



Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN



The Village Newsletter

May 2010

Beefy's Great Forget-me-not Walk

As anticipated in the April edition of the Acorn, (see, it wasn't an April fool...) Mottisfont welcomed Sir Ian Botham on Wednesday, 14th April. This was Day 5 of his series of ten 25th anniversary charity walks in aid of childhood leukaemia.

Sir Ian started his walk in Winchester, continued to Romsey and then via Timsbury to Mottisfont Village Hall, where his supporters had gathered. They then joined him to complete the walk to Stockbridge.

It was a fantastic day, with a wonderful atmosphere at the Village Hall for all his supporters, the walkers, and the young people playing a game of cricket.

The Village Hall Committee were glad to be involved and thank everyone who supported this event.



And while we are on the subject of walking...

...you can also walk for charity in May by joining a Country Walk around Awbridge in aid of the Samaritan's Purse, Turn on the Tap (TOTT) project.



Samaritan's Purse is more familiar locally as a charity which collects and distributes gift-filled shoeboxes at and around Christmas time. The TOTT project, which provides water filtration systems to those in desperate need of clean water, is another campaign run throughout the year by Samaritan's Purse volunteers.

You are invited to join a walk on Friday, 21st May, at 6.30pm, organised by All Saints Church, Awbridge, in aid of the project.

During the walk, which starts and finishes at Awbridge Village Hall, you will be given a small bottle of water for refreshment. You will be asked to use this bottle to collect coins for TOTT, which can be handed into Awbridge church, to a church member or Samaritan's Purse representative, before or at the Awbridge Church family service on Sunday, 27th June.

For further TOTT information please see www.samaritanspurse.org.uk, or contact:

James Alexander 340386, Roger & Mary Savage 367908 or Julia Barnett 340793

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

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

Parish Council

Highways News

At the March Parish Council meeting, Cllr. Simmonds reported that temporary road resurfacing work had commenced on Kimbridge Lane. However, the Parish Council do not feel that an adequate job has been done, and will be reporting this to Hampshire County Council (HCC).

Drainage and resurfacing work on Bengers Lane will be starting soon. The clerk reported that Network Rail would address the discrepancy between the level of the tracks at the Kimbridge Level crossing in May when rails, sleepers and the ballast which supports them will be removed and replaced. The Parish Council has been advised that due to the track geometry some sort of bump will remain, but the crossing should be improved.

Flooding at Hatt Hill by the station has now been resolved, and Hatt Lane has now been swept. Improvements along the Lockerley Road have now been added to the HCC schedule of work. Cllr. Simmonds has asked for the roadside ditch along the Spearywell Road stretch by Pound House to be cleaned out, and for HCC to consider piping the ditch. He has also requested traffic warning signs, as a few lorries have driven into the ditch.

Annual Parish Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Parish Meeting on 14th April. Police Sergeant Christine Plascott, the new sergeant on the Romsey Safer

Neighbourhoods Team gave her report and answered questions. She is responsible for 14 parishes in the area. It is her aim to get policing back into the community through initiatives such as the beat surgeries and improving Neighbourhood Watch schemes. Community priorities are being set, with the current priorities being anti-social behaviour and speeding. It was reported that whilst crime rates had declined, over the weekend prior to the meeting there had been reports of a theft from a motor vehicle and a house burglary. PS Plascott reminded those present not to leave anything in parked cars, especially in local beauty spots. Over the summer there will be an increase in high visibility police patrols in these areas as it is anticipated to be a problem.

PS Plascott was asked if traffic could be monitored more for speeding in the village. She responded that whilst it was a priority for her team, police officers were no longer trained to use the radar guns. However she has specifically requested that a member of her team is trained in traffic equipment in order that she can provide the additional resource.

It was reported that a Southern Rural Farm Watch was being set up for information gathering and sharing, as were Local Action Groups to address specific issues in the community.

The date of our next meeting is 26th May. Everyone will be welcome.

