

It's coming around again - a **MUST** for your diary:

Mottisfont Village Fete Sunday, 15th August, at 2pm

Preparations for this year's fete are already well under way! Tony Stemp is doing a magnificent job with the 'Grand Draw', writing out for prizes, printing the tickets and looking for any untapped sources to bring in more wonderful prizes.

You have probably been to the Village Fete in previous years, and no doubt enjoyed it, but have you ever thought about becoming involved, even just a little bit? Extra help is always needed: maybe running a game, serving tea for a while, offering relief to someone needing a break, or putting burgers in a rolls, etc.



We will always appreciate an extra pair of hands - even for just an hour on Sunday morning to help with setting up, or a little time at the end putting everything away again.

We also rely on people's generosity for a donation of a bottle or a tin for the tombola, or to make a cake. So, if there's any way at all that you can join in, do contact us!

This year we will again have live music with:

The Birnie Boozle Band

(recently returned from Glastonbury!)

The Pet Competition

History

Stalls

Art

Dance

Gardening

Bar and BBQ

Cakes

- *and much more!*



This is the main event of the year to raise funds for the upkeep of the Village Hall. It's also a really good afternoon out!

Gordon, 340129

The next edition of the *Acorn* will be in July. Information for the July edition must be submitted by 16th June.

Our e-mail is acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

Parish Council

The Parish Council has helped pay for new lighting and gates at the Village Hall. This will benefit users of the hall and will also improve security following the oil theft last year. In addition, it has been decided to install a low power spotlight on the pole near the gate, and in the porch to provide automatic illumination as people leave the hall.

Alison Evans of the National Trust gave a report at the March meeting, and confirmed that funding to convert the Abbey Farmyard to a new visitor centre had been agreed by the Trust. Architects would be appointed soon. It is hoped that the new facilities will be in place by March 2012, subject to planning permission. She will keep us updated on the plans.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, our Hampshire County Councillor, Andrew Gibson, and TVBC Councillor, Neville Whiteley, both contributed. Andrew spoke about the state of Hampshire's roads, about gritting, and the parish lengthsman scheme. Both he and Neville were concerned about value for money in the two councils.

Councillor Neville Whiteley reported that whilst there was still some conflict between Testway and Southern Water concerning the ownership of the disused cesspit at Dunbridge, Testway had agreed to make the site secure and safe by ensuring that access was not possible, and by filling in the cesspit with cement.

Date of the next meeting: 23rd June.

Everyone welcome!

Sue Holder
Parish Clerk

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



The speaker at our May meeting was Mr. John Smith who gave a very interesting talk about the Special Operations Executive (SOE) at Beaulieu, during World War Two.

He told how Winston Churchill had decided that in addition to the Army, Navy and Air Force, there needed to be a fourth force to train secret agents from many European countries who would then work behind the enemy lines with local resistance groups.

They trained at various establishments throughout the country, and finally entered the "Finishing School" at Beaulieu. Three thousand agents passed through Beaulieu during the war. Many of these were women, including a New Zealander Nancy Wake, now in her nineties, who was the most decorated woman in the war. It was a very thought-provoking meeting.

At our next meeting on Tuesday, 7th June, we welcome John Hanks, who will be talking about bees and bee keeping. This should be a very popular meeting, especially in view of the loss of bees and bee hives in recent years, and the vital role honey bees play in the pollination of food crops and in our environment.



Why not come along? Visitors are welcome.

We have many more varied speakers and outings arranged for the coming year. Further details in future editions of the *Acorn*.

Audrey Atchison - 301156

LETTER TO THE ACORN

From Mary Wheeler

Dear Editors,

I am the newly elected secretary of TANT, a group of volunteers who work together to represent the tenants and residents of The National Trust.

This year our AGM was held in Mottisfont. It was attended by tenants from the local area and also from other areas in Hampshire and Dorset.

David Riddle (Land Use Development Officer) for the National Trust spoke at the meeting, outlining the commitment to local communities, and their interaction with the Trust. This initiative is called "GO LOCAL".

