



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



The Village Newsletter

August & September 2009

Mottisfont Village Fete

at Mottisfont Village Hall

Sunday, 16th August

from 2pm

Fun for all the family

Live Music with

The Birnie Boozle Band

**Stalls, Games, Competitions, Tombola,
Grand Draw, Cake Stall, Bar & B.B.Q.,
Dance, History, Art & Photography, etc.**

Cake Competition

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

Children's Pet Competition

**The Prettiest Pet, The Most Unusual Pet, and
Special Categories, to suit everyone's pets**

Free to enter, just turn up on the day

Free Admission & Parking

WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY VENUE

The next edition of the *Acorn* will be in **October**. The deadline for the October *Acorn* is 16th September.
Please e-mail contributions to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.



MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



The July meeting was a guided walking tour of the City of Winchester. From King Alfred's statue, we walked along the beautiful River Itchen and the old city walls. We passed Jane Austen's house, Wolvesey Castle, the famous Winchester College, Kingsgate Arch and into the Cathedral Close.

Future events

- ◆ Tuesday, 11th August – 'Exploring the Hampshire Avon', a talk by John Coombes follows the Avon River/Valley from Mudeford to its source near Pewsey. 8pm at the Village Hall.
- ◆ Tuesday, 8th September – 'Needlecrafts for Christmas', an evening of craft work with Annette Williams. 8pm at the Village Hall.

Looking further ahead and definitely not to be missed:

- ◆ Monday, 5th October - Test Valley Group meeting Ian G Brennan, Wood Carver and Sculptor to the British Royal Household. 7.30pm at King Edward Hall, West Tytherley.

Thank you to all who have given us toys, books

and bric-à-brac for the Village Fete on 16th August. We are able to collect any further contributions. Please call Cathie on 340129, Margaret on 341922, or Frances on 301614.

Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our meetings or events. Do come along and see what we do.

Cathie Wood 01794 340129

The Acorn is having a holiday!

There will be no *Acorn* published in September.



The next edition will be delivered in early October. Please note that the deadline for content for the October edition will be 16th September.

With best wishes for a wonderful summer,

Julia and Peter

SMALL ADS

► I am about to refurbish a bedroom in the autumn and have some furniture (pine), bed settee and soft furnishings - three sets of curtains - (cottage window size) and a double bed throw all in pretty blues and yellows for sale.

If anyone is interested in viewing and purchasing please contact Pauline on 01794 340 180

► Siemens double electric oven, brown, for mounting in a standard kitchen unit. In good working order, £25, to clear the space it's taking in my garage! Buyer to collect - it's quite heavy. Call Peter on 340793.

Conditions

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WALKING GROUP

Dates for your dairy:

- Friday, 7th August, 10am: meet at the Mill Arms.
- Friday, 11th September, 9.50am: catch the train to Dean or Salisbury.
- Friday, 9th October: to be arranged. Probably the usual time, 10am.

Gordon, 340129



ART GROUP



The Art Group meets every Thursday, 2 - 4pm at the Village Hall. All skills from beginner to expert are most welcome.

Details from Gordon on 340129

Gift Day - Saturday, 12th September, 10am to 1pm

I am sure you will agree with me that our ancient and beautiful church of St Andrew's is a place of tranquillity, beauty and history. It is a holy place, which reminds us of the transcendent love of God for us. It is a place steeped in prayer and village life stretching back into the history of many centuries, and its presence goes back even beyond the foundation of Mottisfont Abbey. What a gem we have in St Andrew's!

The miracle is that St Andrew's is still today at the heart of prayer for our village and for the world, and of Christian worship Sunday by Sunday.

Besides the rhythm of weekly worship, there are 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.

In order to keep our church maintained, open and functioning costs some £19,000 per annum. Oil, electricity, insurance, cemetery upkeep, repairs, etc., exceed £5,000 per annum, plus Ministry Quota at £14,000. You can imagine with only a small congregation that this is an increasingly difficult task. It is becoming progressively more difficult to fund, even with our loyal congregation

who are both giving, and holding all sorts of functions in order to keep a "roof over our heads". It says in scripture that the more generous we are, the more we will receive back in so many other ways.

