



Beefy's Great Forget-me-not Walk

Sir Ian Botham, in aid of his Charity for Childhood Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research, has planned one of his "25 Years Anniversary Walks" from Mottisfont to Stockbridge on Wednesday, 14th April, leaving the Village Hall around 2pm.

The latest information we have is that Sir Ian will walk from Winchester to Romsey, then on to Mottisfont where he will pick up his supporters, who will be having a knock-about at the Village Hall beforehand. However, he's not planning to stop but will keep walking at his pace of 4½ mph!

Anyone can join Sir Ian on this Charity Walk. See his web page, www.beefy25.com, and sign up. (N.B. We understand that the walk will not commence from the National Trust at Mottisfont as indicated on the web page, but please confirm this for yourself.)

PAPAL VISIT TO ROSE GARDEN?

Details have yet to be confirmed, but a papal visit may be the highlight of celebrations of the 800th anniversary of St. Balatro's pilgrimage from Glastonbury to the shrine of Thomas Becket at Canterbury via Mottisfont Abbey (*yes, we had to look Balatro up too, eventually finding him in a Latin dictionary - Eds.*). It is understood that, as a result of Gordon Brown's private audience with Pope Benedict XVI in February, a formal invitation has been extended to the Pontiff to include a whistle stop tour of Mottisfont Abbey during his visit to Britain later this year.



The horticulturist Balatro's 13th century visit to the Augustinian Abbey was known to be a highlight of his journey. In honour of his visit he dedicated a new genus of rose with a delicate perfume, and which exuded a fine white smoke-like dust when passers by brushed against its subtle petals. It is believed that this flower is the first known example of the *floribunda jucularis infallibilii*, which has long been associated with the symbolism of papal selection.

When the papal visit is confirmed a bed of *floribunda jucularis infallibilii* will be planted in the grounds of the Abbey in his honour, and residents of Mottisfont will be invited to visit the new exhibit as often as they wish, free of charge.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Mottisfont's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 14th April at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall. The Chairman will give his Annual Report, and your County and Borough Councillors will be invited to give their annual reports too. Police Sergeant Christine Plascott from Romsey Police Station will also be available for questions.

There will be ample opportunity for all attending to raise any queries, or make comments on things that matter to you in the parish.

Afterwards stay for a drink and nibbles and have an informal chat with councillors and guests. Everyone will be welcome!

Sue Holder,
Mottisfont Parish Council Clerk, 340130



The next edition of the *Acorn* will be in May. Information for the May edition must be submitted by 16th April.
Our e-mail is acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



We should like to thank everyone who helped at our recent jumble sale, and all those who donated jumble and bric-à-brac. The sale was very successful, and a donation has been made to The Romsey Show Tent committee.

The speaker at our March meeting, Gordon Chambers, kindly stepped in at short notice and gave an interesting talk on the village of Dibden Purlieu. Purlieu is a Norman-French word meaning "the outskirts of a forest", and the village is separated from the New Forest by a Roman road. Mr Chambers' family have lived in Dibden Purlieu for several generations, and we saw slides showing the changes in the village over the last hundred years or so.

We are looking forward shortly to a Senior Lunch at The Hatchet, a visit to the Houses of Parliament in April, and a walk along the River Test in June,

together with other outings arranged for the summer.

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, at 8.00 pm at Mottisfont Village Hall. The speaker for the next meeting on Tuesday, 13 April, is Susan Howe, a London Blue Badge Guide, who will give a talk "Cantering Through a Funny Life". Visitors are welcome, so why not join us?

Audrey Atchison, 301156



Awbridge Evening W.I.

Awbridge Evening W.I. are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday, 1st May, in Awbridge Village Hall at 2pm.

If you have good jumble to dispose of, please contact Yvonne Goodridge on 340603.

THE NATIONAL TRUST

Cadburys Easter Eggs-travaganza

2-5 April, 11am to 5pm - Hop, skip and jump to Mottisfont to take part in the Easter egg trail to find the chocolate prize.