Several concerns of tenants were aired during the meeting on a number of issues. TANT wants to hear from all the residents of the village, your concerns and opinions on local National Trust Policy and its effects on you and your village.

Positive feedback as well as negative is welcome. All correspondence will be treated in

the strictest confidence.

Can I take this is opportunity to say that having been residents of Dunbridge for only 14 months, the friendliness shown to us by other residents has been wonderful.

Notes were posted through the door with offers of help and information, along with a cordial welcome from all that I have come in to contact with.

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Mary Wheeler

FIELD MARGINS NOT JUST GRASS

** PLEASE KEEP TO THE FOOTPATH **

At Hatt Farm we have established grass margins around all of our arable fields specifically to provide safe nesting areas and good feeding habitat for a variety of farmland wildlife.

For example, the rough, tussocky grasses provide the perfect habitat for field voles which are the main food source of the barn owl. Consequently the establishment of these margins has helped achieve a steady increase in barn owl numbers.

It is important that these margins remain quiet, undisturbed wildlife habitats. Therefore please keep to the marked footpaths on the farm and do not walk or allow your dog to exercise on these areas.

With grateful thanks for your cooperation.

John, Tudor and Gareth Jenkins, Hatt Farm.

VILLAGE SUPPER

The excellent Village Supper took place in the Village Hall on Friday, 14th May.



Good food and convivial company made for a very pleasant evening, with the opportunity to chat at length with neighbours and friends.

Our thanks go to Margaret Astur and all the people who worked so hard to make this event a great success.



Dear Friends,

After this year's General Election it's so interesting to see the differing parties sitting in very unfamiliar places, some from opposition now working together with previous opponents, and those from Government now to opposition. It must be a strange perspective to be a Member of Parliament and to be sitting next to those who were once the opposition!

We all get used to ways of working and with certain perspectives, but life has a way of turning things upside down when we least expect it. The familiar suddenly is snatched away from us and new challenges face us. This is why we are asked to begin our days with prayer, so that we can have the strength and guidance of God in our daily lives. Interestingly, the sittings in both Houses of Parliament still begin with prayers. These follow the Christian faith, and there is currently no multi-faith element. Attendance is voluntary. The practice of prayers is believed to have started in about 1558, and was common practice by 1567. The present form of prayers probably dates from the reign of Charles II. Members of the public are not allowed into the public galleries during prayers.

So we can see that prayer through the ages in the morning has always been thought of as most important. We thank God that this important practice has not been done away with yet in parliament. Prayer is a deep well of resources for us all, and just as Broughton, Bossington, Houghton, and Mottisfont are full of bubbling streams, deep wells, and fonts (and indeed Broughton exports water all over the world), so prayer helps us to tap deeply down into God's limitless resources and bring forth buckets full of God's water of life. All we have to do is to take some time and actually go to the well of life. Jesus said, "Whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:14)

In other words our thirst is quenched when we go to him in prayer and we receive the water of eternal life that contains all the wonderful Godly nutrients that we need to keep our souls and bodies healthy.

Here is one of the main daily prayers at Parliament:

"Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our Queen and her government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals, but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed.

With Blessings

Ron Corne. (Rector)

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR JUNE

Time	6th June Trinity 1	13th June Trinity 2	20th June Trinity 3	27th June Trinity 4
8am	Broughton: HC CW	Broughton: HC BCP		
9.30am	Bossington: HC BCP	Broughton: Family Service	Mottisfont: HC BCP	Broughton: HC CW Family Communion and Broughton Sunday Club
		Houghton: HC CW	Broughton: Sunday Club	
11am	Mottisfont: Matins	Mottisfont: Family Service	Broughton: HC CW and Coffee Club	Mottisfont: Family Communion
6pm	Houghton: Evensong		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 2.30pm in the New Room at St. Mary's Church, Broughton.