Therefore may I ask if you would consider making an annual donation to St Andrew's, in the form of a weekly or monthly Standing Order?



We are holding our Mottisfont Church Gift Day on Saturday, 12th September, from 10am to 1.00 pm. I will be in church, and would be delighted to meet you and receive any donation you may wish to make. Please place your donation in an envelope, including your name and address, and either hand to me on the day or if you are unable to attend or wish to give an anonymous donation please send it to me. It will be gratefully received, and I will hand it to our Church Treasurer to help her to keep the bills paid.

Please help. It is our church, and we want to keep it open for all our village people.

I very much look forward to meeting with you on our Gift Day.

With Blessings
Revd Ron Corne, Rector

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

		8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	6.00pm
2nd August TRINITY 8	Broughton HC CW	Bossington HC BCP	No service at Mottisfont	Houghton Evensong	
9th August TRINITY 9	Broughton HC BCP	Broughton Family Service Houghton HC CW	No service at Mottisfont		
16th August TRINITY 10		Mottisfont HC BCP	Broughton HC CW	Houghton Evensong	
23rd August TRINITY 11		Broughton HC CW	Mottisfont Family Communion	Houghton HC BCP	
30th August TRINITY 12		Bossington HC CW for the benefice		6.30pm Bossington Compline	
6th September TRINITY 13	Broughton HC CW	Bossington HC BCP Broughton Godly Play	Mottisfont Matins	Houghton Evensong	
13th September TRINITY 14	Broughton HC BCP	Broughton Family Service Houghton HC CW	Mottisfont Family Service		
20th September TRINITY 15		Mottisfont HC BCP Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton HC CW with Coffee Club	Houghton Evensong	
27th September TRINITY 16		Broughton HC CW Broughton Sunday Club	Mottisfont Family Communion	Houghton HC BCP	

St. ANDREW'S SERVICES IN AUGUST

There will not be a service at St. Andrew's on either 2nd or 9th August.

Wine and Cheese Event

Come and enjoy a late summer's evening on the banks of the River Test.

12th September, 6pm - 8pm

at

Kimbridge Farm House

Kimbridge
SO51 0LE

£15 Adult

£10 under age of 10

Entrance only by ticket

Cash Bar available

Tickets available on application to:
The Friends of St Andrew's Church Mottisfont
Mottisfont House
Mottisfont
Romsey, SO51 0LN

The Mission to Seafarers

A speaker from The Mission to Seafarers visited St. Andrew's Church recently. Seafarers are the invisible people whose hard work enables all of us to enjoy the comforts of modern living. Few of us will ever meet a seafarer, because most modern ports are situated miles away from the nearest town, and are desolate and difficult environments. Seafarers have little, and in some countries, no time to go ashore, and therefore rely on the extensive ship visiting programme that The Mission to Seafarers operates around the world.

The Mission has recently launched its own SIM card which will allow seafarers to make low-cost telephone calls from their existing mobile phones without having to incur excessive roaming charges.

They need our support.

The Fundraising Department, The Mission to Seafarers, St. Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London EC4R 2RL. 020 7248 5202.
Email: fundraising@missiontoseafarers.org.
Website: www.missiontoseafarers.org

Valda White

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Please note: there will not be any meetings during August.

3rd September: Members Meeting
10th September: 76th Anniversary Service (Mr. Richard Munro, MAF)
17th September: Rev'd Christopher Walker
24th September: Mr. Ivan Perryman

The 76th Anniversary Service will be held in Broughton Village Hall on Thursday, 10th September at 2.00 pm. M.A.F. (Mission Aviation Fellowship) is a Christian organisation who fly light aircraft to provide help for people who live 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.

Every one welcome.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

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 2009.

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.

The Village Fete: Sunday, 16th August.

The Fete is organised by the Village Hall Committee, plus others, as one of the main fund raising events in the annual calendar. It raises money for the upkeep of the hall and grounds, so that local people and others will benefit in having a well kept community centre for hire for regular meetings, functions, events, shows, children's parties, etc.

