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PARISH PEOPLE

Andrew Luff



Andrew was born in Haslemere, although the family moved to Liphook when he was ten. His father ran a wholesale confectionery business from the Old School House, next to the Working Men's Club in Shottermill and Andrew related a story from this time. Mars bars were very popular, so the firm who made them decided not to allow any to be sold for a while,

thinking that customers, deprived of their sweet treats would buy more when they reappeared. A big advertising campaign was launched to entice the consumers. Supplies kept coming to the wholesalers and for a while Andrew's bed room was full of boxes and boxes of Mars bars, which of course he was not allowed to touch. Luckily he did not like them anyway.

In 1954 the family moved to Midlands Farm in the Longmoor Road and interestingly this name was chosen because the Midlands Bank was the one who provided financial backing. Thirty-five acres were originally bought in 1947. Andrew and his friends loved their home-made box carts, with their pram wheels, which they drove down the Longmoor Road, pretending they were buses. They used to say they would have their own bus one day. Andrew says 'Never say anything in jest.'

He went to Petersfield School, travelling on the No. 24 bus, with his friends who also lived in the Longmoor Road, Peter Greenyear, Richard King, Peter Windibank and John Carver. Aged eleven Andrew went to Mill Chase to complete his education where he was in the first year intake of a brand new school.

After leaving school Andrew worked at an engineering firm in Camelsdale, cycling there every morning, accompanied by his friend John Carver who worked for a building firm in Shottermill. His father died when Andrew was twenty and by then his sister Helen had married and was living in Arundel with her husband and their baby. Andrew and his mother worked together to run the farm and the shops they owned in Liphook. I remember the delight of 'picking my own' strawberries and having them weighed up by Andrew's mother.

There was a thriving Young Conservatives Group in the village which Andrew became very involved with. Like most of his friends Andrew met his wife at the meetings and he says, 'thank goodness for them.' Later he became Chairman of the Liphook Conservative Association, the youngest it had ever had. When his wife Sheila gave birth to their son Paul, they were sent a bouquet, with a note saying 'We are glad we now have a Chairman young enough to have a baby.' The couple have three other children Judy, Claire and Peter. Andrew has loved taking part in the Liphook Carnival for many years, either building floats or collecting money.

During the thirties Andrew's father was interested in bottling and pickling, and the whole history of the area around the Village Hall should be looked at with the past in mind. Originally Tweenways Farm was the house which now contains the Indian Restaurant and the building now being converted to a music shop was the milking parlour. The bungalow at the rear of the

Hall was the cowman's cottage and the Village Hall was the hay store. During the 1960's the shop which was recently a kebab shop became the library. The building which was the milking parlour and is now being rebuilt was where the Luffs bottled their own fruit, which they sold in their shop which was a green-grocer's and florist. Their speciality, 'Luff's Choice Chutney' was sold all over the country. Local women were employed to peel mounds of onions for pickling and there were large gas rings for sterilising bottles of fruit. One can only imagine this hive of activity. The old air raid shelter, built in 1935 (lately the shoe repairer's) was used to store vinegar in large wooden barrels. The sweet wholesale business was sold to Sharp's, the toffee firm and the splendid delivery van (pictured) was retired. It is seen outside the Village Hall.



Picture courtesy of The Heritage Centre

In 1973 a County Council representative came to discuss compulsorily purchasing the farm which Andrew was very reluctant to do, but after three years he had to concede and plans for Bohunt School began to come to life. After all his hard work he was given a minimum amount of compensation. There was little to start a new business with but Andrew has a great strength of character and established a market garden in Coolgreany Gardens, Mill Lane, Headley. Although now living in Headley, he is still very much a Liphook person at heart. He says, 'You can take the man out of Liphook, but you can't take Liphook out of the man.'

Nowadays Paul and Peter both work to keep the Headley Garden Centre running smoothly but Paul still wants to keep the farm shop in an old-fashioned way. If they run out of carrots, it will only take a few minutes for someone to pull up some more and wash them, ready for the customer. Andrew's inspiration has created a wonderful legacy for his family, four children and eleven grand children, after what has been a very interesting history, which would easily fill a book. You will often find him in the Liphook Heritage Centre swapping notes with his friends there. I always think that if he were a stick of rock the word LIPHOOK would run through it loud and clear. The new business, also named Midlands Farm, encompasses a farm shop and garden centre, stocking the produce from the thirty acres of farmland, plus another rented forty acres, six and a half acres of which are under glass. Bedding plants under the 'Country Colours' label are grown. Paul, Andrew's son and his wife Victoria run the farm and she delights in filling her little shop with attractive items she sources from Trade Shows. The business is undergoing a major transformation, with open days and a coffee shop arriving soon.