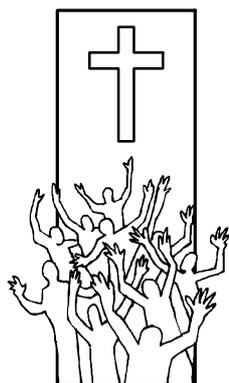
3rd June: Mr. Alan Ellsmore
10th June: Members Meeting
17th June: Members Meeting
24th June: Miss Barbara Hillier

Everyone will be welcome. Do come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

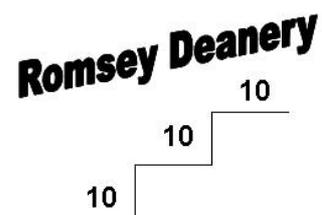
A ROMSEY DEANERY EVENT

10th October, 2010



A celebration of all the good things that take place in our Deanery. An opportunity to share, to learn from others, to have fun and to grow together.

Activities include seminars & demonstrations on vocations, music, fresh expressions, fund raising, godly play, messy church, prayer, pastoral care, overseas mission, youth activities, audio visual equipment for churches, church web sites and much more. Lots to participate in!



When: Sunday, 10th October, 2.30pm – 6.00pm
Where: Romsey Abbey

Please put this date in your diaries. Further details will be publicised soon.

LOCKERLEY SCHOOL

OPEN MORNING ~ WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE

From 9.30am to 12, Picnic Lunch 12 - 1pm

We would like to invite you to our Open Morning for all pre-school children. This is our Bring-a-Bear-to-School day, so please bring a furry friend! The children will be able to take part in various activities in KS1. You are welcome to tour the school and see KS2 at work. To round off the morning, why not bring a packed lunch and join us for our Teddy Bears' Picnic?

We do ask that you stay with your child during the morning and at the picnic.

We look forward to welcoming you to Lockerley School.

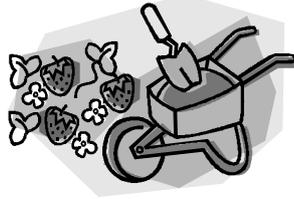
ADVANCE NOTICE

- ◆ Bizarre Bazaar, 6pm on Friday, 9th July At Lockerley Primary School
- ◆ Lockerley School PTA Summer Playscheme, 26 - 30 July, at Lockerley and East Dean Memorial Hall. £5.00 per morning, 9.30am - 12.30pm, for children aged 5 -11. Booking form available from school - Tel: 340485

Julie Black
Admin Officer
Lockerley Primary School
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Gardening Club

We are now into our Summer events, even though the weather is not quite summery yet.



We have an American Supper (where participants bring food that everyone shares) on Tuesday, 15th June.

On Saturday, 17th July we have a trip to The Hawk Conservancy, and there are still some spaces left. The cost for the coach and entrance is £19.50. Please ring Michael Horne on 340105 if you would like to come - all are very welcome!

History Group

We still have not been able to find a home for the bier (coffin carrier), so will be contacting the Museum Services to see if they have a home for it - unless anybody in the area can find a place to display it? If so, please contact me on 340105.

Many thanks.

Michael Horne

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



WALKING GROUP

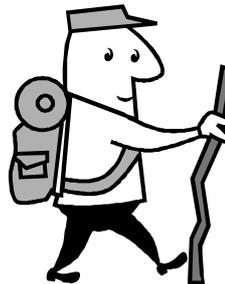
Our next scheduled walks are:

Friday, 11th June

Meet at Dunbridge Station at 9.50am for the train to Dean.

Friday, 9th July

Meet outside the Mill Arms at 10.00am.



Gordon, 340129

Awbridge Primary School News

Our new reception/library area is now fully furnished and equipped, apart from the new computers. Shortly after the half-term holiday we will officially open this new facility, which adds a great deal to what we offer the children. We anticipate also running a Silver Surfers event in the future for senior members of the local community who would like to learn more about using the internet – look out for further details at a later date.

Many of the children recently entered our photography competition on the theme of Awbridge and Area in Springtime. The entries were of a really high quality and a number of them will be enlarged and framed to go in our newly refurbished areas.



This term we again have a number of exciting projects lined up for the children, with many of them having an environmental flavour, using the school's pond, nature area and vegetable gardens. We shall also begin welcoming our new Year R children and their parents through a series of Songs and Rhymes sessions held at the school, as well as visits to the local pre-school settings. It is always exciting to meet our next class of Awbridge children.

