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The First Fete Announcement of Summer

Last week we saw the first advertisement for an August 2008 summer fete. "Drat", (or words to that effect), we said, "just as we were to announce to the world, via the *Acorn*, the date of this year's Mottisfont and Dunbridge fete". Well, we may not be the first in true cuckoo fashion, but we are nevertheless very happy to announce the date for village fete: Sunday, 17th August. Remember this date, pencil it in your diary, type it into Outlook, tattoo it on your knuckles and tell your friends. It's going to be good.

And why it is going to be good? Because it is a village event that we can all help in some way to make a success. Look at page five for more details of how you can get involved.

Julia & Peter

PS. Any takers for organising a marrow competition?

Are you a safe cyclist?

As the summer months bring out more cyclists onto the Mottisfont and Dunbridge roads all road users, cyclists, drivers and walkers, should be aware of visibility and safety.



Road safety specialists recommend that Cyclists should:

- Wear suitable reflective and fluorescent clothing to be seen by other road users.
- Always wear a cycle helmet which is in good repair to reduce head injuries.
- Allow ample time and use hand signals to make drivers aware of their intention to turn either left or right.

And that Drivers should :

- "Think Bike" and "Think Walker" at all times. These road users can be difficult to see especially when the colour of their clothing merges into the surrounding hedges and trees.
- Give cyclists and walkers plenty of room when overtaking them and never turn shortly after overtaking. Cyclists have a tendency to wobble, and are easily affected by side wind, when being overtaken.

Here's to a safe summer on the roads and particularly in Mottisfont and Dunbridge.



BE SAFE, BE SEEN!

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

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.

Policing in Mottisfont

We were very pleased to welcome Inspector Bernadette Smith to our Annual Parish Meeting, who is in charge of policing in Romsey and District. Insp. Smith explained that reported crime in the parish was low (19 incidents last year) and that the rural beat officer post was vacant at the moment but should be filled shortly. PC John Viney was getting around the villages in the meantime with his mobile police surgery and regularly parks in the Social Club.

She explained the way in which the police graded call-outs. Category 1 were 999 calls where life might be at risk and the police aimed to attend in 10 minutes. They tried to respond to category 2 calls within 30 minutes using area reaction teams: these were under the command of Andover but a team worked around Romsey. She was trying to get a locally based team under her command. Category 3 calls were the responsibility of her beat. She had to focus her resources on the areas with the most crime, for example, North Baddesley.

In order to get a stronger police presence on the streets, Insp. Smith said that Police Community Support Officers were being recruited. PCSOs had no power of arrest but provided intelligence and victim support. She explained that paperwork seriously reduced the time that her police officers could be out and about on the beat.

The Inspector was asked about enforcement of speed limits. She said that we didn't have many police call-outs to accidents in the parish (although our own statistics suggest otherwise) but rural speeding was an issue in most parishes in the area. She warned though that the biggest culprits were local people. There was (coincidentally?) a speed check on Barley Hill the day after our meeting. I wonder who got caught?

Jeff Channing

Mottisfont Parish Council

The Annual General Meeting

will take place

on

Wednesday, 14th May,
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

New Keyholder Registration Scheme

Hampshire Police are asking for all householders and operators of commercial premises with audible alarms to provide them with their keyholder details so that they can be registered on a new database of keyholders. The details are set out in a leaflet which can be down-loaded from the Police web site www.hampshire.police.uk. Alternatively, one can be posted to you on request. Please call 0845 045 45 45 and ask for the Security Systems Administration office to obtain further details.

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 June 2008. Applications for grants must be handed in by the end of May 2008, in time for the June Trust meeting.



MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



The month of April has been a busy time for the group. Mr. Lowe demonstrated how to add extra interest to our hanging baskets by adding parsley, basil, and trailing tomato plants along with the usual flowers for our summer displays.

At the spring council meeting members heard Terry Waite speak of his years of captivity in the Middle East.

John Ericson presented his thought-provoking and entertaining presentation of Visual Illusions, which illustrated different aspects of eye/brain interaction at the group meeting.

The May meeting will be on Tuesday, 13th May, at 8pm in the village hall. Members are invited to bring along their favourite dish and recipe for a taster evening after the resolutions have been discussed.

The Summer Outing will be on Tuesday, 8th July. It is a boat trip from Buckler's Hard. Departure will be at 6.15pm for 6.30pm, and the trip will last 1½ hours on the river. The cost is £6.00. There are still spaces available for visitors. If you are interested, contact Margaret Astur on 341922.

Any one wishing to join our happy band will be most welcome.

Cathie Wood, 340129



6th ROMSEY LOCKERLEY SCOUT GROUP



URGENTLY REQUIRE A BEAVER LEADER FOR OUR THRIVING COLONY

CURRENTLY MEET TUESDAY EVENINGS

WE DON'T WANT TO CLOSE!

We are looking for an enthusiastic person (male or female) to assist with the running of our beaver colony at Lockerley.