2-5 April – Cadburys children play area

4-5 April – FREE face painting and storytellers throughout the day.

£2 per trail.

Easter Trails

6-16 April, 11am to 5pm - Self guided trails with chocolate prizes

Child £2

Photography Trail- Bluebells

15 April, 8am to 4pm - Professional photography tuition around Mottisfont's great bluebell wood. This course is ideal for beginners and intermediates. Booking essential on 344020. Cost £69.50.

Spring Flower Arranging

17 April, 12 to 4pm - Make and take home a beautiful floral display. Includes light lunch. Cost £45. Booking essential on 344020.

Having a Gas!

British Gas were busy working on the Mottisfont Estate and Test Way Footpath recently as part of a team building day for the staff. 8 British Gas employees undertook a volunteer day with the National Trust to help plant a conservation hedge along the field known as the Parks. The hedge has been planted along the edge of the footpath to help connect the existing hedges on the estate. The

hedge consists of six species of hedge plant, and is the standard conservation hedge used across the estate in recent years. Species planted include Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Field Maple, Hazel, Guelder Rose and Spindle.



The day went very well for both organisations. Richard Bailey, Customer Satisfaction Analyst for British Gas, said "We had a great day out and definitely had the team bonding experience that everyone was after". Dylan Everett, Countryside and Communities Warden for the National Trust, added "This was a great achievement for the team, who worked hard to plant over 1100 hedge plants, which will not only help the bird life on the estate in the future but also count towards offsetting the volunteers' carbon footprint". The hedging will be completed using the National Trust in-house volunteer team over the next few weeks.

Mottisfont Village Hall Committee

Village Supper at the Hall

Friday, 14th May, 2010
7.30pm for 8pm

Come and spend an evening with neighbours
and friends and enjoy a
3 course meal followed by tea/coffee.

£16 per person – Please bring your own wine.

Choose from:

Tomato & Basil Soup
Prawn Cocktail



Coq au Vin
Steak & Kidney Pie
Aubergine and Vegetable Crumble

(All served with a selection of vegetables)



Raspberry Pavlova
Austrian Coffee Cake
Sticky Toffee Pudding



Book early with your choice from the above.

Please contact Margaret on 341922

Tenants Association of the National Trust

AGM

9th May, 10.30 for 11.00, (late buffet)
at the Mottisfont and Dunbridge Village Hall

Further information from
Alan Lawrence on 341312

Wanted

Old brown leather belts, preferably battered
looking with solid looking buckles (not modern
designs) to be worn with Iron-age costumes by
children participating in Museum workshops.

Please contact Heather Butler, Barley Hill
Cottage, Dunbridge, tel. 340740, or e-mail
heather@barleyhillcottage.co.uk

Broughton Amateur Dramatic Group

Presents

How the Other Half Loves

A Comedy
by Alan Ayckbourn

Broughton Village Hall
Thursday 29 April*
Friday 30 April
Saturday 1 May
at 7.30 p.m.

Box Office Open
9.30 - 11am, Saturday 10th & Saturday 17th
April,
Broughton Village Hall

Thereafter from Nick Jones (301136)

Tickets £7.50*
*Concessions £4.50

Mottisfont parish lunch

Mottisfont parishioners and friends enjoyed our
annual Parish Lunch at Mottisfont Abbey on
Sunday 28th February. There were over 50
present, and Gordon Wood and I would like to
thank those who attended for their support.

We would particularly like to thank Alison Evans,
Property Manager for the National Trust at
Mottisfont. Without her goodwill and generosity
the event would not be possible. Thanks too to
Alison for providing the delicious chocolates we
had with our coffee.

Thanks to all the National Trust staff, especially
Catering Manager Anne Edwards for creating
such an enjoyable occasion.

We would also like to thank Peter Wilkins,
Kimbridge Estate Manager, for providing the
splendid pre-lunch sherry which got the
proceedings off to an excellent start.