Our Summer Fayre this year will be on the evening of Friday, 11th June, starting at 5.30pm, to which the community are of course invited. This promises to be a fun-packed event with something for everyone to enjoy.

WHAT'S ON AT THE MILL ARMS

American Buffet

22 June
6.30-8.30pm
£10 pp



Visit the buffet as often as you like! Includes:

- ◆ Build your own burger: beef, chicken or mushroom
- ◆ Lots of different toppings to add
- ◆ Hot dogs, potato skins
- ◆ Seattle chicken wings
- ◆ Clam and sausage chilli
- ◆ Macaroni & Blue Cheese
- ◆ Plus sides

Please remember we cater only for the numbers reserved. Previous buffet evenings have been very popular, so book early!

Tel: 340401
millarms@btconnect.com

***Book a table of 10 and receive
a complimentary bottle of wine***

RIP-OFF ROOFERS!

Neighbourhood Watch received this report in early May from a resident in Wellow:

"We had a roofing company cold calling in our road. I found out the next day that my neighbour had agreed to have work done by them, due to start next week. When she told me what the estimate was I nearly fell over (got them down from £7,000 to £4,000 she said!).

"Enquiries with my brother who happens to be a roofer showed that £400 would be a fair price! Needless to say, warning bells started ringing. We have got our neighbour to cancel the contract.

"In the meantime, I emailed the company on Saturday to cancel it for her, but surprise, surprise, the email pinged back 'address unknown'. I have also contacted Trading Standards and am awaiting contact from their Fair Trading Team.

"I have spoken to Jo Cole at Romsey Police and given her the info, as I wanted someone to be around next week when the contractors were due to start in case they came round and tried to bully our neighbour."

If you have heard of anything similar, please report it to your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

EAST TYTHERLEY FETE

Saturday, 12th June, 2pm

**The Traditional Fete with a Garden Party
Atmosphere**

Oaklands House

Games, Strawberries, Teas, Cakes
Bouncy Castles
Children's Entertainment from Table Top Circus
Fun Dog Show
Art Tent
Lockerley Silver Band
Barbecue, Bar, Pimms
Raffle and Silent Auction
Live Music from Local Musicians
Hog Roast

**Large Screen World Cup Football Match
England v USA (Kick off 7.30pm)**

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 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.

TEST VALLEY FARMWATCH

For the past nine months I have been receiving reports that embrace Neighbourhood Watch, Farm Watch and Country Watch, and sometimes also Horse Watch.

I attended a Neighbourhood Watch local meeting early last year and advised the police that it was equally relevant for outlying villages to be included in the additional Watches, as it seemed more appropriate.

What has happened in the meantime is that in the Northern Test Valley Policing area (which centres on Andover) farmers and others including estate owners, commercial property owners, remote residences etc. have formed Test Valley Farmwatch.

This group has been highly successful over the past year and has encouraged the Police to try to expand this into the Southern Test Valley policing area. The northern operation is up and running, and all that is needed in the southern area is for interested parties to sign up. There is no cost for this for one year, and the likely cost for future years is approximately £25, based on this year's subscriptions paid by the northern group.

An invitation to a meeting at Awbridge Village Hall on 16 May attracted several local farmers and landowners who were enthusiastic about the scheme, which has many other benefits. There have been notable successes over the last year leading to prosecutions and recovery of stolen property. Background information shows that this arrangement has made the area a no-go zone for the criminals.

Generally communication is by email, mainly for speed and detail, but telephone calls and texts to mobiles are also employed for alerts to incidents and warnings.

Those that sign up will receive full details spelling out the additional benefits, and regular newsletters direct from the Romsey Rural Safer Neighbourhood Police Team.

If you are interested, please contact me for more information, without obligation.

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

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History Group		Michael Horne	340105			Susan Clutterbuck	340475
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	Dunbridge	Cliff Astur	341922	(Reg.Charity No 291629)	Village Hall	Jon & Heather Butler	340740
Parish Council	Clerk	Sue Holder	340130		Entertainments	Alan Groves	341301
	Chairman	John Millns	340347		Secretary	Cathie Wood	340129
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