Recent improvements have included the hall being decorated both inside and out, a new bunded oil tank, store sheds and fences renewed. As always, thanks to Russell Cox and Alan Lawrence, the field and surrounding areas are always looking good.

The Fete is popular and a happy event for all. Please give it your support.

The Draw Tickets which you received with last month's Acorn - have you been able to sell them? Do you want any more? Please return your counterfoils in ample time.

The Tombola Stall - can you spare a bottle or two, or even just a tin of beans or something? It all helps! Cakes, shortbread, biscuits, etc, are always very popular. Can you help?

Remember: all money raised goes to the upkeep of the hall.

Thanking you,

Gordon, 340129

ROMSEY SHOW

SATURDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER BROADLANDS PARK, ROMSEY

The best of British food and farming plus fun for all the family will be found at this year's Romsey Show.

The one-day agricultural show, which has a reputation as one of the finest events of its kind in the country, is celebrating 90 years in the beautiful parkland at Broadlands, and organisers are planning a programme of top entertainment to mark the occasion.

A wealth of prize-winning livestock and hundreds of competing horses lie at the heart of the show, which was founded over 150 years ago to promote good husbandry and skilled labour.

There's also an abundance of traditional country pursuits, such as gun dogs and falconry, and the fabulous Food Show, where well-known chefs use local produce to create mouth-watering dishes.

The main attraction in the show ring is the Bolddog Lings Freestyle Team, who are the UK's number one motorcycle display team. There's also an action-packed demonstration from the Ridgeside Lurcher Display Team as well as music and frolics from the Romsey Old Cadets Carnival Band.

Romsey Show takes place on Saturday, September 12th, at Broadlands Park, Romsey.

Advance tickets, priced £9 adult, £7 over-60, £5 child (aged 5 to 16) or £25 family (2 adults and 2 children) are available online at www.romseyshow.co.uk until September 7th, or at various outlets, including Tourist Information Centres. Alternatively, you can buy tickets at the entrance on show day, priced £12 adult, £10 over-60, £6 child or £30 family.

Garden Club

We had a great day out at Bramdean House and Hinton Ampner in June.



At the Village Fete we will be having competitions for the **Longest Runner Bean** and the **Heaviest Marrow**, plus our **Make Your Own Plate Garden** competition.

On 15th September at 7.30 in The Village Hall there will be an illustrated talk on **The Dorset Coast and Its Wildlife** by Geoff March. Entrance is £2.00. All are very welcome.

Local History Group

The Local History Group will have a display at the Village Fete, with many new photos.

If you have any pictures or articles of local interest, please bring them along or give me a ring beforehand.

Michael Horne 01794 340105.

DIARY

Tuesday, 11th August	WI meeting	8pm, Village Hall
Sunday, 16th August	Village Fete	Village Hall
Tuesday, 8th September	WI meeting	8pm, Village Hall
Friday, 11th September	Walking Group	9.50am, Dunbridge Station
Tuesday, 15th September	Garden Club Talk	7.30pm, Village Hall
Monday, 5th October	WI Test Valley Group meeting	7.30pm, King Edward Hall, W. Tytherley
Friday, 9th October	Walking Group	Probably 10am outside the Mill Arms
▶ ▶ Every Thursday, 2-4pm, Art Group in the Village Hall ◀ ◀		

BRAIN TEASER

In which films would you find the following?

1. May the force be with you!
2. Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn.
3. To boldly go where no man has gone before.
4. The world shall hear from me again.
5. Of all the gin joints in all the world, she walks into mine.
6. Either he's dead, or my watch has stopped.

Answers to last month's questions

1. "The Lady with the Lamp" was Florence Nightingale.
2. "The Old Contemptibles" were The British Expeditionary Force, 1914.
3. "Dad's Army" was The Home Guard, WW2.
4. "Bloody Mary" was Queen Mary I.
5. "Old Blood and Guts" was General George S Patton.
6. "The Virgin Queen" was Queen Elizabeth I.
7. "The Merry Monarch" was King Charles II.
8. "The Sick Man of Europe" was Turkey.

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