THE NATIONAL TRUST

Free Entry to Mottisfont

From 1st May residents living within the parish of Mottisfont and Dunbridge are invited to enjoy free entry to the gardens and grounds of Mottisfont Abbey on the first Saturday of each month. The gardens are full of seasonal colour all year round and on 1st May we are opening the new Angel Ice-Cream Parlour in the Stableyard selling a selection of delicious New Forest ice-cream and speciality sundaes.

We hope you will make full use of this offer and look forward to welcoming you. Please bring proof of residency to show at Visitor Reception.

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



MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

At our April meeting, members were entertained with a very interesting and humorous talk by Susan Lowe, a London Blue Badge Guide. We were treated to many amusing anecdotes about her experiences as a PA to Sir John Betjeman and his celebrated teddy bear Archie, tucked under one arm, and a toy elephant under the other arm. They accompanied him everywhere! We were also told about cooking for Gunter Sachs (Brigitte Bardot's ex) in St Moritz, tracking down tigers in the jungles of India, and avoiding being eaten!

At our next meeting on Tuesday 11 May, we welcome John Smith, who will be talking about the Special Operations Executive at Beaulieu during the Second World War.

We have many more interesting speakers and outings arranged for the coming year - why not come and join us - all are welcome.

Audrey Atchison - 01794 301 156



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

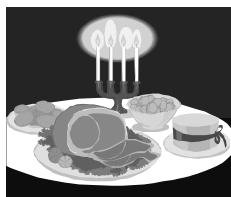


Coq au Vin
Steak & Kidney Pie
Aubergine and Vegetable Crumble

(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
(Payment when booking please)

Test Valley Borough Council

Licensing Act 2003 - Public Notice

Mottisfont Village Hall Association is applying for
the new grant of a Premises Licence for
Mottisfont Village Hall
School Lane, Mottisfont,
Romsey. SO51 0LX

If granted the application will allow the following
licensable activities to take place:
Provision of regulated entertainment & provision
of facilities for regulated entertainment.

Any person wishing to make representations in
relation to this application may do so by writing
to:

Licensing Manager, Legal & Democratic Service,
Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst,
Weyhill Road, Andover, Hampshire SP10 3AJ.
Tel: 01264 368013, Fax 01264 368005
Email: licensing@testvalley.gov.uk

Representations may be made for 28
consecutive days from the date of this notice.
A copy of the application for the grant of the
above licence is kept by the Licensing Authority
at the above address. The application can be
viewed during normal office hours.
It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a
false statement in connection with an application
and a person guilty of an offence is liable on
summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level
5 on the standard scale.

7th April 2010

Useful Information...

As part of my role as Parish Councillor I attend the
Test Valley Association of Parish Councils. While
much of the meeting is about Council issues, there
is often information which may be of wider use.
Here is a selection that I think may be useful. Do
contact me if you would like more details.

Wheels to Work is a moped loan scheme for 16-
25 year olds with limited access to public
transport. It is designed to help get you to a job,
training or interviews. Tel. 0845 5216 405.

OPAL is the Older Persons Area Link, which is a
team of volunteers who will help you find local
activities and services. Tel. 0800 328 7154.

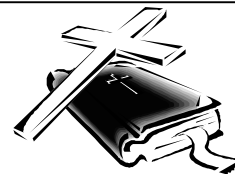
A Guide to Better Care and Support offers

information for people who want to go on living at
home, and for families and carers. Information
covers health, living with disabilities, your home,
finance and funding, getting out and about, and
choosing home care services. Get a copy by
ringing 0845 603 5630.

Linked to this is a **Useful Contact List**, a copy of
which I have put on the village hall notice board.

Finally, you may like to take part in the
Hampshire House Sparrow Survey which is
being conducted March to June. Forms are
available from the library or
www.hants.gov.uk/housesparrow.

Jacquie Horne, 340105



Dear Friends,

Spring has sprung and a General Election has been called!

