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From the editors:

From Kitchener to Kennedy, there has never been a shortage of people asking for help. Perhaps our slogan should be "Ask not what Mottisfont and Dunbridge can do for you - ask what you can do for Mottisfont and Dunbridge", although such a snappy number probably says more about why neither of us works in marketing than anything else. (Incidentally, while on the Kennedy theme, we were trying desperately to link in a reference to doughnuts, but we digress.)

Before we took up editing the *Acorn*, we hadn't really appreciated the amount of activities that go on around us. It's too easy to be absorbed by work, home, family and the telly, and to neglect the local community. But involvement in the community is part of the glue that keeps it all together, and helps make Mottisfont and Dunbridge such a good place to live.

So please look carefully at the call for volunteers from Awbridge First Responders, and all the other activities in the *Acorn*. And don't be a doughnut(!?!).

Julia and Peter

AWBRIDGE FIRST RESPONDERS: MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The role of Awbridge First Responders is to attend when requested to do so by the Ambulance Service. Dunbridge is very much part of the area we are asked to cover, and we were called out to Dunbridge in February and to Mottisfont in December, even though Mottisfont is not officially our area. We currently have only one Responder in Dunbridge, and would dearly like more in this area.

We try to cover as many hours as we can. Most nights are covered, but there are gaps in the school holidays. Can you help us fill these gaps? The age requirements for a Responder are 18-75. The basic training takes place at the Ambulance Headquarters in Winchester, and lasts for 2 days. The induction dates for this year are the following weekends: 29-30 March, 26-27 April, 24-25 May, and 28-29 June.

The training is thorough but not too onerous. Responders are intended to compliment, not replace, the Ambulance Service or Paramedics. Many see the most rewarding part of being a Responder as providing reassurance to people who are alone and vulnerable. Our local knowledge ensures we can respond quickly to a call, and help guide the ambulance to the correct address. Awbridge First Responders has been active since October 2006, and has responded to 60 calls to date. We want to continue helping, but need more people to volunteer and become part of the group. The minimum requirement is 2 shifts per month, and we need cover during both day and night. If you are interested in becoming a Responder, our next meeting is on Thursday, 13th March, at 7.30pm in the Awbridge Village Hall. Alternatively, contact Kay Murrant on 340289.

Further information is available at the Community Responders website:

www.hampshireambulance.nhs.uk/communityresponders

Kay Murrant

The deadline for the April *Acorn* is 16th March.

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.

We were delighted when Valda forwarded us a copy of this letter - particularly as we both work as consultants! - Eds.

Jordan Management Consultants (Jerusalem) Ltd

Jesus, Son of Joseph,
Woodcutter, Carpenter's Shop,
Nazareth

Dear Sir,

Thank you for submitting the résumés of the twelve men you have picked for the management positions in your new organisation. All of them have now taken our tests. We have not only run the results through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

It is our opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in management and with proven capability. Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude, which would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James, son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus have definite radical leanings, and they both registered high scores on the manic-depressive scale.

However, one of the candidates did show great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness; meets people well; has a keen business sense and contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you every success in your new venture.

Sincerely yours,

Jordan Management Consultants

Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child

Charity number: 1001349

On behalf of all the children and families who received gift filled shoe boxes from the area, I would like to say a very big THANK YOU. This year the UK Operation Christmas Child (OCC) campaign exceeded expectations by sending over 1.3 million boxes to some of the poorest children in Eastern Europe and Liberia. 70,175 of these boxes were sent directly from our Eastleigh warehouse.



Did you know that OCC is not the only campaign Samaritan's Purse is involved with? We work on many fronts to help those in the need around the world. This year we are particularly focusing on our *Turn on the Tap* appeal which aims to raise £500,000 to help water projects in countries such as Mozambique, Ethiopia, Swaziland and Sudan.

It is fantastic that 1.3 million children are smiling because they received a shoe box over the 2007-08 appeal period, but it is tragic that another 1.5 million children died last year due to lack of clean water. If you would like to know more about either the OCC or *Turn on the Tap* campaigns, please give me a call, or alternatively call Margaret Griffin, the Southampton and Portsmouth Area Co-ordinator, on 01794 522327.

