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From the Editors

This month we have introduced a new feature to the *Acorn*. On page 6 you will find a few small ads., together with the inevitable small print. We would far rather see unwanted items passed on by sale, exchange or gift, than end up at the tip, as so many perfectly usable things seem to these days. So, provided the volume doesn't get too great, we'll be happy to take brief, non-commercial advertisements, free of charge.

Is there anything else you would like to see in your *Acorn*? Mostly, we just print what is sent to us, but is there anything else that you would find useful? Any ideas would be welcome - just phone us on 340793, or e-mail acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Julia and Peter

WHO ARE THEY?

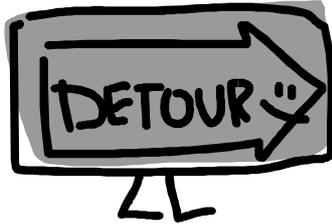
Valda White is researching this picture taken from a postcard believed to date from the 1890s, and found at the Dorchester Steam Fair. In particular, Valda would like to know the identities of the people. Do you have any information that might help identify them? If so, Valda would be delighted to hear from you!



The deadline for the July *Acorn* is 16th June.
 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

Mottisfont Abbey Estate Walk - temporary diversion



The first section of the Estate Walk, from its start at the visitor car park to its merge with the Test Valley Way has had to be closed. The river bank has been breached for a while, but it has become significantly worse recently with major bank erosion and flooding. As a result, the path along the river has become unsafe for walkers, and we have been forced to close this section of the Estate Walk. A diversion has been signposted, which takes walkers from the Abbey car park, through the village and along Oakley Lane.

Alternatively, walkers may prefer to park in one of the car parks in Spearywell or Great Copse Wood and join the Estate Walk from one of those two points.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused to visitors wishing to come and enjoy the Estate Walk. We are endeavouring to raise the funds to pay for the bank repairs which can only be carried out when the river water levels fall later in the summer. As soon as possible, we aim to return to business as usual.

Alison Evans

Mottisfont Local Recycling Centre

Over the next few weeks, you may notice a small change to the access arrangements for the Local Recycling Centre at Abbey Farm in Mottisfont.

To remedy the dangerous situation when cars try to leave the site (and are unable to see the approaching traffic) and to improve security, the main gates to the farmyard will be locked so you will no longer be able to drive into the site.



Pedestrian access will be available instead, so if you have driven to the site, park your vehicle on the land over the road - opposite the farmyard entrance. (Please do not park your car across the locked gates).

For further information, please contact Vanessa Cheung at Test Valley Borough Council on 01264 368456.

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.

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.



A Ban on Bottom Trawling (Sea Fishing) and Inappropriate Imprisonment of the Severely Mentally Ill were the two resolutions discussed and voted for at our May meeting.

Members brought along their favourite recipes and we had a most enjoyable time tasting and drinking the goodies.

Audrey Aitchison brought along a wonderful display of Amish artefacts which she has collected over the years in her travels to the USA. The Amish put great emphasis on family life, and the wonderful quilts she brought along showed a perfect reflection of Amish life: functional, plain, simple, frugal, humble, and at the same time comfortable and beautiful.

On 11th May, twelve members took a day trip to the lovely island of Jersey, flying from Bournemouth. The visit included sightseeing and great photo opportunities at Corbière Point, St. Quen, and Gorey, and later some retail therapy at the Jersey gold and diamond centre with its beautiful park and lake.

The restaurant, Le Moulin de Lecq, provided a late lunch. Following the meal, we headed for the unspoilt sandy bay of Grève de Lecq for a stroll along the beach before heading back to the airport and home.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 10th June, at 8pm in the village hall. Elsie Russell will talk on Lily Langtry.

Everyone is most welcome.

Cathie Wood.

Evening River Trip in July

Mottisfont & Dunbridge WI are running an evening river trip along the beautiful Beaulieu river on Tuesday 8 July.

The boat leaves Buckler's Hard at 6.15pm (departing 6.30pm). The cruise will last 1½ hours returning to Buckler's Hard around 8pm.

Following the trip you could stop for a drink or two at The Master Builder's House in Buckler's Hard (with restaurant/bar snacks) or the Montague Arms at Beaulieu.

If anyone would care to join us (£6 per person) please contact Margaret Astur on 341922.

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.
Tel: 01794 511900.

