



MOTTISFONT VILLAGE FETE

Sunday 16th August, 2pm at Mottisfont Village Hall

Can I invite you to get involved, please? We will have a meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday, 16th July, at the Village Hall to finalise plans, etc. Do please give me a ring on 340129 and register your support.

You will have already found a book of ten 50p raffle tickets posted with this Acorn. Please do your best to sell them and promote the fete to family, friends and colleagues - then come back for more!

At this year's fete we will again include:

► The Pet Show, including categories for 'The Prettiest', 'The Pet most like its owner', and a surprise category- maybe the smallest or largest or unusual pet. Any suggestions?

► Men and Boys Cake Competition, this year to include girls! Although undoubtedly the boys will win. Let's see you young ladies entering a cake - exotic and unusual designs do well!

We will have entertainment galore, including the Bernie Boozle Band, The John Curtis Formation Dancers, Skittles, Coconut Shy, Displays, Games, Competitions, etc. Everyone can expect another memorable day!

Gordon, 340129



MOTTISFONT RETURNS TO THE STONE AGE

Villagers will have the chance to experience stone age art first hand at an archaeology course being run at the village hall. The course is called Ancient Art, and is part of a new business based in Mottisfont called Time Hunters.



Ancient Art is a complete stone age experience! In the morning, equipment is made and pigments mixed, using authentic materials and techniques. In the afternoon, a piece of art is created – stone age style. Inspiration is taken from the stunning works of art created by our ancestors.

The course is relaxed, and the day aims to be an enjoyable experience and a chance to try new

skills.

Lunch is provided, and refreshments are available throughout the day. The lunch has a stone age theme – with the ingredients all things our ancestors would recognise. They are sourced from either local or small producers who are passionate about the food they produce.

A special deal for residents is available in September (a half price day at £40) – providing there are more than six people interested.

A leaflet and more information is available – please contact Katy England on 341518, or at katy@timehunters.co.uk.

The deadline for the **August and September** Acorn is 16th July. Please e-mail contributions to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

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PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual General Meeting of Mottisfont Parish Council on 27th May, John Millns was elected as Chairman once again. Stuart Miller requested that he stand down as Vice Chairman this year, and Jeff Channing was elected into this post. The Parish Council would like to thank Stuart for his previous contribution to the parish council as Vice Chairman.

At the AGM the following representatives for the coming year were agreed:

Village Bus Committee Representative	Jacquie Horne
National Trust Liaison Officer	John Millns
Village Hall Liaison Officer	John Millns
TVAPTC Representative	Alan Earthrowl / Jacquie Horne
Transport Representative	Andrew Simmonds
Borough Local Plan Review	Jeffrey Channing
Mottisfont and Dunbridge Parish Plan	Jeffrey Channing / Jacquie Horne
Housing Representative	Jeffrey Channing
Dunbridge Matters	Stuart Miller
Footpath Representative	Andrew Simmonds / Jacquie Horne
Highways Representative	Andrew Simmonds
Planning Application Monitor	Jeffrey Channing
Rail Partnership Representative	Andrew Simmonds
Neighbourhood Watch/Police Liaison	Alan Earthrowl
Grants Officer	Jacquie Horne

Whilst the Parish Council is pleased to report that the outside of the village hall has been painted, with the internal painting scheduled for July, unfortunately the new oil tank which was recently installed was broken into during May, with oil taken and security lights broken.

We can also report that the Parish Plan is now complete and ready for publication. Copies may be requested from the clerk at mottisfont.clerk@tesco.net. Hardcopy and email copies are both available.

Dog fouling was brought to the attention of the Parish Council at the AGM, particularly along the millennium walk. May we respectfully remind dog owners to clear up after their dogs!

The date of the next meeting is 15th July.

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.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE EXTENDED

The temporary closure of the right of way known as Mottisfont Footpath 4 has been extended for a period of six months from 29th June.

Footpath 4 ran across the site of the quarry adjacent to Dunbridge Lane. An alternative route around the edge of the site remains available.



MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



John Curtis and his Russian born partner Tatiana gave a superb demonstration of early swing dance routine. The couple, dressed in clothes related to the era, were a joy to watch. John also gave a brief talk on aspects of the dances they

demonstrated.

The day trip to Dublin was a great success. We explored various land marks of this famous city, including the Guinness Storehouse, where we enjoyed a complimentary pint of the famous drink and panoramic views from the Guest Suite.

Taking advantage of special railway offers (4 for the price of 2), a tour of Bath with a Blue Badge Guide was an educational trip not to be missed. Retail therapy was enjoyed later in the day.

Tuesday 14th July Summer Outing An evening trip to Winchester, with a Blue Badge Guide. Depart at 7pm from King Alfred's Statue.

Tuesday 11th August Exploring the Hampshire Avon, with guest speaker John Coombes. 8pm at Mottisfont Village Hall.

Sunday 16th August, Mottisfont Village Fete The WI will again be running a toys, books and bric-à-brac stall. Any items for us to sell will be appreciated. Please call Cathie on 340129, or Margaret on 341922, or Frances (Broughton) on 301614.

Anyone wishing to join any of our activities will be most welcome.

Cathie Wood, 340129

SMALL ADS

► FOR SALE

Ten Ian Rankin 'REBUS' Novels. Consecutive, from 'Knots & Crosses' to 'Dead Souls'. VGC. £20. Phone: 341301

► HELP WITH YOUR GARDEN?

Sparsholt College Student studying Countryside Management requires gardening work in and around Mottisfont during the summer holiday months. Very keen responsible hard worker with experience in horticulture. Reasonable rates. Would be helpful if any larger garden tools could be provided. Contact Justin on 341301

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WALKING GROUP

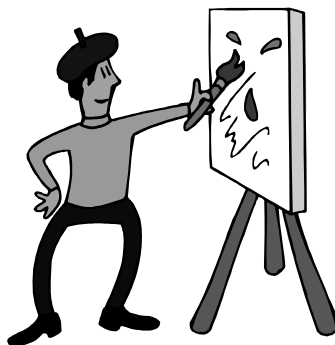
The next walk will be on Friday, 10th July. Meet outside the Mill Arms at 10.00am. The walk will be around three hours, led by Cathie and Margaret.

The August walk will be on Friday, 7th. Details in next month's newsletter.

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

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St Andrew's Parish Church Mottisfont

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

Dear Parishioner,

I am including an early reminder of our Gift Day this month as there is no September edition and in August many people are away. Therefore now is my chance to grab your attention!

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 JULY

	5th July TRINITY 4	12th July TRINITY 5	19th July TRINITY 6	26th July TRINITY 7
8.00 am	Broughton HC CW	Broughton HC BCP		
9.30 am	Bossington HC BCP	Broughton Family Service	Mottisfont HC BCP	Broughton HC CW
	Broughton Godly Play	Houghton HC CW	Broughton Sunday Club	
11.00 am	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton HC CW	Mottisfont Family Communion
			Broughton Coffee Club	
6.00 pm	Houghton Evensong		Houghton Evensong	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.

PASSES FOR ENTRY TO WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

All parishes in the Winchester Diocese have been issued with six passes to enable their parishioners to have unlimited free access to the cathedral. This does not include free concerts, etc.

The passes work on a similar basis to our National Trust entry permits, and are ONLY to be used by people living in the Parish. Their friends would have to pay the normal admission to accompany them.

I have these passes which I will loan by request, obviously one per person.

If you ever need a pass give me a ring on 368346.

Valda

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

2nd July: Miss Barbara Hillier.
9th July: Trip to the New Forest.
16th July: Capt. Lynda Barber (Salvation Army).
23rd July: Mrs. Ann Freedland.
30th July: Tea Party at Ann's.

Everyone welcome. Do come and join us.
Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Not quite what I meant...

☺ This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

☺ The third verse of "Blessed Assurance" will be sung without musical accomplishment.

☺ Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

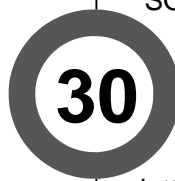
☺ Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.

☺ Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan in preparing for the girth of their first child.