Gordon Wood, John Jenkins

Hannah's Mobile Hair

I'm a fully qualified hairdresser looking for a few extra
pounds while I try to find a permanent salon job. I can
cut, colour, blow dry and do wedding and prom hair at
competitive rates.

I'm friendly and local, so just give me a call to arrange
an appointment.

Hannah Morris-Barrett, tel: 07760 390287,
email: hannahsmobilehair@hotmail.co.uk

Dear Friends,



At last it's Easter! After the long winter, spring is here with all the promise of new life. This is partly the feeling those first disciples will have had when they realised that something absolutely incredible had taken place when they witnessed the resurrection of the Lord.

For them, the days before Christ's Resurrection had been a literal hell with the long and arduous journey taking them through Jesus' arrest, trial, terrible suffering and death. But now, on a fresh new morning, a reality took hold of those early Christians which nothing could contain, not the doubters, not the delayers, not the Roman authorities with the might of their army could stop the work of God in Jesus. God had decreed that a resurrection would take place which would be the template for the future of all Christians. As Paul reminds us, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Sin and sickness, depression and despair, pain and sorrow, even death itself, have been destroyed. The tomb is empty. Christ is risen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please join us for the Easter Day services, which begin with our first service at Nutley Farm on Salisbury Road with a 6.30am Holy Communion.

All the other services are as listed in the magazine.

With Easter Blessings,

Ron Corne, Rector

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR APRIL

EASTER SERVICES to 4th April, Easter Day	Time	11 April Easter 1	18 April Easter 2	25 April Easter 3
1st April: Maundy Thursday 7.30pm St. Mary's, Broughton, Passover Supper 2nd April: Good Friday 10.00am All Saints, Houghton, Holy Week Trail: suitable for all ages 2.00pm St. Mary's, Broughton, Meditation on the Cross 4th April: Easter Day 6.30am Holy Communion at Nutley Farm, Salisbury Road, Broughton 9.15am Holy Communion at All Saints, Houghton 9.30am Holy Communion at St. James', Bossington 11.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Broughton 11.00am Holy Communion at St. Andrew's, Mottisfont	8am	Broughton: HC BCP		
	9.30am	Broughton: Family Service Houghton: HC CW	Mottisfont: HC BCP Broughton: Sunday Club	Broughton: Family Communion CW Broughton: Sunday Club
	11am	Mottisfont: Family Service	Broughton: HC CW and Coffee Club	Mottisfont: Family Communion
	6pm		Houghton: Evensong	Houghton: HC BCP

9:30am Wednesdays: Broughton HC BCP
 (HC: Holy Communion, BCP: Book of Common Prayer, CW: Common Worship)

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR:

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

1st April: Mrs. Gina Livermore
8th April: Trip to Seafarers Mission
15th April: Mr. Brian Page
22nd April: Members Meeting
29th April: Mrs. Kitty Hay

We will be visiting the Mission to Seafarers at Southampton on 8th April. There will be a few seats available on the Village Bus if anyone would like to join us. Any donations of men's unworn hats, gloves, scarves and jumpers would be gratefully received. Also any spare toiletries would be most welcome.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

SALE FOR ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

There will be stalls in Mottisfont Abbey Car Park on Saturday, 3rd April, and Monday, 3rd May, in aid of St. Andrew's Church. We usually sell plants, produce, bric-à-brac and cakes (small ones go down specially well with people who want to walk around munching).

Please support us, either by contributing something to sell, or just by visiting from 10.30am to 2pm. Contact Valda White for further details on 368346.

Boom, boom!

Q: What did the Zen Buddhist Monk say to the hotdog vendor? A: Make me One with Everything.

Q: What do you get when you cross an atheist with a Jehovah's Witness? A: Someone who knocks at your door for no apparent reason.

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus Committee

Excursions 2010

Last year's excursion programme was very successful. The Committee plan to run the following excursions during 2010. The only proviso is that some dates might be affected by the arrival of a new bus and the driver training programme that will follow.