Julia Barnett – OCC Local Representative (340793)

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus Committee

Charity Number: 284910

The Broughton and Mottisfont Village Bus Committee has reluctantly had to increase fares from 1st April 2008, to take account of increasing costs – particularly maintenance costs and fuel prices which have gone up by more than the rate of inflation since the current fares were established last year. The new fares will be as shown below. Remember – your FarePass is valid on these scheduled journeys.

For Group Hire the charge has increased to £1.50 per mile. The Committee wishes to point out what a favourable rate this is for local community groups. Fill the bus and it works out at less than 10p per mile per passenger.

Revised Fares from 1st April, 2008

| | | To Romsey | |
|--------------------------|----------|----------------|-------|
| From Broughton | Adult | | £3.35 |
| | Under 16 | | £1.70 |
| Mottisfont and Dunbridge | Adult | | £2.70 |
| | Under 16 | | £1.35 |
| | | To Salisbury | |
| From Broughton | Adult | | £3.70 |
| | Under 16 | | £1.85 |
| Mottisfont and Dunbridge | Adult | | £4.60 |
| | Under 16 | | £2.30 |
| | | To Winchester | |
| From Broughton | Adult | | £4.45 |
| | Under 16 | | £2.20 |
| Mottisfont and Dunbridge | Adult | | £3.50 |
| | Under 16 | | £1.75 |
| Timsbury | Adult | | £3.50 |
| | Under 16 | | £1.75 |
| | | To Southampton | |
| Broughton | Adult | | £4.70 |
| | Under 16 | | £2.35 |
| Mottisfont & Dunbridge | Adult | | £4.05 |
| | Under 16 | | £2.00 |
| Timsbury | Adult | | £3.95 |
| | Under 16 | | £2.00 |

The Thomas Dowse Trust

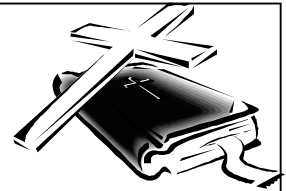
The Thomas Dowse Trust was created to provide people up to the age of 25 years with financial assistance towards educational requirements. The Trust meets four times a year (March, June, September and November) to award grants to those who show a need for financial assistance towards their education, whether it be for Pre-School, School, College or University.

If you live in the Benefice of Bossington and Mottisfont and would like to apply for a grant, please contact Mrs. Gill Kilroy on 01794 301332 for an application form.

The next Trust meeting will be in March 2008. Applications for grants must be handed in by the end of February 2008, in time for the March Trust meeting.

Dear Friends,

There are plenty of Godly happenings taking place in our Benefice at the moment, and some are aimed at fresh expressions of worship and outreach, welcoming new people to our churches, and those who are interested in exploring the Christian Faith.



As well as our usual worship, we have introduced on the first Sunday of each month a 10.00am service of worship at St Mary's, Broughton, called Open Door. This service brings into the parishes a new type of worship with vocalists and musical instruments accompanying the worship. The March Open Door's theme will be entitled "Called, Challenged, and Commissioned". The first service last month was well supported, and we hope to see lots of people coming on the 2nd March.

We have also introduced a once a month breakfast on the second Saturday of each month at the Tally Ho pub in Broughton at 8.30am and finishing promptly by 10.00am. Here we have a full cooked breakfast for £5 and a speaker on different Christian subjects. Book in with Beryl Pratley on email at beryl@pratleyg.fsnet.co.uk

Working with Broughton School we are to introduce a regular school assembly, which will be happening in St Mary's Church. Our first assembly will be happening on 26th March at 10.30am. All are welcome from any of the villages, especially the parents and families of the children.