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



Dear Friends,

This month is a wonderful time for the garden, and in our Benefice we have some very beautiful gardens. Many say that they feel near to God when they are in their garden, and indeed living as we do in the beautiful Test Valley we are in a garden of a type all the time. Mottisfont with its beautiful church, woodlands, rivers and Abbey. Houghton with again a stunning church, and wonderful walks through striking countryside. And Broughton linking this together with its dovecot and magnificent views from the church tower across the village and brooks beyond, particularly appreciated as we sang hymns from the tower on Ascension Day.

One of the great Saints of the Church is Francis of Assisi. He experienced all of God's creation as sacred. His famous Canticle of the Creatures includes the words: "All Praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Sun...Sister Moon and Stars... Brothers Wind and Air... Sister Water... Brother Fire... Sister Earth... Sister Death. All praise be yours, my Lord, through all that you have made. Happy those who endure in peace." Francis had such incredible spiritual insights into God's creation and how the material and spiritual are inextricably linked, and this long before the days of global warming.

This month for those who would like to look around some beautiful gardens in the Benefice we have a Rose Garden Evening at Mottisfont Abbey on 30th May, Open Gardens in Broughton on 15th June and also an Open Garden at The Old Rectory at Houghton on the 15th June. Full details in the respective magazines.

We give thanks to God for the incredible beauty of nature and pray that we may never abuse it, but always treat it with respect and in remembrance of God's love which created it.

Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is doubt, faith;
 Where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light;
 And where there is sadness, joy.

O divine master, grant that I may not
 So much seek to be consoled as to console;
 To be understood as to understand,
 To be loved as to love;
 For it is in giving that we receive,
 In pardoning that we are pardoned,
 And in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Ron Corne
 Rector

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR JUNE

	1st June TRINITY 2	8th June TRINITY 3	15th June TRINITY 4	22nd June TRINITY 5	29th June St. PETER
8.00 am	Broughton HC CW	Broughton HC BCP			
9.30 am	Bossington HC BCP	Houghton HC CW	Mottisfont HC BCP	Broughton Family Communion	Benefice Service at Broughton HC CW
	Broughton Godly Play	Broughton Family Service	Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton Sunday Club	
11.00 am	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton Matins	Mottisfont Family Communion	
			Broughton Coffee Club		
6.00 pm	Houghton Evensong		Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP	

APPOINTMENT OF CHURCH WARDENS

At St Andrew's recent AGM, Sue Clutterbuck and Trish Armstrong were appointed as Church Wardens.

Ann Saunders is Treasurer and Valda White is Secretary. Other members of the Committee are Rachel Fowler, Gina Livermore, Lesley Taylor and Brenda Turner.

If you have any pastoral need or want to know anything regarding church matters, you can contact any of the above.

FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW'S, MOTTISFONT

Request the pleasure of your company at a

HOG ROAST

on Sunday, 13th July, at

Mottisfont House

6.30pm to 9pm

Tickets:

Adults £15

Children under 10 £10

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BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

June 5th, Dr. Andrew Steel (M.A.F.)
12th, Mrs Ann Ridout (Malta & St. Paul)
19th Members Meeting
26th, Mrs. Vida Reynolds (Feed the Children)

M.A.F. (Mission Aviation Fellowship) is a Christian organisation who fly light aircraft to provide help for people living in remote and inaccessible areas around the world. These flights enable crucial work to be carried out by development agencies and local churches.

Medical care, food and clean water are available to hundreds of men, women and children due to the dedication and skill of M.A.F. pilots, who often fly in very difficult and dangerous conditions.

Why not come along and hear more about the work of these brave men and women.

Advance Notice

Bright Hour 75th Anniversary Service will be held on Thursday, July 17th at 2pm in Broughton Village Hall.

Everyone welcome, do come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary 301466

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.

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!).



LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

We have a talk and slide show by Phil Marshall on "The National Trust Estate before they were given it, since they have owned it, and the plans for the future" on 3rd July at 7.30 in The Village Hall.

The old cart that was used to transport coffins from Dunbridge to St. Andrews Church has just been found. It was found in a locked barn, and it is hoped to show it off at the Village Fete, on Sunday, 17th August.

There is a trip to Weald and Downlands Open Air Museum on Saturday, 14th June, leaving Dunbridge around 9.30. The cost is £19.00, including coach and entrance. We have just 5 places left, so please contact Michael Horne on 340105 if you would like to join us.

SMALL ADS

► Two Test Valley School Bottle Green Summer Polo Shirts for sale. Size 34" chest. Very good condition. £4.50 each (or £7.00 for the two). Phone 01794 341301.