Governments come and go through the centuries, as do fashions and fads, but the Christian message remains the same. This is the season of both Ascension and Whitsun or Pentecost. On Ascension Day we will climb St. Mary's tower again to sing Ascension-tide hymns at 6.00pm, and on 23rd May we will be remembering the incredible gift of the Holy Spirit to God's people.

Therefore with elections in the air and Church celebrations there is a lot going on. Thank goodness it's also spring, lifting our spirits and helping us to look ahead to the summer. Each season brings with it deep and Godly wisdom, rather like a precious gem: as it turns under light, each facet reflects more knowledge of God, and of his love for us. It also helps us to be equipped here on earth as God's people for our pilgrimage and for our work for him.

Ascension reminds us of Christ ascending to his Heavenly Father after his victory over sin and death and his resurrection at Easter. Christ ascends taking and raising the dead, so we are called to look up and forward. Then Pentecost, with its gifts of the Holy Spirit to God's people, enabling and empowering us through prayer and action, and reminding us that the Holy Spirit is also the comforter, and comes to reassure us that we are God's and nothing can snatch us from him. Then Holy Trinity with its revelation as God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reminding us that God dwells in perfect love and harmony, and calls us as His people to do the same, and to love one another as he has loved us.

Great Feasts! Do join us for worship to celebrate the wonderful Christian days in May 2010.

Ron Corne, Rector

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR MAY

Time	2 May Easter 4	9 May Rogation Sunday	16 May Sunday after Ascension	23 May Pentecost	30 May Trinity
8am	Broughton: HC CW	11am Bossington: HC CW Rogation Day service, and a blessing of the crops. This will be followed by a picnic, weather permitting.			
9.30am	Bossington: HC BCP		Mottisfont: HC BCP Broughton: Sunday Club	Broughton: HC CW Family Communion and Broughton Sunday Club	Mottisfont: HC CW for the whole benefice
11am	Mottisfont: Matins		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 2.30 pm in the New Room at St. Mary's Church, Broughton.

May:

6th May: Mrs. Carole Boast

13th May: Mrs. Margaret Pickett

20th May: Mrs. Helen Carter (Fairtrade)

27th May: Members Meeting

Everyone will be welcome.

Do come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

ADDITIONAL CHURCH EVENTS

In addition to the services shown in the table opposite, everyone will be most welcome at the following events:

Thursday 13th May, Ascension Day

- ◆ 9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Broughton.
- ◆ 6.00pm. Hymn singing from the church tower at St. Mary's, weather permitting.

Friday 28th May

- ◆ Rose Garden Evening at Mottisfont Abbey. 6.30-8.30pm in aid of St Andrew's, Mottisfont.

ROSE AND WINE EVENING AT MOTTISFONT ABBEY ROSE GARDEN

Friday, 28th May, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Come and enjoy an evening stroll in this famous and beautiful walled garden whilst sipping a glass of wine. Don't miss this delightful opportunity to experience the early roses and surrounding borders when they are fresh and fragrant in the late May evening air. Why not bring family and friends to share in this almost magical moment when the walled garden, hushed but for the birdsong, seems to hold its breath in anticipation of the glorious splendour of the June season with its many visitors. Oh, and there's a RAFFLE too!

Admission by ticket at the gate

Adults £5

Children £2.50

Includes glass of wine or fruit punch

Entrance via main
public car park

NT concessions do not apply

In aid of St. Andrew's Church, Mottisfont
By kind permission of the management at Mottisfont Abbey

Bringing adult learning to rural areas

Following discussions with local providers of adult education, it seems likely that we can get support for some classes and informal groups which will offer learning opportunities for Broughton, Stockbridge, and the neighbouring villages.