SPEED REDUCTION TO 30MPH ON OUR STRETCH OF THE B3084

I was heartened with the feedback to my article in the June issue of Acorn, regarding the existing speed limit of 40mph being too fast along our stretch of the B3084 (Hatt Hill and Spearywell Road) for villagers and visitors to walk or cycle along in safety. Many of you shared my concerns and would like to see a change to 30mph as soon as possible. Villagers have said that they find the road very daunting, especially when walking with children, and some even refuse to walk along it at all. In recent months there has been a steady increase in very long HGVs using the road making negotiating it on foot even more hazardous - all the more reason for having a 30mph speed limit.

Please take a moment of your time to write to the Parish Council, before 15th July, which is the date of the next Parish Council meeting, and ask them to lobby to get the village a 30mph speed limit along the stretch of the B3084 from Spearywell Farm, along Spearywell Road, and down Hatt Hill to join the existing 30mph speed



limit just above Mottisfont and Dunbridge Station.

The contact address for the Mottisfont & Dunbridge Parish Council is: Andy Simmonds, Busheywood, Hatt Hill, Mottisfont, Hampshire SO51 0LH. Please make sure that your letter reaches him before the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 15th.

You may also consider writing to our MP, Sandra Gidley (or send her a copy of the letter sent to the Parish Council). Her contact address is: 3A Victoria Place, Love Lane, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 8DE (or alternatively email her at info@sandragidley.org).

With your support on this very important safety issue for the village, we hope that the Parish Council will now take this opportunity to make serious headway in implementing a 30mph speed limit as soon as possible.

Tina Groves

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AWBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DATES:

- ▶ 23 June : New Parents' Evening
- ▶ 26 June : INSET Day
- ▶ 14/15/16 July : School Summer Production
- ▶ 22 July : Leavers' Assembly

Awbridge School has updated its ICT provision within the school with a host of new resources. These include a wireless network system, which means computer files can be accessed from anywhere within the school, 16 new laptops and an internet-linked multimedia projector and large screen for the school hall.

Throughout the school the children have been doing lots of exciting projects. Class 1 have been doing some super writing inspired by Dr I, while Class 4 have been looking at healthy eating and exercise. During break time they have been selling some wonderful smoothies for 10p a cup.

Class 1 and 2 had a wonderful day out at Hilliers Gardens, exploring all the different areas of the garden. The children enjoyed the sculpture, and did some fun activities like making a journey

string, feeding the fish, and using light meters to find the darkest and lightest trees to sit under.

As a change, the annual Summer Fete took place on Friday evening rather than Saturday afternoon. The weather was kind and the change in time worked well, as it was a perfect start to the weekend. The children did some wonderful Maypole dances, and everyone enjoyed the wide array of stalls in a laid back atmosphere.

Sports Day was a huge success, helped along by a wonderfully sunny day. There was a great team spirit, and all the children enjoyed taking part in the races. As usual, there was lots of vocal support from the children in support of their houses, and it was a close run, but in the end Asia House achieved the most points.

GARDENING CLUB



Our next big event is the Village Fete on **Sunday, 16th August**, when we will have our stall with plants and other items. We will also have the Longest Runner Bean and the Heaviest Marrow competitions. Also following the great success of our Make Your Own Plate Garden competition last year, we will be doing the same at this year's fete.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 15th September at 7.30pm**, when we have Geoff Marsh giving an illustrated talk "The Dorset Coast and Its Wildlife", and our Autumn Display Competition. Entrance £2.00. All are very welcome!

SUPPORT WITH ENGLISH

From the beginning of September I will be available to give extra support in English to Primary School children. I am a Dyslexia Specialist and have been responsible for Learning Support at an Independent School for the last 20 years.

Please contact me at home by telephone on 340877, or by email at

rachelfowler@btconnect.com.

Rachel Fowler

LEAVERS AND PRIZEGIVING ASSEMBLY

At Lockerley Primary School

will be held on

Friday, 17th July at 1.30pm

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

After spending nearly a decade on the village hall committee, and most of those as chairman, I have decided to retire from this splendid merry band. Now that our children are bigger I would like to try my hand at supporting some of the clubs which they attend, and feel that time will not allow both.

