



Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Thursday, 19th March, at 7:30pm in the hall.

All are welcome, so if you would like to find out a little more about how the hall operates or what we do, then please come along. We are always looking for helpers, especially for the Village Fete, so if you are interested or can lend a hand then do please say so at the AGM - or at any other time!

The Village Hall operates with the help of a band of friendly volunteers from the village and surrounding area. It is a great way to add your bit to village life and keep this valuable local amenity running. Any help is always welcome, whether as a committee member or for a couple of hours per year.

See you there!

Jon Butler, Village Hall Chairman.

From the Editors

It's a slightly thinner than usual edition of the Acorn this month. We hope this reflects the time of year, rather than the impact of the recession! Nonetheless, we feel sure that there are activities going on in the area that could benefit from free promotion in the *Acorn*, and news that could be spread, too. Please give them a nudge in our direction if you know anyone who might be interested.

Our grateful thanks go to Andrea and Ian at the Mill Arms for agreeing to continue supporting the *Acorn* during 2009 by covering the printing costs.

Best wishes,

Julia and Peter



THE NATIONAL TRUST

Mottisfont Abbey & Gardens

To all residents of the Parish of Mottisfont & Dunbridge only:

Following last year's successful project of supplying free admission tickets to residents of Mottisfont & Dunbridge, we ask that you once again register by completing the form below by 31st March. The form can be left at our visitor entrance kiosk, or posted to Alison Broom, Mottisfont Abbey, Mottisfont, Nr. Romsey, SO51 0LP. The information will not be used for any purpose other than as a record of local people.

I wish to register for free admission to Mottisfont Abbey and Gardens.

Name(s) of resident (of Mottisfont/Dunbridge only)

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Address

..... Post code.....

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.



MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



Diana Warnock gave a very interesting talk on "What the Bride Wore" - a visual history of the wedding dress. This started with one of the oldest paintings of a wedding couple - Matilda, the 16 year old daughter of Henry I, who married the Holy Roman Emperor in about 1118 - through the centuries to the present day. The elaborate dresses of the medieval period, contrasting with the simplicity of the Georgian period, were very well illustrated. The wedding dress of the bride was often the "best dress", to be worn again as best. The talk finished with pictures of "way-out" wedding dresses by ultra-modern designers - I doubt they were ever worn!

We are looking forward to our day trips to Bath, Dublin and the Law Courts in London.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 10th March at the Village Hall, when Mrs M Emery will talk about "William Morris - Not Just Another Roll of Wallpaper". Why not come along?

Cathie Wood
340129

CHURCH SERVICES TO NOTE IN MARCH

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday, 6th March, 2.30pm, St. Mary's, Broughton.

Our service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Papua New Guinea on the theme "In Christ There Are Many Members Yet One Body". Mrs. Sue Halliwell will be our guest speaker. Refreshments will be provided following the service.

Prayer Day

Saturday, 7th March, 10am to 4pm at St. Mary's, Broughton - see separate notice.

Feast of the Annunciation

Wednesday, 25th March, 7.30pm at St. Mary's, Broughton

A short service of prayer and reflection has been prepared to commemorate the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be music and readings to assist us as we consider the unique role our patron saint accepted on behalf of all people.

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

Thursdays at 2.30 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: For the month of March, meetings will be held in the Communal Room at Chapel Lane Flats, due to building work at St. Mary's Church.

5th March, Mr. Richard Munro (M.A.F.)
12th March, Members Meeting
19th March, Trip to URC Hythe
26th March, Mr. David Peach (Gideons)

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.

Everyone is welcome. Do come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Dear Friends,



This Lent as a Benefice we are placing Prayer at the heart of our preparation. Lent is a good time to develop or strengthen a discipline of daily prayer. The Liturgy of the Hours, an ancient practice of praying throughout the day, is a good place to start thinking about this subject. An excellent goal for Lent would be to read Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer every day. (You can find this in your Book of Common Prayer.) It is also available in Christian Bookshops as Morning Prayer Common Worship, which is in more modern English. If you already use Morning Prayer, perhaps you could add noon or night prayer (also called Compline). Gina and I have copies of Compline if you would like to borrow one. There is also Contemplative prayer, based around the idea of silence or listening for God, and is also well suited to Lent. There are also many excellent form prayers that reflect the penitential mood of Lent. The Psalms are a type of form prayer and a wonderful resource readily available for this purpose. Psalm 6, Psalm 32, Psalm 38, Psalm 51, Psalm 102, Psalm 130, Psalm 143. All of these magnificent psalms can be offered up as Lenten Prayers to God on a daily basis. Remember, reading your bible and prayer should always go along with making an effort to attend worship services whenever possible.