If you have a couple of hours to spare each week and are able to help, please contact Jean Beauchamp on 01722 712251 or Sue Smith on 01794 340015

Dear Friends,



There seems to be a great deal of doom and gloom about at the moment, what with the problems of the banking sector and mortgages, of rising food and fuel prices, etc. In the midst of all this, I can tell you some excellent news: Pentecost is coming!

On 11th May, the Church celebrates the giving of the Holy Spirit to God's Church and People. "Suddenly there came from the sky what sounded like a strong driving wind, a noise which filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them flames like tongues of fire distributed among them and coming to rest on each one" (Acts 2:1-2). This was the Day of Pentecost and the beginning of the gift of the Holy Spirit to Christ's Church, which subsequently means that each Christian is able to be changed, and encouraged and enabled to use our God-given gifts for the building up of the Church. Everything from teaching to administration and from flower arranging to leading prayers in church, all of these gifts help to build up the work and the witness of Christ's Church. Each person is called upon to use their gifts in helping Christ's Church to grow and be fruitful.

On the 11th May at 10.00am this year we are holding a Benefice Service at All Saints Church, Houghton, to celebrate the multifaceted gifts of all those who contribute in so many ways to the life of the Church in this Benefice. We want to make it a very special morning of worship and thanksgiving. We would like as many people as possible to come and to be part of the Church's Birthday, so making it a really exceptional occasion where we can thank God for all those who do so much for our churches throughout the Benefice.

With blessings

Ron

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR MAY

| | 4th May EASTER 7 | 11th May PENTECOST | 18th May TRINITY SUNDAY | 25th May TRINITY 1 |
|-------------|--|-------------------------------|---|--|
| 8.00 am | Broughton HC CW | Broughton HC BCP | | |
| 9.30 am | Bossington HC BCP ----- Broughton Godly Play | | Mottisfont HC BCP ----- Broughton Sunday Club | Broughton Family Communion with Sunday Club |
| 10.00 am | | Houghton HC CW * see below | | |
| 11.00 am | Mottisfont Matins | | Broughton Matins with Coffee Club | Mottisfont Family Communion |
| 6.00 pm | Houghton Evensong | | Houghton Evensong | Houghton HC BCP |

* Please note that Godly Play has returned to the first Sunday of the month, and that the Open Door Service is having a break until later in the year.

Other special events to note for May are:

- 11th May, Whit Sunday, at All Saints, Houghton: 10.00am There will be a special service of celebration and thanksgiving as we recognise before God all the many different ways in which people contribute to the life of the church in our benefice. Children are very welcome, and some will be taking an active part in the service. Please come, and stay for coffee and birthday cake afterwards.
- Friday, 30th May, from 6.30pm: An evening in the Rose Garden at Mottisfont.

News on Alpha

On Wednesday, 10th September, the new Alpha Course will start in the Community Room of the Flats in the High Street Broughton.



Supper will be provided at 7pm, and then you will be able to see and hear the Alpha Course for yourselves.

You may have heard people talk about Alpha in the past, so why not come and see what it is all about.

Alpha lasts for 10 weeks. 2 million people in the UK and 11 million worldwide have attended an Alpha Course. Why not join them?

Everyone is welcome. If you would like to know more please ring Ann Ridout on 01980 862232, or speak to our Rector Ron, or Philip Mutton.

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

- 1st May: Visit to Furzey Gardens
- 8th May: Mr. Graham Womersley (Open Doors)
- 15th May: Captain John Smith
- 22nd May: Members Meeting
- 29th May: Mrs. Margaret Pickett

Graham will be speaking about his involvement with Open Doors, a Christian Mission which serves the suffering Church throughout the world.

Why not come along and hear his message.

Everyone welcome. Do come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Village Fete

The village fete this year will be held on Sunday, 17th August.

Preparations will begin with a **Fete Meeting** at the village hall on 22nd May 7.30pm.

We are looking for good ideas to make the fete more attractive and fun, and to encourage more people to come

If you can help in any way , whether to run a stall, put up signs, direct parking, or anything else, then do please come along.

Alternatively, give Gordon a ring on 340129.

All help very gratefully received!

A little ho-ho? Very nearly...

- Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how it remains so popular?
- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.
- The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first.
- Honk if you love peace and quiet.

CONTACTING YOUR 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

LOCKERLEY SCHOOL PTA FUNDRAISING EVENT

Saturday, 10 May, 7.30pm
at Lockerley Memorial Hall

Bond, James Bond

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

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

Prize for best dressed Bond character.

Tickets available from
Lockerley School 340485
or
Bella Thomas 342212

LOCKERLEY PTA SUMMER PLAYScheme

Monday 4th to Friday 8th August 2008

9.30am to 12.30pm

at Lockerley Memorial Hall

Village Hall hire rates for 2008

We have adjusted the hire rates for 2008. Rates for regular bookings have been lowered, and a small increase has been applied to other hirers:

- Regular local society booking, e.g. art group: £5 per hour
- Local personal booking, i.e. live within the parish: £7 per hour
- Other personal booking, i.e. live outside the parish: £12 per hour

We now have a village hall web site at
www.mottisfontvillagehall.co.uk

GARDENING CLUB

Well done to Geoff Spanswick who won both the hyacinth and the daffodil competition last month.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 20th May, at 7.30pm, and is a talk and slide show by Gordon Small entitled "A wildlife journey around Britain". All are very welcome, £2 entrance.