► Rotel RA-820BX2 Integrated Amplifier - Owned from new and in very good condition. Black. Slim design. Great sound reproduction. £20. Phone 01794 341301.

► Rotel RT-820L MW/LW/FM Stereo Tuner - Owned from new and in very good condition. Black. £10. Phone 01794 341301.

► Big lot of K'NEX children's creative construction. Makes vehicles, cybots, etc. Comprised of different kits collected over time, to make various items, includes remote controls (battery), etc. £8. Phone 01794 341301.

Conditions

The editors will accept advertisements of up to 35 words for items for sale or exchange from Mottisfont and Dunbridge residents (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.

GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 16th September, starting at 7.30, when we have a slide show and talk by Colin Ryall on "How to get birds in your garden".

Over the next few months we will be arranging our annual American Supper and B.B.Q. Watch this space!

Michael Horne

THE SAYINGS OF GEORGE BUSH

"The senator has got to understand...he can't have it both ways. He can't take the high horse and then claim the low road." *17th February, 2000, South Carolina*

"But Iraq...has got people there that are willing to kill, and they're hard-nosed killers. And we will work with the Iraqis to secure their future." *28th April, 2005, Washington DC*

"I think if you know what you believe, it makes it a lot easier to answer questions. I can't answer your question." *4th October, 2000, Ohio*

"Natural gas is hemispheric. I like to call it hemispheric in nature because it is a product that we can find in our neighbourhoods." *20th December, 2000, Texas*

Have you seen the village hall web site at www.mottisfontvillagehall.co.uk?

RECYCLE OLD YELLOW PAGES

Lockerley Primary School will be a collection point for old yellow pages from next month. 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.

VILLAGE FETE, SUNDAY, 17th AUGUST

Preparations for this year's village fete are already under way, but help is needed in a number of areas:

- ▶ Do you know of any local businesses that might be willing to sponsor a prize for the draw, or give any other form of support?
- ▶ Do you know anyone who might want to have their own stand?
- ▶ Can you help with putting stands up on Sunday morning, and taking them down again after the fete? Or with running a stand (part time is fine!)? Or directing parking, or anything else?

If you can help with any of these, please contact Gordon (340129) or Jon (340740).

All support very gratefully received!

Cleaning up the hall and grounds

A working party will gather at 10am on Sunday, 10th August, to give the village hall and grounds a sprucing up before the fete. If you can help (it lightens the load for everyone else), please do come along!

LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Morning, Wednesday, 25th June, 9.30am - 12noon

We would like to invite you to our Open Morning for all pre-school children. This is our Bring-a-Bear-to-School day, so please bring a furry friend! The children will be able to take part in various activities in KS1. You are welcome to tour the school and see KS2 at work.

To round off the morning, why not bring a packed lunch and join us for our Teddy Bears Picnic.

Summer Playscheme

This year the Playscheme will run from 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.

Advance Notice

Bizarre Bazaar at Lockerley Primary School, Friday, 11 July, at 6.00pm. Bar, BBQ, Stalls, Tombola, Raffle, etc.

AWBRIDGE SCHOOL SUMMER FETE

Saturday 7th June, 12 noon till 3pm.
on the school field.

Egyptian theme - Children are invited
to come in fancy dress.

Traditional stalls - All welcome

STALLS IN THE ABBEY CAR PARK

- Saturdays, 14th and 28th June
- Bank holiday Monday, 25th August

Please contribute items for sale.

DIARY

Tuesday, 10th June	WI meeting	8pm, Village Hall
Saturday, 14th June	History Group Museum trip	9.30am departure
Wednesday, 25th June	Open Morning	9.30-12, Lockerley Primary School
Thursday, 3rd July	History Group meeting	7.30pm, Village Hall
Tuesday, 8th July	WI boat trip	6.30pm, Bucklers Hard
Sunday, 17th August	Village Fete	Village Hall
Tuesday, 16th September	Gardening Club meeting	7.30pm, Village Hall

BRAIN TEASER

In each case find a three letter word that can be added to the end of the word to the left of the blanks and to the start of the word to the right of the blanks. (Example: ANY_ _ _SELF is ONE) The first letters of these words spell a place in the village.

TOP _ _ _ RED
 OVER _ _ _ OWED
 FINGER _ _ _ TOP
 MEN _ _ _ RID
 HIP _ _ _ SKIP
 COWARD _ _ _ CREAM
 TIMES _ _ _ US
 COWS _ _ _ READ

Answers to last month's brain teasers

1. Five wood-carvers are needed, but one of them gets an hour off!
2. The price must go up by 25%.

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

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