June Wright

What's on in Liphook

- 1st Dec - Film Night - Millennium Centre - Golden Style** Comedy/Crime 12A.
- 2nd Dec - Christmas Charity Bazaar - 10.00am - 1.00pm.**
- 5th Dec - Millennium Centre - Citizens Advice** 10.00am - 10.30am.
- 6th Dec - Millennium Centre - Chapter House Theatre Co.** A Christmas Carol - 2.00pm and 7.30pm.
- 8th Dec - The Links Tavern - Friday Night Party.**
- 9th Dec - Millennium Centre - Heritage Centre** 10.00am - 1.00pm.
- 9th Dec - Millennium Centre - Artisan Market** 10.00am - 1.00pm.
- 18th Dec - Carol singing in The Square - 7.00pm.**
- 19th Dec - Millennium Centre - Citizens Advice** 10.00am - 10.30am.
- 18th Jan 2018 - Village Hall - AGM. 8.00pm.**
- 18th Feb - Millennium Centre - MAD Group Panto**
- 2nd March - Village Hall - Quiz Night** 7.00pm for 7.30pm.
- Millennium Centre Films -** Films will be shown in February, March and April but titles and dates are yet to be confirmed.



LIPHOOK CAROL SINGING

Liphook Carol Singing will take place on **Monday 18th December** in front of The **Royal Anchor** in the Centre of the village at **7pm**. **Haslemere Town Band** will be in attendance as will **Father Christmas** and his happy band of helpers. Free festive refreshments will be served as supplied by village businesses and friends and a collection will be made for the benefit of local charities. **Enquiries to Terry Burns on 01428 722622**

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It was a Dark an

If you were reading the Liphook Community Magazine on the morning of 16th October thirty years ago you would have needed a candle. Moreover it is fair to say that you would have had a lot more on your plate that morning, for the county had been visited during the preceding night by a storm of almost Biblical proportions.

Despite assurances from the BBC weatherman Michael Fish, the south of England in particular was pummelled by four hours of winds of between 80 to 100 mph and torrential rain.

The people of Liphook woke to a scene of total devastation with trees torn up by the roots and littered across most of the roads to and through the village, as well as the railway. Electricity power lines were also down and individual houses suffered with roof and chimney damage. Our house lost its only acknowledgement of 20th century technology, viz two solar panels on the roof which were torn from the tiles and evenly distributed up the garden as small shards of corrugated plastic.

Stock market trading was suspended as so few dealers were able to make it into the Stock Exchange. The A3, main road between London and Portsmouth, which at that time ran through the centre of the village, was blocked by fallen trees both north and south of the village and, at first light, people awoke to the sight of several intercontinental articulated lorries parked up around the Square, their drivers unable to continue their journeys to or from the docks.

There had been three or four days of rain preceding the night of the great storm and this had softened the ground around the trees, which were still in full leaf, many trees just toppled over. Even those close to roads and surrounded by asphalt were felled, some of them rupturing gas mains and toppling phone lines and power cables. It is estimated that over 15 million trees were lost in an area south of a line from Portland in Dorset to the Wash in East Anglia.

With most of the services out, people were reduced to an almost medieval existence and barbeques and camping gas hobs were dug out to heat water and cook the contents of deep freezers that



Rectory Lane after the 'Great Storm' before the army moved in to clear it.

were rapidly de-frosting. There was a run on gas cylinders, candles, paraffin oil and batteries at our local hardware store.

Those with petrol driven chain saws set to work clearing fallen trees and Hampshire County Council employed tree surgeons to tackle the larger trees. They were aided by servicemen of the Royal Corps of Transport from Bordon Garrison who used giant cranes capable of lifting tanks to drag the fallen trees off the roads.



Radford Park was very badly mauled by the storm, oak, beech, ash and pine trees were felled, many over the pathways and the River Wey. It is estimated that it took over six months to saw up the fallen trees to open up the park once more. Nearby King George's Hospital site (now Bramshott Retirement Village) lost many rare specimen trees, including a Monkey Puzzle and a Cedar of Lebanon, a legacy from its days as a large country manor, Bramshott Grange.

Mobile 'phones were in their infancy and few people had one. Social media in those days consisted of a 'natter' over the fence or a chat over a pint in the pub. With communication to the outside world limited to battery driven transistor radios tuned to the local radio station, the feeling of isolation in the hamlets and remote cottages was palpable.

We had not been in our present house very long and had vowed that, when finances allowed, we would do away with the coal fired Rayburn in the kitchen which was alleged to heat the water, but did so without enthusiasm. However we were grateful that we still had it in the weeks that the electricity was off as we boiled a five litre kettle of water night and day for hot water and the combination of the two ovens and the top hotplate proved invaluable for cooking and, once the word got out, several neighbours would bring their saucepans of food to our kitchen and back to their own kitchens to be served to waiting families.

I recall that less than a couple of weeks after the storm it was the annual Liphook Carnival. Some properties were still without power



d Stormy Night . . .

despite the best efforts of crews from northern electricity suppliers in Cumbria, Northumbria, Scotland, Ulster and the Isle of Man that had been drafted in to effect reconnection throughout the county. The Carnival traditionally closed the A3 despite the protestations of those who were dashing towards Portsmouth in order to make their cross channel ferry connections.



As the procession made its final pass through the Square, down the Headley Road, the main road was opened up to general traffic and, it just so happened that, the first five or six vehicles to pass through the still crowded centre of the village were the vans of tired and exhausted electricity linemen on their way to their bed and breakfast accommodation. They stared back at the crowds with incredulity at the rapturous roars and applause from the grateful assembly.



Many homeowners took the opportunity to clear the wood from trees in their garden by taking it down to Radford Park and stacking it on the Carnival bonfire. Sad to say the resulting blaze was not up to the traditional standard as much of this wood was green and slow to burn.

Meteorologists at the time described the great storm as a once in two hundred year occurrence. If we accept that prediction, whilst acknowledging that it was the self same meteorologists that failed to predict the great storm in the first place, we have another one hundred and seventy years to stock up with candles, batteries and gas canisters in preparation for the next storm.

For, despite enormous advances in technology, including laptops, tablets and smart phones in every home, wi-fi, bluetooth, the world-wide web, google, snap-chat, face book and myriad other methods of social media, when the electricity, which is still distributed to most houses by overhead cable, goes off and the auxiliary power bars all run flat we will all be plunged back to the dark ages, groping around for long lost boxes of matches, candles and camping gear and wondering where our next hot meal will come from.



And here is another thought to ponder in the still watches of the night. Thirty years ago the original bank cards were still being used in some shops as a means of impressing your account number via a machine onto a slip of paper which was then signed by you and was then posted into a bank. The money would then dribble out of your account a week or so later. In the late sixties ATM machines were introduced as a convenient way to access real money from a hole in the wall. Now we are rapidly moving towards a cashless society with contactless transactions for the necessities of life.



These terminals rely on electricity in order to process these transactions and whilst large supermarkets would be quick to employ a generator, purchases from cafes, pubs, and small specialist retailers would have to be in cash. Perhaps now is the time to 'wedge' up the mattress, along with some candles. Sleep well.

Paul Robinson



The U3A is a self help organisation for people no longer in full time employment, providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment.

The approach is learning for pleasure, with members running their own Groups by drawing on their own experience.

Liphook U3A has over 40 Groups covering subjects such as history, computing, crafts, photography, walking, trips out to places of interest and theatres, plus many more.

Our monthly meetings at the Millennium Hall are also very popular and we enjoy some very interesting speakers covering many topics of general interest.

If any reader would like to find out more or join, contact Paul Reynolds, Chairman, on 01420 768385 (E-Mail: chairman1@liphooku3a.org.uk) or membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk

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Liphook Library



An article in our Summer issue covered the 40th Anniversary Celebration held to commemorate the forty years during which Liphook Library has been in the former Infants and (for girls) Junior school building.

Lucy, who worked at Liphook for over half of that time, said a genuinely heartfelt farewell to her customers in a typically unobtrusive paragraph at the end of the article. Lucy's infectious enthusiasm for Liphook Library, her dedication and her sheer professionalism means that she will be much missed, and the present team of Ashley, Dave and Sue have asked me to thank her in this article for her excellent service over the years, and are sure that you would like to join them in wishing her well for the future.

From 2nd September, Lucy has been based at Petersfield Library so do pop in and see her there. This is a good time to remind you that you don't have to return your library books and other

borrowed items to the library you took them from – just return them to any Hampshire library convenient to you.

Hampshire Libraries ran the popular Summer Reading Challenge again for 4 to 11 year olds. The Summer Reading Challenge, run in partnership between The Reading Agency and the Society of Chief Librarians, draws children into their local library each summer and inspires them to read for pleasure. Children can sign up to read at least six books over the summer holidays and collect incentives along the way. They can use the Summer Reading Challenge website to keep track of the books they've read, write book reviews, and much more. When the books are returned the children are encouraged to talk to one of the volunteers and receive stickers and on completing the challenge receive a medal and certificate.

This year the theme was Animal Agents and 26,498 children joined the scheme in Hampshire. 189 children took part in Liphook and 153 finished the challenge.

Sue has asked me to mention the help given by the volunteers and to say that the Challenge couldn't be run without them. Volunteers are also an essential part of providing the Home Library Service for those who find it difficult to get to the library, Rhymetime (for under 2's), Storytime (for under 5's), Colouring Club and Reading Group. New volunteers are always welcome, so please do talk to a member of staff if you are interested in helping out.

The Reading Group runs every second Monday of the month in the Library and is currently looking for new members.

A new venture which is very well attended by children (parents are required to stay) is a Construction Club using plastic building bricks which runs every second Saturday morning of the month.

Rod Sharp



HOUSEHOLD DEBT

You Are Not Alone!

Citizens Advice East Hampshire operates a drop-in service at the Millennium Hall, Ontario Way, Liphook every Tuesday from 10am – 1pm. Citizens Advice is a charity that provides free, impartial and confidential service, and we can help with numerous problems including debts, welfare benefits, housing, employment and more.

One of the biggest problems facing the UK population is personal debt. The average household debt in the UK (including mortgages) £57,341 in July 2017, which equates to an average debt of £30,661 per adult. Consumer credit, which covers personal loans, credit cards and borrowing for cars, is rising at just under 10% a year, at a time when wages are falling at 0.4% a year taking inflation into account. While many people can manage these debt repayments, others find that due to circumstances beyond their control, such as the loss of a job, illness or family breakdown, that they are no longer able to make the payments needed. They may borrow from loan sharks, take out payday loans or extra credit cards, or have difficulty paying the essential bills such as rent, electricity, gas, water and Council Tax.

Citizens Advice is one of the charities that can help you deal

with your debts. Our advisers have many years of training and experience to help you. We work with you to understand your income and expenditure, and advise on the best strategy for your particular circumstances. We will help you understand which debts are priority debts (they must be paid otherwise you risk losing your home, liberty or essential services) and which debts are non-priority (such as credit cards, bank overdrafts and catalogue debts). We will help you maximise your income, and ensure that you are getting any welfare benefits you are entitled to. We can discuss various options for reducing expenditure (such as shopping around to get a better deal on your utilities).

If your non-priority creditors contact you, tell them that you are going to see Citizens Advice and that you will be in touch with them when you are in a position to make a proposal to resolve your debt issues.

You can get further information about dealing with debts at our award-winning website: www.citizensadvice.org.uk or drop-in to see us at the Millennium Hall on a Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cathey and Terence - Citizens Advice, Liphook

Dear Santa

The letter I was looking for had not arrived.

It's my job to intercept letters to Santa and make sure that last year's unfortunate incident is not repeated. It sounds a bit autocratic, but it's all part of the National Elf Service as I like to call it. I am not known for my sense of humour, but thought this was rather witty. This year, the letter I feared and dreaded had not yet arrived, but some sixth sense told me that it would.

Santa gets very upset when he can't fulfil the wishes of his young correspondents, however outrageous their requests. The one from young Luigi Corleone was one of these. In block capitals he said he wanted Santa to get his father released from Sing Sing prison in time for Christmas. His letter was both pleading, yet sinister - hinting that failure could have dire consequences for our reindeer. It was difficult to imagine that it had been written by a six year old boy.

'I like to keep a finger on what children want - their changing preferences,' Santa said. He tries to see a random selection from the post every day, bless him. He doesn't realise I have an army of elves sorting requests by age, sex and nationality - feeding information into a computer that constantly adjusts the stock level of toys in the warehouse. That was how this matter came to his attention. It was sheer chance.

Santa was really upset by Luigi's letter. I tried to comfort him.

'Look', I said. 'Your job is to take presents to children and stuff them into stockings - and you're very good at it. You can't do the impossible - get people out of prison - save parents' marriages or find lost pets. You're not God. Stop worrying.'

'But what about this threat to harm the reindeer? I can't risk it,' he wailed.

'That's not going to happen,' I snapped. 'Corleone may be an infamous Mafia family, but Luigi is only six years old!'

It was unfortunate, therefore, that an attack of coughing affected the reindeer on Christmas Eve, and then, to cap it all, Rudolph went lame.

'They've been got at!' Santa was despondent. 'What am I going to do?'

'Nothing. It's just a coincidence', I replied. 'There are plenty of fit young reindeer just longing to get on the team. Rudolph is old and getting a bit past it, anyway.'

'But he's the leader and knows the way. I'll get lost without him.'

'Nonsense! I've installed sat nav on the sleigh and it's infallible.'

I tried to reassure him.

'You know I can't work that gadget!'

Santa was throwing a tantrum, but eventually I got him quietened down. