

The Village Newsletter

Mottisfont & Dunbridge

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October 2010

All the Fun of the Fete!

As I write this in August just after the Village Fete, it's a safe bet that the weather as you read this in early October isn't as good as on 15th August.

We had an amazing day in every sense, including the wonderful weather and the large number of people who came and enjoyed their time at the Village Hall. The beer & BBQ just held out, but the ice cream didn't - Gillian, you're too generous!

We again had the music of the excellent Birnie Boozle Band and several new attractions and stalls. Who come first in the N.T. bike race? I came last at my attempt!

The Village Hall made about £2,500 after expenses despite keeping prices at affordable levels. The Church, W.I., Gardening Club and Children's Christmas Party stalls each took home a little pot of money as did everyone else selling items or organizing their own games, and

Fighting fuel thefts in Test Valley

Police in rural Test Valley are uniting with local farmers and members of the rural community to try and reduce fuel thefts in the area.

Working together with the Test Valley Farmwatch scheme, police officers are introducing a substance that can be used to 'chemically tag' fuel so that it can be traced back to its original owner. They will be giving out free bottles of the substance to members of the rural community during September.

By adding just 100ml of the liquid to their tanks, people can protect their fuel and put thieves off stealing it. Stickers stating that the fuel has been tagged are also being given out with the substance to be displayed on the tanks and act as a deterrent to potential thieves.

Individuals living within the rural Test Valley can register to receive a free 100ml bottle of the

also contributed to Village Hall funds.

May I, along with the Village Hall Committee, thank everyone who helped set up beforehand and dismantle afterwards. Thanks also to everyone who manned the games and stalls, provided home-made cakes (I don't think there were many from Aldi!), bottles, jars, tins, etc. Carparking was managed very effectively thanks to Alan Lawrence's efforts, and our very own Rottweiler, Tony Stemp, made a record amount organising and running the Draw and The Fishing & Cricket Bat bids -well done and thank you Tony.

Thank you also to the Jenkins family for the use of the field and preparations beforehand.

Many people played a part in the Village Fete, so if I've missed mentioning your efforts, thank you anyway!

Gordon 340129

substance by contacting the Test Valley Crime Prevention Officer, Melody Manning, by calling 101 or 0845 045 45 45 from outside Hampshire.



Fuel thefts continue to be a problem nationally. With the rising cost of fuel, thieves are continuing to target tanks at local farms, businesses, homes and inside vehicles.

Seven premises in Test Valley were targeted in August, and police anticipate there may be more over the coming months as more people fill up their heating fuel tanks ready for the colder weather.

Last winter (2009-2010), Western Hampshire saw the number of fuel thefts quadruple from the number of such offences during the previous winter (2008 -2009). Local officers are hoping the use of this substance could go some way to ensure that doesn't happen again in the area this year.



The deadline for inclusion of items in the November edition of the Acorn is 16th October. E-mail to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.



Parish Council

Concerns about the quality of the work and length village. Our next step is to seek the advice of of time taken to complete the Bengers Lane repairs have been passed to both Hampshire County Council and our County Councillor. The work took longer than planned as the ground under the road was much harder than anticipated, which slowed progress. We understand that the road is still to be resurfaced, which should address the discrepancy between one of the drains and the road level. At the Hatt Hill junction of Bengers Lane, the Parish Council has agreed to request that the verge is reduced to improve the line of sight of oncoming traffic.

The Parish Council will be holding a public meeting to discuss options available for traffic calming in the village centre. Please come along and share your views with us. Date to be advised.

Thank you to everyone who has given suggestions for the proposed play area in the

Test Valley Borough Council's Play Development Officer on suitable options.

The Social Club has requested that any person who has a noise problem arising from the Social Club should phone 340521 and talk to the Stewardess or her representative about the problem at the time it happens. Additionally, please report all incidents to the Parish Council in the unlikely event that it becomes an ongoing issue.

The National Trust now owns the grey phone box in the village centre, and is considering using it for village maps.

Dog bins are to be placed in Spearywell Wood at Mottisfont and the visitor car parks courtesy of the National Trust.

Date of next meeting: 29th September. Everyone welcome.

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.