Date	Destination
19th May	Weymouth
16th June	Chichester
21st July	Swanage
18th August	Poole
15th September	Isle of Wight
20th October	Bicester Village



For the second year running the price has been held at the previous year's rates, and represents good value at £12.50 for a day out. As before, there will be a supplement to cover the ferry costs on the Isle of Wight trip. Bookings, as previously, should be made with Elsie Croucher on 301428. Please do not contact her before the first day of the month in which you wish to travel. It is important to note that bookings once made must be paid for. We have suffered in the past from people not turning up, and not paying. This calls into question the viability of the trip (and indeed the programme).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 30th AGM was held on 22nd February, with thirteen members of the public attending. The accounts and a proposal to change the bank were approved. The chairman commented on the 30 years of the organisation, and the consistent usage of the bus. There are about 30 volunteers involved, from drivers to committee members.

Maintenance of the bus is becoming increasingly costly, so grants are being sought to fund the purchase of a new one. Hampshire County Council, Broughton Parish Council and Mottisfont Parish Council have made grants, but a further application has had to be made to HCC to cover the remaining shortfall. The success or otherwise of this application should be known shortly.

Gardening Club

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 20th April, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There will be an illustrated talk on "Scenes from a Hampshire Childhood" by Gerald Ponting. Entrance is £2.00. All are very welcome.



Art Group

Meets at the Village Hall every Thursday, between 2 & 4pm.

Better weather is on its way - watch out for us in a field near you!

Gordon, 340129

History Group

Following our very successful talk on "The 2 Railway Lines in Our Area", where we had to turn over 30 people away, we have run a second evening, which was also very successful.

We are still trying to find a home for the old Bier, the old coffin carer. We are hoping a local church will house it.

Michael Horne

WALKING GROUP

Our next scheduled walks are:

Friday 9th April, starting from the Mill Arms at 10am. Leader: Cliff Astur.

Friday 14th May: Further afield and lunch out - details later.

Gordon, 340129



Litter Pick

An extraordinary amount of litter ends up in the hedges and verges of the roads around the village, so another litter pick is being organised for Sunday, 18th April, at 9.30am. Meet at the Village Hall.

Cathie, 340129

Whist Drives

The next whist drive will be on Friday, 30 April, in Mottisfont Village Hall.

If you would like some tuition or practice, please call Gordon Wood on 340129 or John Jenkins on 301614.

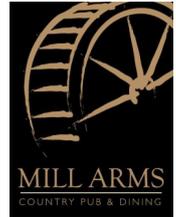
Awbridge Primary School News

Our Class 4 have been learning about the Tudors this term, and are looking forward to their Tudor Banquet to be held in the hall soon alongside their parents. They have a very special visitor arriving: Henry VIII himself. The children will be displaying their knowledge of Henry and entertaining him with music, song, dance and poetry. We hope all keep their heads! These children also recently visited Hampton Court to find out all about Henry which was a great experience.

The children have been participating in a lot of sporting events in the past month – boys' football, girls' football, indoor athletics and cross country. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to compete against other schools and try their best.



What's on at the Mill Arms



Live Theatre & Dinner - 11 & 25th April

Barry, a hapless TV comic, hopes to laugh all the way to the bank when he's courted by financial execs, John and Jane, promising fat fees and the five star treatments that he deserves. Barry is instead urged by the bankers to give a candid account of his life and views. The Barry that emerges is the least of the surprises in the tense power game and manipulation that ensues. Dumb Show tackles two big questions in today's society: How far will people go to destroy a celebrity? And what is privacy when the whole world knows who you are? Joe Penhall tackles these questions head on in this explosive dark comedy.