To help you with your Lenten Prayer, on **7th March at the beginning of Lent** we are holding a **Benefice Prayer Day at St Mary's, Broughton**, 10.00am to 4.00pm. We will have a full program and you can join in as much or as little as you like.

The program is:

- 10.00am Coffee
- 10.30am Common Worship and leading Intercessions in Public Worship
- 12 noon Lunch (provided)
- 1.00pm The Saints and Prayer led by The Revd Canon David Scott
- 2.00pm Coffee
- 2.30pm Prayer without Words, Contemplative and Meditational Prayer led by Richard Evans
- 4.00pm Finish

We hope that many will come and sample this special day in preparation for Lent.

With blessings,

Ron Corne

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR MARCH

	1st March LENT 1	8th March LENT 2	15th March LENT 3	22nd March Mothering Sunday	29th March LENT 5
8.00 am	Broughton HC CW	Broughton HC BCP			
9.30 am	Bossington HC BCP Broughton Godly Play	Broughton Family Service Houghton HC CW	Mottisfont HC BCP Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton HC CW Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton HC CW for whole benefice
11.00 am	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton HC CW Broughton Coffee Club	Mottisfont Family Communion	
6.00 pm	Houghton Evensong		Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP	

WALKING GROUP

Walks for the next two months:

- ◆ Friday, 13th March at 10am
- ◆ Friday, 17th April at 10am

We will meet outside the Mill Arms, and the walks will be about 2 - 3 hours in duration.

Gordon, 340129

ART GROUP

The Art Group meets every Thursday afternoon, 2 - 4pm.

All will be welcome - amateur, very amateur, or never having picked up a brush before! Just be creative!

Gordon, 340129

Whist Drives



The next Whist drives will be held on 27th March and 24th April, at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall. All are most welcome!

If you would like some practice or explanation, please contact either Gordon Wood on 340129, or John Jenkins on 301614.

What's on at The Mill Arms



Live Theatre and Dinner

19th April and 17th May 2009. On both dates, the play is 'The Anniversary' by Bill Macilwraith – a sixties treat by the Creative Cow Theatre production company. £27pp for 2 course dinner and live theatre – both dates are a Sunday. There are a limited number of places. There has been a huge swell of interest in these nights again this time, so don't leave it too long to book. Over 65% of bookings on each play night have been from those who have been before to other productions – they know a good thing when they see it!

Take Away – we are constantly asked what the take away menu consists of, and the simple answer is anything that will fit into our polystyrene boxes – whether it is fish and chips, pheasant, steak or burger and chips! The soup is a challenge - unless you have your own appropriate container. However, our menus are changing daily, so the menu today, I guarantee, will not be completely the same tomorrow, but please just ask and we will read out what is on the boards when you phone in – however

TALK BY HEAD GARDENER

Come to an illustrated talk by the Head Gardener at the National Trust's Hinton Ampner, local man John Wood.

He will be talking about Hinton Ampner House and Gardens, which are a classic piece of 20th century design. Hear about the creator's vision, the recent restoration of the walled garden, and of the many unusual plants found within the garden.

The talk is on Tuesday, 17th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are very welcome. Organised by the Garden Club, entrance is £2 for non-members.

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 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.

please note that it could be busy in the bar, and we may not have a lot of time to read and repeat every single item! Pub Favourites as takeaway will be £6.50 each, and À La Carte mains as a takeaway will be £10.50 – whatever you choose – except steak, which will be £12.00.

Set Menu – Newly available every day except Sundays. On Monday to Friday it runs from 12-2pm and 6-7pm and on Saturday from 12-7pm. It is £12.95pp and consists of a starter and main with approximately 4-5 options per course and naturally includes vegetarian options.

All the best,

Andrea, Ian, Josh, Alex and the rest of team who also make it all possible.