Amidst all of these things we are also reminded of our Lenten calling to take up something extra for God. Perhaps this may be taking more time for prayer or reading the bible or attending the Wednesday Meditations focusing on the Lord's Prayer. Even if you have missed most of these we still have the beauty of the Holy Week Liturgy to experience, with a Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at St Mary's at 7.30pm. This is the service that marks what is known as the beginning of the Paschal Triduum. In the three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday we move through Christ's passion, culminating in destroying death and restoring our risen life. It begins with the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday with foot washing, a symbol of loving service, then on to Good Friday's deeply moving meditations at 2.00pm at St Mary's Broughton, focusing on the Cross, or the 10.00am Family Service at Houghton. Then the glory of the Resurrection on Easter Morn, celebrated throughout the Benefice, the first Easter Day Service will take place at Bossington Airfield at 6.30.am.

Details of the place, day and timings of the services can be found in this publication. Please join us as we liturgically and spiritually accompany Christ through the Passion to the glory of the Easter Resurrection.

With Blessings

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR MARCH

| | 2nd March Mothering Sunday | 9th March Lent 5 | 16th March Palm Sunday | 23rd March Easter Day | 30th March Easter 1 |
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| 8.00 am | Broughton HC CW | Broughton HC BCP | | | |
| 9.30 am | Bossington HC BCP | Houghton HC CW | Mottisfont HC BCP | Bossington HC BCP | Houghton HC CW for whole benefice |
| | | Broughton Family Service | Broughton Godly Play | Houghton HC CW | |
| 10.00 am | Broughton Open Doors | | | | |
| 11.00 am | Mottisfont Family Service | Mottisfont Family Service | Broughton HC CW with Coffee Club | Broughton HC CW | |
| | | | Mottisfont HC CW | | |
| 6.00 pm | Houghton Evensong | | Houghton Evensong | | |

Services during Holy Week and Easter throughout the Benefice

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm, St Mary's, Broughton, Eucharist of the Last Supper and foot washing

Good Friday

10.00am All Saints, Houghton, Holy Week Trail
2.00pm St Mary's Broughton, Meditation on the Cross

Easter Day

6.30am Bossington Airfield, Holy Communion
9.30am St James', Bossington, HC BCP
9.30am All Saints, Houghton, HC CW
11.00am St. Mary's, Broughton HC CW
11.00am St. Andrew's, Mottisfont, HC CW followed by an Easter Egg Hunt

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For Families during March

On Mothering Sunday, 2nd March, there will be a special family service (for the benefice) at St. Andrew's at 11.00am. Please come and join us.

On Palm Sunday, 16th March, families with young children are invited to Houghton Lodge for an Easter Egg Hunt and tea (by kind permission of Capt. & Mrs. Martin Buck) from 4.30pm onwards.

For more details about either of the above, please contact Gina Livermore on 388433.

Re-engage brain?

"One of the common denominators I have found is that expectations rise above that which is expected."

- George Bush, Los Angeles, 27 September, 2000

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

6th March, Mrs. Beryl Caplin.
13th March, Mr. David Marke.
20th March, Mrs. Gina Livermore.
27th March, visit to Cornerstone United Reform Church at Hythe.

Every one welcome. Do come and join us.

We are establishing a link with the Ladies Fellowship Group at Cornerstone United Reform Church at Hythe. They have invited us to join them for one of their meetings, followed by tea. We will then be shown around; we will see how they have rebuilt their Church and how they are encouraging non-Christians to use the many excellent facilities in this thriving active Church.

If you would like to come along, please contact me.
Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday, 7th March, 2.30pm
St. Mary's, Broughton

The women of Guyana have prepared this year's service, which has as its theme "God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding". Please come and join us at St. Mary's, Broughton, for this interdenominational service, which will be followed by tea and refreshments.

For more details, contact Gina Livermore on 388433.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



The Neighbourhood Watch Association has passed on some useful advice, well worth taking note of:

From 21st May 2008 Hampshire Constabulary will be working in conjunction with Hampshire Trading Standards Service on a joint project to tackle doorstep crime. You may be aware that there are considerable links between distraction burglars and certain rogue traders, particularly builders, UPVC window fitters, Tarmacadam layers and gardeners who look for business on the doorstep.