I have had a wonderful time on the committee and have enjoyed playing my part in the upkeep of this most important piece of village life. Through the village hall I have met many people from the surrounding area, and have very much felt part of the village.

So, it is time to find a new chairman, and if you would like to put your hand up, now is the time. I will be very happy to show the ropes to the new chairman, and I know the committee members will make you very welcome. The only requirements are common sense and a sense of humour, so go on, let us know who you are.

Call me on 340740. Jon Butler.

BBQ IN AWBRIDGE

organised by

Awbridge First Responders

and

All Saints Church, Awbridge

on

Friday, 17th July, 6.30pm
at Awbridge Village Hall

Tickets: Adults £6.00 Children £2.50
Family Ticket £15 (2 Ad. + 2 Ch.)

Bring your own drinks

Please book with:
Kay Murrant, 340829,
email: kay.murrant@aol.com,
or Roger Savage, 367908,
e-mail: savage@choiceplants.freeserve.co.uk
or James Alexander, 340386,
or sign the list at the back of the church.

Numbers by **Tuesday, 14th July**, please.

If you would like to take part in
Water Rocket Launching, please
bring an empty 2 litre plastic bottle.

PTA SUMMER PLAYScheme

This year the Playscheme will run from Monday, 27th July to Friday, 31st July, at Lockerley & East Dean Memorial Hall for children aged 5 (including year R) to 11.

Sessions will be from 9.30am to 12.30pm. The cost will be £5 per session. Prior bookings **ONLY** this year.

If we do not have sufficient numbers the Playscheme will not take run ~ **SO PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!!**

APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY, 3RD JULY AT THE LATEST.

BIZARRE BAZAAR

Friday, 10th July, 6pm

at

Lockerley Primary School

*BBQ ~ BAR ~ TOMBOLA
STALLS ~ RAFFLE ~ GAMES*

THE BROUGHTON AND MOTTISFONT COMMUNITY BUS

The Broughton and Mottisfont Village Bus Committee has reluctantly had to increase fares from 1st April, 2009, to take account of increasing running costs – particularly maintenance. The new fares will be as shown below. Remember – your FarePass is valid on these scheduled journeys. Note that children under 5 are carried free of charge, and there is no service on public holidays.

For Group Hire the charge has increased to £1.60 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 a very reasonable price.

Revised Fares from 1st April 2009

		To Romsey	To Salisbury
From Broughton	Adult	£3.45	£3.80
	Under 16	£1.70	£1.90
Mottisfont and Dunbridge	Adult	£2.80	£4.75
	Under 16	£1.40	£2.35
		To Winchester	To Southampton
From Broughton	Adult	£4.60	£4.85
	Under 16	£2.30	£2.40
Mottisfont and Dunbridge	Adult	£3.60	£4.20
	Under 16	£1.80	£2.10
Timsbury	Adult	£3.45	£4.05
	Under 16	£1.70	£2.00

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DIARY

Friday, 10th July	Walking Group	10am, outside the Mill Arms
Friday, 10th July	Bizarre Bazaar	6pm, Lockerley Primary School
Tuesday, 14th July	WI Summer Outing	
Wednesday, 15th July	Parish Council Meeting	
Thursday, 16th July	Village Fete Planning Meeting	7.30pm, Village Hall
Friday, 17th July	BBQ	6.30, Awbridge Village Hall
Friday, 7th August	Walking Group	10am, outside the Mill Arms
Tuesday, 11th August	WI meeting	8pm, Village Hall
Sunday, 16th August	Village Fete	Village Hall

Every Thursday, 2-4pm, Art Group in the Village Hall

BRAIN TEASER

Who had the following nicknames?

1. The Lady with the Lamp
2. The Old Contemptibles
3. Dad's Army
4. Bloody Mary
5. Old Blood and Guts
6. The Virgin Queen
7. The Merry Monarch
8. The Sick Man of Europe

Answers to last month's questions

- 1 *George Orwell, 1984*
- 2 *Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice*
- 3 *Daphne du Maurier, Rebecca*
- 4 *Robert M Pirsig, Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*

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

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