Our speaker in August was Barbara Burbidge, who gave a slide and talk show on "The Moodys of Church Street". Started in the late 18th century by Samuel Moody,

cutler turned gunsmith, his shop has now been recreated as The Moody Museum with original fixtures and fittings. With King John's House, Tudor Cottage and Garden, it is part of the Romsey Heritage Centre. Altogether a wealth of fascinating local artefacts and memorabilia.

On a beautiful day in August members enjoyed and took part in the Mottisfont Village Fete, and we should like to thank everyone who donated bric-à-brac, and cakes, for this event.

Mottisfont Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee is seriously considering the need to resurface the hard standing/car parking area around the Village Hall. One or two people hiring the hall have recently commented on the poor state of the surface which confirms our belief that work should be carried out at an early date.

Initial estimates give figures of £10,000 to £13,000 plus VAT for the work, a figure that the Village Hall funds could not meet at present.

In September we were treated to a talk by Jennifer Rose entitled "Everything Stops For Tea". This was a solo performance with songs, music and amusing anecdotes about the history of tea, from the salons of the 18th century to the "Nippies" of Lyons Corner House, the history of the tea plant, and a discussion on the merits of tea bags versus loose tea! A very entertaining and amusing evening.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 12th October when we welcome Margaret Fraser, who will be talking about Food For Thought. Why not join us?

Audrey Atchison, 301156

Therefore, it is the Village Hall Committee's decision to approach Viridor Credits for a grant towards this work. At least 10% must be given by a third party. This could be the Village Hall but must be through fund raising, so it will be the profit from this year's fete.

We would be keen to hear from anyone who has thoughts, ideas or views about this. Please write to the V.H. Secretary, Alan Groves, Spearywell Lodge, Mottisfont, Romsey S051 0LX, or e-mail alan@batty.plus.com.

24th August 2010

ideas@testvalleyvillages - A Lecture Series

The second in this new series of lectures, being held at Broughton Village Hall, is on Wednesday, 27th October at 8pm: an entertaining illustrated view of 3D Movies and Immersive Entertainment, by Dr. Nick Lodge.

At the cinema we may sometimes suspend reality for a while and feel that we are part of the onscreen action, experiencing sweating and a fast heartbeat just as though we really were being chased by dinosaurs or about to fall off a building. What is happening? And how can we trick the senses in order to harness this 'immersive' effect for entertainment purposes? These questions have been explored for over a century and have given rise to a strange and exciting collection of immersive media, of which today's stereoscopic 3D movies are just one.

In his entertaining presentation Dr Nick Lodge will look at the history of immersive media since 1903, concentrating particularly on the eccentric cinema paraphernalia of the 1950s (Cinerama, stereoscopy, Smell-o-Vision, Aromarama, Percepto, Sensurround and others). He will finish with a look at the latest in ultra high definition and holographic TV systems currently under development. Without leaving the comfort of your armchair you may soon feel like you have a front row seat at the Olympics or are watching your favourite rock band performing live!

Nick Lodge is a consultant in broadcast media technology and was until recently chief executive of a wireless media company in Bristol. For 10 years he led a major strategic R&D programme for all the UK's commercial TV companies. During this time he was responsible for the developments which led to many of today's digital broadcast and interactive TV services. Nick has a PhD in digital HDTV, an MBA in the commercial exploitation of technology and he is a Fellow of the Institution of Engineering & Technology and of the Royal Television Society.

Also from "Learning in the Villages", two afternoon workshops for you to try: "Adventurous Drawing", with Julia Polonski, a prize-winning specialist in drawing, who will encourage you to see things differently. See Julia's work and CV at www.juliapolonski.com. Suitable for beginners, experts, and those in between. Saturdays 23rd October and 20th November, 2-5pm, Longstock Village Hall. Cost: £15 for each workshop. To book, ring 301725 or email learners@broughtonhants.net.

If anyone is interested in brushing up their maths (or just keeping up with their children's maths), please contact Liz Ottley on 301511 (not 301551, as in the "Learning in the Villages" booklet). We have been offered funding for a six week course, to begin with.

Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus

The Committee is proud to report the arrival of a new bus to continue operating the local service, which now stretches back for 30 years. It is a brand new, shiny blue Citroen minibus with 14 seats. This is two fewer than its predecessor, but in exchange for the slight loss of capacity we have gained a more compact vehicle. It still offers a low step and comfortable seats (also in a tasteful shade of blue). We have paid for this with the proceeds of the sale of our old bus, the money we have saved up, and a generous grant from Hampshire County Council. We were grateful also to receive smaller sums from both Mottisfont and Broughton Parish Councils. This gives us the feeling that the service is appreciated locally.

