Playscheme

Monday, 4th August to Friday, 8th August,
for children aged 5 (incl. year R) to 11.
Sessions will be from 9.30am to 12.30pm.
The cost will be £5 per session in advance,
or £6 on the day.

Application forms are available
from the school office (340485).
Prior booking would be appreciated.

CALLING ALL MEN:

BE A MASTER CHEF!

The Men's Cake Competition Needs You!

Dig out your grandmother's recipe book and practice making the smoothest icing, because the Men's Cake Competition is said to be wide open this year, and the amateurs are in with a good chance!

Perfect your entry in time for the Village Fete on Sunday, 17th August

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.
Tel: 01794 511900.

E mail: Gidleys@parliament.uk
Web: www.sandragidley.org

DIARY

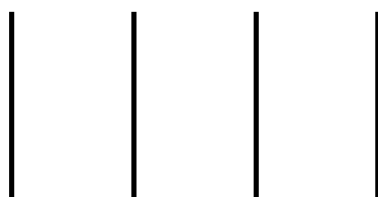
Thursday, 3rd July	History Group meeting	7.30pm, Village Hall
Tuesday, 8th July	WI boat trip	6.30pm, Bucklers Hard
Wednesday, 16th July	Parish Council meeting	7.30pm, Village Hall
Tuesday, 22nd July	WI ramble	7pm, Mill Arms
Saturday, 9th August	Water Festival	11-4, Romsey Memorial Hall
Sunday, 17th August	Village Fete	Village Hall
Tuesday, 16th September	Gardening Club meeting	7.30pm, Village Hall

BRAIN TEASERS

One ninth of a log was found stuck upright in mud. Five sixths of it was above water, and one foot of it was in the water. How long was the log?

A bag of nuts weighs the same as three quarters of a bag plus three quarters of a pound. How much does the bag of nuts weigh?

Add FIVE straight lines to the FOUR shown below to make TEN.



Answers to last month's brain teasers

TOP	HAT	RED
OVER	ALL	OWED
FINGER	TIP	TOP
MEN	TOR	RID
HIP	HOP	SKIP
COWARD	ICE	CREAM
TIMES	LOT	US
COWS	LIP	READ

The place is therefore HATT HILL

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

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