Please be extra vigilant and report anything that may be suspicious (people or vehicles), or indeed if any stranger calls at your home uninvited, offering to do work. Please keep an eye out for vulnerable neighbours, too. Incidents should be reported to Trading Standards on 0845 603 0081, or to the Police on 0845 045 4545.

We have also had reports of cards being put through letter boxes saying that a delivery company has tried to deliver a parcel, but it gives a premium rate phone number to call to re-arrange delivery.

Stay on your toes!



SIZE REALLY MATTERS!

forestforge
theatre company

On 25th March, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, the Forest Forge Theatre Company presents:

TO THE MARROW

In the world of competitive vegetable growing, size really does matter!

Written by Sean Aita, directed by David Haworth

“It’s a war alright, gardening, and this is the front line. To win it you’ve got to understand how the whole thing works. How the cycle comes around. It’s all a matter of life and death. And like in any war, you have to be prepared to crush your enemy completely.”

Tickets from Jon and Heather (340740)

LOCKERLEY SCHOOL

Forthcoming Events:

Lockerley School PTA Fundraising Event

Saturday, 10th May,
at Lockerley Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Bond, James Bond

A night of entertainment, casino tables, dancing, supper and licence to drink.

Tickets £15 each, to include £5 of casino chips.

Prize for best dressed Bond character.

Tickets available from Lockerley School on 340485 or Bella Thomas on 342212

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LOCKERLEY PTA SUMMER PLAYScheme

Monday, 4th August to Friday 8th August

9.30am to 12.30pm
at Lockerley Memorial Hall

WHIST DRIVES



The monthly Whist Drives will be taking place in Mottisfont Village Hall on 28th March and 25th April, all at 7.30pm.

We would be pleased to welcome any new players, and if anyone would like an evening’s practice, please contact Gordon Wood (340129) or John Jenkins (301614).

We play social whist, and do not take it too seriously. We enjoy good company, refreshments and prizes.

AWBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FORTHCOMING DATES:

10th-14th March: Year 6 trip to Little Canada

20th – 25th March: Easter weekend off

3rd April: Performing Arts Afternoon

4th – 22nd April: Easter holidays

12th May: Year 6 SATs

10th June: Sports Day

17th June: Reserve Sports Day

23rd June: Inset Day

Although this is a short term, the children have been working hard and taking part in many exciting activities. On 6th February, Class 4 left at the crack of dawn for a day’s visit to Hampton Court. This is to tie in with their topic on the Tudors, which has included studying Henry VIII and Elizabeth I, the Battle of Bosworth, Tudor music and dance, and taking part in a King Henry VIIIth banquet on 15th February.

Meanwhile, Class 3 have been studying World War Two. They have built an air raid shelter in their classroom and have shared many interesting artefacts and stories from the children’s own relations. On 11th February, the children visited Aldershot Military Museum and learnt about rationing, the Blitz, evacuees, and had fun trying on old wartime clothes and uniforms.

On Thursday, 6th March, Awbridge School PTA is hosting a film night and showing the BAFTA nominated film, Atonement. It will take place in Awbridge Village Hall from 7.30pm at a cost of £5, which includes a glass of wine and raffle ticket. Tickets are available from Philippa Luckhurst, telephone 323456.

Cleaner Wanted

2 mornings per week (about 4 hours/week) to clean the fishing huts on the Dun, Main, Rectory and Oakley beats.

Mid-April to mid-October, hours and days flexible. £10/hour.

Please contact robert@mottisfont.org.uk or call 341310.

Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall Association AGM will be held on Thursday, 27th March, at 7.30pm. The AGM is open to all, so if you would like to find out more about how the Village Hall operates, or offer to lend a hand, or if you would just like to meet a few new people, then do please come along.

Jon Butler



**MOTTISFONT &
DUNBRIDGE W.I.**



Stuart Wineberg gave a wonderful talk illustrated with slides on the Southampton based Jubilee Sailing Trust. "Tenacious", a magnificent tall ship, is very cleverly designed with facilities to accommodate and enable all types of disabled persons to carry out most of the tasks.