It is also appreciated by our many passengers on either scheduled services or the excursions we run each year, and by the many local community groups that seek to hire the bus. We hope to continue to provide the service for many years to come, and perhaps with fewer bumps, rattles and draughts. If you are a stranger to the bus why not give it a try? The detailed timetable was printed in last month's issue.

The Chairman of the Bus Committee, Michael Howe, continues in post after 10 years service. He will, however, hand over to me the Tech. Manager's responsibilities for checking and refuelling, after 15 years duty, and will be a second line of call in emergencies. This is a good time to pay tribute to his hard work and dedication over these years, and also the effort he put into securing the new vehicle.

George Vaughan Honorary Secretary Dear Friends,



What does October mean for you? I am an October child, and as such I quite like October. Being born into the end part of the year perhaps makes October children a little more reflective and resistant to the cold, or perhaps not? I like the crackling fire and the cosiness of winter nights. Anyway, October for me is also a special month because it is the month in which we celebrate the Feast of St. Luke on 18th October.

St. Luke was the only New Testament writer who was not a Jew. He was a doctor by profession (Col 4:14) – and was to become not only a physician of the body but also an Apostle of the Soul. He is the author of the wonderful third Gospel and also of the Book of Acts. Each Gospel has a symbol, which points to the viewpoint of the author; the symbol for St. Luke is the calf. The calf was the animal of sacrifice and St. Luke shows Jesus as living the sacrificial life and becoming the sacrifice, which takes our sins away. He shows Jesus as the one who breaks barriers down, Jew, and gentile, saint and sinner; Jesus comes as the Saviour of the world.

We live in a world which is in constant need of physical and spiritual healing: healing of body, mind and spirit. St. Luke says that Jesus came to heal the broken hearted, and to set at liberty those who are oppressed. Jesus comes to release us so that we can live fully now, and not be oppressed by things which may weigh us down and destroy us. Sin is forgiven through repentance, and the crowning of God's gift is the love he has for us in Christ, and that same love we are to share with others. Luke, then, is the Gospel of healing. I pray that October will bring you healing and peace.

Can I also remind you of our Harvest Services at Broughton and Mottisfont on 26th September and at Bossington and Houghton on 3rd October (details in the service section).

With Christian love,

Ron Corne

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR OCTOBER									
Time	3rd October Trinity 18	10th October Trinity 19	17th October Trinity 20	24th October Trinity 21	31st October All Saints				
8am	Broughton HC CW	Broughton HC BCP							
9.30am	Bossington HC BCP (Harvest)	Broughton Family Service Houghton HC CW	Mottisfont HC BCP Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton HC CW Broughton Sunday Club	Houghton HC CW for Benefice				
11am	Mottisfont Matins	No service	Broughton HC and Coffee Club	Mottisfont Family Communion					
6pm	Houghton Harvest Songs of Praise		Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP					
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BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

7th October: Mrs Kitty Boxall (Tearcraft)14th October: Members Meeting21st October: Mrs Jenny Larken28th October: Mrs Helen Carter (Fairtrade)

Everyone is welcome - do come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Winchester Cathedral

Members of Mottisfont Parish are entitled to use free tickets for entry to Winchester Cathedral.

If you would like to go there, please ask me, and I will let you borrow them.

The Diocese has agreed that as Winchester is our "Mother Church", people from the Diocese should not have to pay the entrance fee that all Cathedrals have had to charge in order to help with their maintenance.

Susan Clutterbuck 340475

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 November. All applications for the November meeting must be submitted to the Secretary, Mrs Christine Hoskins, The Old Thatch, High Street, Broughton, no later than the end of October. Any application received after this date will be carried forward to the next meeting in March 2011.

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.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

The BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING IN THE WORLD

will be held on Saturday, 30th October, between 10am and noon at St. Mary's Church, Broughton.

Your generosity over the last four years has been tremendous and the money raised has enabled Macmillan to improve the lives of people affected by cancer.

Macmillan Cancer Support provides practical, medical and financial help, and pushes for better care. So pop in for morning refreshments with friends and the family, and enjoy browsing our Bring and Buy table - donations of good quality items, homemade cakes, garden produce, jams and chutneys, etc., are all very welcome.