Most importantly, we can organise some joint publicity for learning opportunities and societies which already exist in the villages. There is support for a mix of formal courses, administered by Romsey Community School's adult education department, and possibly by Test Valley School; family learning, managed by Hampshire Learning; a lecture series; some informal groups which will pool skills and ideas on, for example art history and French/German conversation; and a local branch of the University of the Third Age. The latter would be run entirely by volunteers, and add to the groups operating in Romsey, Andover and Salisbury, which are mainly full. Some details of how it works are below, and there is lots more on the U3A website. If anyone is interested in being

a member of a local U3A planning committee, please leave your contact details by email on learners@broughton-hants.net.

What is the University of the Third Age (U3A)?

It's a unique and exciting self-help educational movement for people no longer in full-time work.

What does it offer?

The opportunity to pursue learning for sheer enjoyment and for its own sake. Shared learning experiences in a wide range of interest groups. New friendships.

Will all U3As do the same things?

No. A U3A's programme reflects its members' wishes and resources, but languages, art history, book clubs, painting, music, walking, science and computing are examples of activities which may be available.

See www.u3a.org.uk for more.

Gardening Club

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 18th May, at 7.30pm, when Gerald Ponting will give an illustrated talk on "Scenes from a Hampshire Childhood". All are very welcome. Entrance is £2.00.



We also have some seats left for our trip to The Hawk Conservancy on Saturday, 17th July. The cost, including coach and entrance, is £19.50. To book seats, ring Michael Horne on 340105.

History Group

I would like to thank everybody who helped with the two talks on the local rail lines in our area. Particular thanks go to the people in the audience who gave stories of their memories of working and living on the railways.

After expenses and a donation of over £110.00 to The Romsey Signal Box Project, the remainder of the proceeds (£65) will be used to pay for some prints of photos and display equipment.

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, 14th May, 10.00am

Meet outside the Mill Arms.

Walk to Whiteparish via Dean Hill, picnic or pub lunch, then back to Dean.

Say perhaps 4-5 hours, that's if we can get people out of the pub!



Friday, 11th June

Maybe a bit further afield - details next month after consulting the committee!

Gordon, 340129

Awbridge Primary School News

The children enjoyed some special events at the end of last term. King Henry VIII made a special visit to a Tudor banquet held in the hall, which the children in Class 4 had prepared. Parents and relatives were served Tudor recipes, joined the children in dance, and were entertained with poetry and music as well as Henry's tales.

Children in Class 5 prepared a special assembly to demonstrate their learning about ancient Greece, and parents and relatives were able to take part in a range of hands-on activities, from being dressed up as an ancient Greek to doing pottery, or interviewing Zeus! A great time was had by all.

Rev'd Bruce Kington led us in our Easter service at school, and kindly helped judge the children's Easter Garden and egg picture competitions, which were again both poignant and imaginative in their representation of the Easter story.

This term we look forward to opening our new reception/library area, which is, as I write, undergoing its finishing touch buildings work. This will be an impressive facility which the school community will have greater access to.

Our vegetable garden is starting to show signs of life with plants sprouting, and we really look forward to seeing more emerge in due course.

Our Summer Fayre this year will be on the evening of Friday, 11th June, to which the community are of course invited.



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

Julie Black
Admin Officer
Lockerley Primary School
01794 340485

SMALL ADS

NEED HELP WITH YOUR GARDEN?

A Sparsholt College student in final year of studying Countryside Management requires gardening work in the Mottisfont/Dunbridge/Kimbridge/Timsbury area during the summer months before starting university. Very keen responsible hard worker with experience in horticulture. Reasonable rates. Contact Justin on 01794 341301.

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SEEKING LOCAL AVON REPRESENTATIVE!

Does anyone know if there is an Avon representative who covers Mottisfont? If you can be of help with a name and phone number I would be most grateful. Contact Tina on 01794 341301. Many thanks.

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FOR SALE: HILL'S SCIENCE PLAN DRY CAT FOOD ADULT 1-6yrs - I have 2 x 2kg Bags. One Lamb, and one Tuna. New and sealed, for sale. Our cat has just been diagnosed with diabetes, and is therefore on a strict diabetic diet and is no longer allowed to eat these. £18 for both bags. (rrp: £14 per bag). 01794 341301

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WALKING PLANTS?