Able bodied persons known as "buddies" are paired up on a one to one basis with a disabled person. Stuart found the experience most rewarding.

Several members are to attend the Spring Council meeting in Portsmouth on Wednesday, 2nd April, to hear onetime Archbishop's envoy and hostage, Terry Waite, CBE.

The Jumble Sale will be held in the Village hall on 1st March, at 2pm.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th March, at 8pm in the Village Hall: Tall Hats and Tall Tales, a talk by Nigel Palmer.

Everyone is very welcome to attend any of our meetings. Why not come along and see what we do?

Cathie Wood
340129

What's on at The Mill Arms



Changed to Last Sunday night of each month- 'Bryan's Quiz' – a really great quiz with something for everyone, what ever your age or knowledge.

Includes Spot the Difference, and a music round. Teams of 2-6. £1.00pp. From 8.45pm - why not have a meal first, stay and have a few drinks, and try for the rolling £100 jackpot! Next dates: 30th March, 27th April, 25th May.

5th March - All you can eat curry buffet, £8.95pp, 6.30-8.30pm. 4-5 different curries of varying strengths. Why not get a big table together! We only cater for the number of reservations that we have booked, & please note, this is normally the only menu served on a curry night.

9th March - Theatre & Supper Night – SOLD OUT, but see 6th April below.

16th March - Sarah Saville Sings – With a fantastic 4 octave range, Sarah is a powerfully strong soloist, and will sing Nina Simone, Billie Holliday, and other more contemporary artists. £16 to include light hot buffet. Like all our events, we need to guarantee a certain number of guests to make these events viable for both us and the artist. If you would like to come, we need you to book by the last week in February. If there is not sufficient support, the event will have to be cancelled.

6th April - Theatre & Supper Night

As the 9th March sold out in 8 days, the Creative Cow Theatre Production Company are back for a repeat performance. A 2 course menu and a one hour play will be held in the function room. The evening begins at 7.00 for 7.30pm; the play starts at around 8.30-8.45pm. The evening will conclude at about 10-10.30pm. Maximum capacity: 60 guests. £25pp. Sunday night.

Email your interest to millarms@btconnect.com, telephone 340401, or give your details to the bar staff for any event.

CONTACTING YOUR MP

Sandra Gidley, MP, is keen to hear from you on any matters of concern. She can be contacted at:

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VILLAGE DIARY

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| Saturday, 1st March | WI Jumble Sale | 2pm, Village Hall |
| Saturday, 1st March | Lockerley School Quiz | 7.30pm, Lockerley Memorial Hall |
| Friday, 7th March | WI Anniversary Dinner | 8.00 for 8.30, Lamb Inn, Nomansland |
| Tuesday, 11th March | WI meeting | 8pm, Village Hall |
| Wednesday, 12th March | Mottisfont Parish Council meeting | |
| Thursday, 13th March | Awbridge First Responders | 7.30, Awbridge Village Hall |
| Tuesday, 25th March | Forest Forge Theatre Company | 7.30, Village Hall |
| Thursday, 27th March | Village Hall AGM | 7.30, Village Hall |
| Friday, 28th March | Whist Drive | 7.30, Village Hall |

BRAIN TEASERS

1. Fred spent £35 on some drinks for a party. If the whisky cost twice as much as the beer, and the lemonade cost half as much as the beer, how much did he spend on the beer?

2. Can you solve the following food and drink related anagrams?

ORDER PIG (8)
 RAW INERT MEAL (7,5)
 RE A JUG ON ICE (6,5)
 PUB TUNE TREAT (6,6)
 CRACKPOT INLAW (5,8)

Answers to last month's Brain Teasers: 1. Chicago, 2. Bob invited five people, 3. Survivors aren't usually buried...

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

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| First Responders Coordinator | Kay Murrant | 340289 | Village Bus Secretary | George Vaughan | 301045 |
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| MPNTTA | Gillian Francis | 340151 | (Reg.Charity Village Hall No 291629) | Jon & Heather Butler | 340740 |
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