The more you bring and buy the more we can give to Macmillan.

Ann, Barbara and Sally, 301292

St. Andrew's Gift Day Appeal

We have been pleased to receive several gifts towards general pastoral work as well as the maintenance of the building. This extra sum, totalling £1339.74 (with gift aid), will go towards keeping the graveyard in a good state (have you noticed how tidy it is?) and towards one month's Parish Share (paid to the Winchester Diocese). The monthly sum is £942.66.

We are fortunate that the cost of upkeep of the Cemetery in Church Lane is sponsored. This helps us a lot financially.

Please support St. Andrew's whenever you can and maybe visit too. The church is always open during the day so anyone can come and look around.

There is information about the history of the church and a quiz for those who want to test their powers of observation.

Ann Saunders Treasurer

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Gardening Club	WALKING GROUP			
We had a very successful Village Fete. Well done to	The Walking Group meets on the second Friday of the month:			
Fred Dowling for the longest runner bean and to Pat Francis for the Heaviest	 Friday, 8th October at 10am Friday, 12th November at 10am 			
Marrow.	Meet outside the Mill Arms/ Dunbridge station.			
Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 19th October at 7.30pm in The Village Hall. Speaker to be	Good company. No walk too difficult!			
confirmed. All are welcome.	Why not come along and join the party?			
Michael Horne	Gordon, 340129			
Awbridge Primary School News	BROUGHTON FIREWORK DISPLAY			
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the local community. My name is Amy Wake and I am very proud and privileged to be the Head Teacher of Awbridge Primary School. I am very much looking forward to working alongside the	Friday, 5th November, Broughton Sports Field, at 7pm (fireworks start at 7.40pm). £5 for adults in advance, £5.50 on the gate, £4 for children & O.A.P.s in advance, £4.50 on the gate.			
staff, children, parents and governors in moving the school forward on its improvement priorities.	Tickets from West View Stores, Broughton or from Lorraine Keane on 301637.			
Our new term has started with lots of exciting	LOCKERLEY SCHOOL			
enrichment activities already! Years 1, 2 and 3 had a great visit from 'Albert Goes To The Seaside' to	Lockerley School PTA ~ Fall Ball			
launch their new themed project, and Class 3 has started to learn how to play the clarinet. I can't wait for their concert!	Saturday, 16th October at Lockerley Memorial Hall			
We have	Champagne Reception at 7.30pm			
welcomed our new	Live Band, Entertainer and Buffet Supper			
Year R	Tickets £25 available from School (340485)			
children into school and it	All funds raised support Lockerley School			
is lovely to see them settling in	Open Morning Thursday, 14th October, 9.30am ~ 12 noon			
well to the class routines	The Head Teacher and Staff at Lockerley School would like to invite you to their Open Morning.			
already. Our Year 6 children are about to embark on their exciting journey to the Isle of Wight for their PGL residential trip, and I look forward to hearing about all their adventures on their return.	If you would like to come to see our school at work, then please call in. You will have a chance to meet the staff, tour the school and see the children in their learning environment.			
We will be hosting an Open Day on Friday 8th	Application forms for children starting school in September 2011 are available from the school.			
October, inviting prospective parents of children starting school in September 2011, to come and see our wonderful school at work. This is an opportunity to visit our new library and Year R	For further details please contact Julie Black, the School Admin Officer, on 340485 or call into school.			
outdoor learning area as well as meeting children, staff and members of our school community.	Advance Notice			
Our school will be open for prospective parents	Lockerley School Christmas Fayre Friday, 19th November, 6 - 8pm			
from 9:30am to 11:00am and 2:00pm to 3:00pm. We look forward to seeing you then!	If you would like to book a table, please call the school on 340485.			

What's on at the Mill Arms (and the Grey Hound!)

Live Theatre

7th and 14th November, 2-course dinner and coffee plus live Theatre: a comedy called "Two". £28pp.



Christmas

Christmas menus are now available. If you would like to come, please call in or e-mail for a copy.

Live Jazz and Dinner

1st October and 19th November, at the Grey Hound, Broughton (our sister pub). E-mail thegreyhoundbroughton@googlemail.com if you are interested.

Takeaway food

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Don't forget The Mill Arms offers food for takeaway every day/night: £6.75 for a pub favourite, e.g. burger, fish n chips, sausages and mash, etc. Phone to see what is on that day the whole menu is available. So, if it's just a portion of hand cut chips or a sticky toffee pudding you are after - just call us!