Awbridge First Responders Newsletter

Awbridge First Responders held their 3rd AGM on 12th February. This gave us an opportunity to reflect on the past three years and everything that has been achieved, not only by the existing Responders but also the Responders who started the group, the fundraisers and everyone who supported us with their donations and time, attending our jumble sale, barn dance, quiz night and various coffee mornings.

After three years our finances are in good shape, we have two full kits and a full training kit. The only missing element is Responders. We still desperately need volunteers to ensure full rota cover. At present we can only cover three nights some weeks, with some Responders covering many more rota slots than the minimum requirement.

Are you a reluctant volunteer because you are unsure of exactly what is involved? Although we are very fortunate to have some nurses as Responders, the majority of us have absolutely no previous medical experience. South Central Ambulance ensures that all Responders are adequately trained, initially with a two day course, and then follow-ups every six months with re-qualifications. Responders always operate in pairs

at night, and are only directed to appropriate calls by the Ambulance Service with full support if required.

My last call illustrates perfectly the skills needed for the majority of the calls we have attended. The incident involved a very elderly person who had fallen. I was able to offer oxygen to help ease pain, but all they wanted was my hand and reassurance that I was not going to leave them. If you were alone, how grateful would you be to hold someone's hand?

Please, if you have a spare hand, we need you.

Contact me directly, or come along to one of our meetings.

Kay Murrant - 01794 340289
E-mail kaymurrant@aol.com

Meetings will be on 19th March, 9th April and 7th May, at 7.30pm in Awbridge Village Hall.

WANTED

Has anybody got a recording of the Wildlife on Two programme of Wednesday, 4th February, called "Unearthing The Mole"?

If so, please ring Michael Horne on 340105.

MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

Find the Joker is ongoing, and the current cash prize is over £125.00. Tickets are £1 each, and the draw takes place on Friday evenings. The cash prize goes up week by week until someone picks out the joker from the pack.

Come along on a Thursday evening for a game of bingo. Fun, laughter and prizes.

We also have men's and ladies' darts teams, crib teams, billiards and snooker teams – please come along to the club if you are interested in taking part.

Don't forget that the social club is big enough to accommodate most parties, and is a fantastic local venue. Please call Linda on 340521 for more details.

Forthcoming entertainment

4th Mar – AGM

21st Mar – Jimmy J, singer

25th Apr – Ian McKellar, Elvis impersonator

23rd May – Ian's Party Mix, songs of all ages with keyboard/guitar.

Tracy Holmes

LOCKERLEY SCHOOL PTA FUNDRAISING EVENT

Friday, 13th March at 7.00pm
(Please note new time)

CHOCOLATE FACTORY FAYRE

at Lockerley Memorial Hall

AN ALL CHOCOLATE EVENT!

To include:

Chocolate Tombola, Chocolate Cake Stall,
Games, Chocolate Milkshakes,
Grand Chocolate Raffle
and much, much more.

Also many stalls selling Mother's Day and
Easter Gifts ~ pure indulgence!!

Please come along and support this
fundraising event for our new extension.

Julie Black, Admin Officer,
Lockerley Primary School
340485

DIARY

Wednesday, 4th March	Social Club AGM	
Tuesday, 10th March	WI meeting	8pm, Village Hall
Friday, 13th March	Walking Group	10am, outside the Mill Arms
Tuesday, 17th March	Talk by Head Gardener	7.30pm, Village Hall
Thursday, 19th March	Village Hall AGM	7.30pm, Village Hall
Thursday, 19th March	Awbridge First Responders	7.30pm, Awbridge Village Hall
Friday, 27th March	Whist Drive	7.30pm, Village Hall

BRAIN TEASER

Think about it...

1. A man has two coins in his pocket. They add up to 60p. One of them is not a 50p piece, so what are the two coins?
2. What single word in the Oxford English Dictionary do Americans always pronounce incorrectly?
3. In a leap year, how many months have 28 days?
4. What do you get if you add 2 to 200 four times?
5. What do you find right in the middle of Glasgow?
6. In the last 100 years, have New Year's Eve and New Year's Day ever fallen in the same year?

Answers to this month's questions

1. A 50p piece and a 10p piece (one of them is not a 50p...).
2. Incorrectly.
3. All of them.
4. 202 each time.
5. The letter 's'.
6. Every year has a 1st January and a 31st December.

Answer to the previous edition's puzzle: 4368

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