Beef Wellington, Lyonnaise potatoes, wild mushroom jus (gf possible)
Lemon & chilli crusted monkfish, curried cauliflower, saffron rice (gf possible)
Goat's cheese & red onion marmalade donuts, dressed rocket (v)

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Lemon & raspberry steamed pudding, vanilla custard
Banana & rum iced parfait, walnut praline anglaise (gf)
Chocolate & pistachio brownie, chocolate ice cream, chocolate sauce

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Tea/Coffee – please select
(gf: gluten free, v: vegetarian)

The evening will conclude at approx 10.30pm. £28pp. To reserve, we please request a named pre-order and credit card details by 1st April. Please note that once reserved, the reservation is NON REFUNDABLE or transferable, & must be paid for in full, IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, after the 5th April.

Mexican Buffet – Tuesday, 27th April, 6.30-8.30pm.

Lots of different Mexican inspired food – not all of it mind blowing hot! If someone in your group doesn't fancy this style of food but still wants to join you, there will be 2 pub favs to choose from on the night as well. However, please note that there will only be 2 pub favs and the Mexican buffet running tonight. We do ask you to reserve, as we will only cook for the tables we have reservations for. £10pp – feel free to visit the buffet as many times as you wish. It was very popular the last time we ran this evening.

And at The Grey Hound:

Rat Pack /Jazz Singer – Lucien de Lalois

Join our super Jazz Dinner Party on Friday, 16th April. The first one on 19th March sold out in 10 days! Music by Lucien, all the Rat Pack classics and more – he has a brilliant voice, and I guarantee you will know all the words and have a great time! Drinks at 7.00pm, Dinner at 7.30pm. Live music throughout the evening. Please email: thegreyhoundbroughton@googlemail.com for a copy of the menu. £29.95pp

Wanted: Part time waitress/waiter – 18 yrs+ so that you are also able to serve alcohol. Please email your CV and a photo to Andrea at millarms@btconnect.com.

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 June 2010.

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.

A LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editor,

I lived at the Rectory as a boy of 10, when Canon Charles Hemming was Rector. His daughter Kathleen married my father Patrick Anderson in 1949, and we lived for 18 months at the Rectory. I made friends with Neville James, whose family lived in the wing, and he will be about 72 or 73 by now. Are any of the James family still in Mottisfont, or do your readers know of his whereabouts? We used to cycle to a place called Swallow Holes, by the river, and watch water rats (voles really). Sometimes we picked a weed that had hollow tubes up the inside (a hogweed possibly) and smoked them, pretending they were fags! Neville's dad (Doug) had a motorbike, and sometimes took us on the pillion for a ride, though I don't think my parents were told, as it was a bit hairy on that bike. We also used to go to a farm nearby, and were lent 16 bore shotguns to shoot rats. A tractor was parked by a walled dung heap, with the exhaust fed into the heap. Pretty soon rats would come out, and we picked them off. It was a bit like shooting fish in a barrel, but it kept them under control. The farmer also took us occasionally to Southampton, on the tractor and trailer. Few people had cars in 1948.

I would love to hear from anyone still in the area who remembers that period, and knew me or the James family.

Ian Anderson
Tel: (01984) 656348

MURDER ON THE MENU



There was fear and anticipation at the Mill Arms on the third Sunday of March as a select few super-sleuths met to solve a case of, as Agatha Christie would doubtless have called it, Murder Most Foul.

We were assured from the start that our food was entirely safe – and very good it was too: I highly recommend the Death By Chocolate – but a murder, by poisoning, in a restaurant? Six suspects, all with a reason to want the victim dead? Blackmail, robbery and intrigue? Even Ms Christie herself might have been flummoxed.

Not us, however, and over the course of the evening the suspects were interviewed, there were tears, laughs, some truly terrible puns and an excellent bit of piano playing, in what was very definitely a memorable evening.



And as for the culprit? I regret to inform readers of the *Acorn* that one of your editors has a secret double-life as a bloodthirsty washer-upper named Philippa Kettle, introduced, in true murder mystery style, shortly after dessert.

I know. I was as surprised as you are.

Lucy Lastic,
(suspect no. 4 and undercover
reporter in residence.)

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

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