The Grey Hound also does takeaway, and we reckon our wood fired pizza oven makes the best Pizzas ever! Why not try for yourself - eat in or takeaway.

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SPECIAL OFFER AT THE MILL ARMS FOR ACORN READERS!

Monday to Thursday, lunch (order 12 - 2pm) or dinner (order 6 - 7pm), 4th October to 28th October

> Offer only available with your copy of the Acorn

Ham, eggs and chips or Sausages, mash and onion gravy or Pasta or Faggots, mash & gravy or Fish, chips and mushy peas

Selection of ice creams or Selection of sorbets or Sticky toffee pudding & ice cream

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Only £11.50pp (these are normal size portions)

forestforge theatre company

A new play written especially for the Forest Forge Theatre Company by Joyce Branagh, inspired by Radio 4's Desert Island Discs:

For the Record

by Joyce Branagh, directed by Kirstie Davis, designed by Michaela Kemp.

What happens when the needle gets stuck in the groove? For The Record is a play about contrasting melodies, conflicting memories and our instinct to create a soundtrack for our lives. A witty and tender examination of relationships defined by music...

Using comedy and music and with a cast of four professional actors the play follows the format of Desert Island discs as an old lady living in Hampshire looks back on her life.

To be performed at Mottisfont Village Hall. on Monday, 4th October at 7.30 pm. Tickets from Jon and Heather Butler on 340740 Adults £7.50, concessions £6.00

Tea and coffee will be available to buy at the interval and will be served with free biscuits! Free parking. Disabled access & toilets.

Kimbridge Farm Shop and Annie's Restaurant

Late evening shopping and the £5.00 buffet on Thursday evenings remains very popular and we have just been able to make a donation to Awbridge school as a result. Booking is recommended on 340556.

We are now taking bookings for Christmas Lunches and Evening Dinner, and there is a Buffet and Jazz Evening on Friday, 29th October at £10.00 per head - booking essential.

CHARITY OPEN DAY, 9th October, 9am - 5pm There will be tasters of cheese, pickles, pastries, jams, beer, wines and some home cooked nibbles from our restaurant. Children can try naming the bear for 25p a time, and adults can buy raffle tickets to win a hamper - just £1 a ticket. All profits will go to the cancer shop in Romsey.

Allan Gray

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Mottisfont Children's Christmas Party

This year's party will be on Saturday, 11th December at 2pm at Mottisfont Social Club. Catherine Jenkins and I have tried a couple of fund raisers this year to cover the costs for children from the village. The used toy sale at the village fete raised a substantial amount and we would like to thank those who donated and bought Catherine Jenkins on 340922 and tell us their toys. The table top sale managed to sell 7 tables. but it was very poorly supported and as a result the funding for this year has fallen short.

Happily we can get round this by asking all who are not members of the club to contribute towards the food that goes on the buffet table. As before, when you call to book your child's place you will be asked if you could bring along something e.g. a plate of sandwiches, some cakes, crisps, fruit, etc.

Mottisfont Social Club has again kindly agreed to host the party and provide the entertainment. We have also had a £40 donation from Hildon Water.

If you would like your child/children to attend the party please contact either myself on 341939 or names and ages by 16th October. Your child must be no older than 11 years.

MEMBERS OF MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB -Please remember that the club pays for the presents, food and entertainment for all children affiliated with a member, so please put your child's name on the form on the notice board in the club; this helps us to keep the funding separate.

Tracy Holmes

Whist Drives for 2010/11

We shall be re-commencing our monthly whist drives in If you would like to join us, but perhaps would like a Mottisfont Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday, 29th October We have been running whist drives for 20 years, and although we have lost some old friends along the way we have made some new friends each year, and are well supported with about 24 to 30 players each month.

We play sociable whist with the emphasis on good companionship, good refreshment and good prizes. Admission is just £1.50 - if there is an evening of better value for money, we would like to hear about it!

little tuition or practice, please phone Gordon Wood on 340129 or John Jenkins on 301614.

Dates for your diary

Whist Drives will be on the following Friday evenings, at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall:

- 2010: 29th October, 19th November, 17th December
- 2011: 28th January, 25th February, 25th March, ٠ 29th April.

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

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