On Saturday, 14th June, we have a trip to the "Weald and Downland Open Air Museum" in West Sussex. There are a few spare places, so if you would like to come along, the cost is £19 to include entrance and coach (leaving Dunbridge around 9.30am and returning 5pm). Please ring Michael Horne on 340105 to book a place.

AWBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Awbridge Primary School had a very busy second half to the Spring Term. Year 6 had an enjoyable time when they went to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight and tried many interesting and sometimes challenging activities. Although Easter fell during the school term this year there were still the usual celebrations with pupils making some superb Easter gardens and a special Assembly was held.

On the 27th March Classes 3, 4 and 5 were visited by local author Andrew Norriss. Andrew has won the Whitbread Award and two of his books have been adapted for television. Andrew talked to the children about his work and read some extracts.

The highlight of the end of term was Maths and Science week which included problem solving and investigative activities which entertained, educated and provoked thought for everyone at school. The week began with an exciting show from the Quantum Theatre and ended with a Maths Market on Friday where the children shared activities and sold products they had made during the week. Other class activities included kite making, designing cocktails, car racing and studying gravity and magnetism.

Broughton is going to be dancing in May!

To raise money for our pre-school building, we can offer:

3rd May: Gig by popular local band "Mavis Grind"

8th May: Salsa and Latin evening, with tuition

10th May: Family Barn Dance

17th May: The famous Grasscutters Ball

18th May: Traditional tea dance

Details are on posters on display round the villages, and tickets are on sale from:

Broughton School
West View Stores, Broughton
and
Broughton Crafts, Stockbridge

Dancing is good for you - that's official!

Local History Group

The next meeting is in the back room at the Mill Arms on Thursday, 22nd May, at 7.30pm. All very welcome. Please bring any pictures or stories with you.

Then on Thursday, 3rd July, at 7.30pm in the village hall, we have a talk and slide show by Phil Marshal, National Trust Estate Manager, on "The National Trust Estate, before they were given it, since they have had it and the plans for the future." More details later.

In August we have the village fete where we will have a display. We are desperate for more photos for the display in the Village Hall! The current display has a variety of maps, plans and photos of local buildings. Thank you to the person who identified the unknown building and added the picture and information...and for the wedding photo. Please contact Michael Horne, 4 Mill Rise, tel. 340105, if you have other photos or ideas for displays, talks, 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

Some dates for your diaries

AN EVENING IN THE ROSE GARDEN

Friday, 30th May, from 6.30pm

A chance to see the roses without too many people around, and enjoy the scents of the evening.

£5 all adults, £2.50 age 10 to 16yrs, under 10s free

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STALLS IN THE ABBEY CAR PARK

- Bank holiday Mondays, 5th and 26th May
- Saturdays, 14th and 28th June
- Bank holiday Monday, 25th August

Please contribute items for sale.

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HOG ROAST

Sunday, 13th July, at Mottisfont House

Hog Roast 6pm to 8pm.
Garden open until 9pm

Tickets beforehand:

Adults £15

Children under 15 £7.50

Senior Citizens £12

Apply to Mrs. Clutterbuck

Any more info needed? – ring 368346

DIARY

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| Saturday, 10th May | Lockerley School PTA Fundraising | 7.30pm, Lockerley Memorial Hall |
| Tuesday, 13th May | WI meeting | 8pm, Village Hall |
| Tuesday, 20th May | Wild Life Journey Round Britain | 7.30pm, Village Hall |
| Thursday, 22nd May | Village fete meeting | 7.30pm, Village Hall |
| Friday, 30th May | An Evening In The Rose Garden | 6.30, Mottisfont Abbey |
| Saturday, 14th June | Weald and Downland Museum trip | 9.30am departure |
| Tuesday, 8th July | WI boat trip | 6.30pm, Bucklers Hard |
| Sunday, 17th August | Village Fete | Village Hall |

BRAIN TEASERS

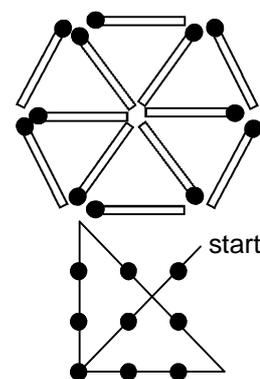
Time and motion expert?

If it takes two wood-carvers three hours to carve six toys, how many wood-carvers would it take to carve two dozen of the same toys in five hours?

Financial wizard?

If the price of a cricket bat is reduced by 20% for a sale, by what percentage of the sale price must it be increased when the sale finishes, to sell at its original price?

Last month's solutions



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

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