Mollie Jackson contacted the *Acorn* to mention that a clematis has been taken from her garden at Mill Rise.

Garden owners should be on the lookout for plants growing legs - or more likely, a tea leaf?

THE WRONG ADDRESS

Nelson Mandela was relaxing at home one afternoon, when the door bell rang. Opening the door, he saw a Japanese man in overalls and a peaked cap, holding a clipboard. Behind him was a massive car transporter.

"You sign!" said the Japanese man.

"You must have the wrong address," said Nelson Mandela.

"You sign!" repeated the Japanese man.

"But these cars are not for me," said Nelson Mandela.

And the Japanese man said "Ah, you not Nissan main dealer?"

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 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.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

The following security advice was given in the Romsey Rural Safer Neighbourhoods Report for April:

We are beginning to suffer a small number of thefts from vehicles already, since the better weather and lighter evenings. Please be vigilant and do not leave any valuables or items that could attract thieves in your unattended vehicles. For example:

- ◆ *Handbags and wallets*
- ◆ *Mobile phones*
- ◆ *Sat Navs and Cradles – if you leave the cradle attached thieves may still break in to the vehicle to look for the Sat Nav*
- ◆ *Empty bags and luggage – thieves may assume there is something valuable inside.*
- ◆ *Cigarettes and loose change*

In terms of home security, we advise you to:

- ◆ *Keep valuable items such as TVs, laptops and hand bags away from windows and out of view from passers-by.*
- ◆ *Keep car keys and door keys out of sight and away from letter boxes or open windows to prevent a burglar from reaching in with an object, hooking out the keys and using them to gain entry to your property.*
- ◆ *Never leave a key under a doormat or hanging on a piece of string through the letterbox. This is the first place any burglar will look.*
- ◆ *Make sure that garden tools and ladders, etc., are kept in a secure place – burglars will happily use your own equipment to break into your property.*
- ◆ *If you are in the garden make sure your external doors are locked, as while you are busy burglars could take the opportunity to open the door and help themselves to your valuables.*

Come and meet your local officers

The mobile police office will be at the following locations:

Tuesday, 4th May

9-10 am – Ampfield Village Hall
 10-11 am – Braishfield Village Hall
 11-12 am – Michelmersh & Timsbury Jubilee Village Hall

Wednesday, 5th May

9-10 am – West Tytherley (Black Horse P.H.)
 10-11 am – East Dean (Glebe Meadows)

Friday, 7th May

10-11 am – Sherfield English Post Office
 11.30-12.30 am – Kimbridge Farm Shop

Tuesday, 18th May

9-10 am – Outside Wellow School
 10-11 am – Wellow Shops, Lower Common Rd

Thursday, 20th May

9-10 am – Awbridge Opposite Cowslease Cottages
 10-10.30 am – Lockerley Village Stores
 10.30-11.30 am – Lockerley Coffee Shop

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

Acorn	Editors	Peter & Julia Barnett	340793	Social Club	Chairman	Peter Simmonds	340891
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Cricket Club	Secretary	Tony Stemp	340398		Steward	Linda Taggart	340521
History Group		Michael Horne	340105	Test Valley Councillor		Andrew Gibson	01264
Horticultural Society		Michael Horne	340105				861138
First Responders	Coordinator	Marion Gray	341370	Village Bus	Secretary	George Vaughan	301045
Football Club	Secretary	John Fryer	512695		Bookings	Pam Dawkins	301203
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Mill Arms		Andrea and Ian Bentall	340401		Operations	Mike Howe	301723
Mottisfont Abbey	Est. Manager		340757	Village Hall	Chairman	Lynn Young	340134
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	Dunbridge	Cliff Astur	341922		Entertainments		
Parish Council	Clerk	Sue Holder	340130		Secretary	Alan Groves	341301
	Chairman	John Millns	340347		Bookings	Cathie Wood	340129
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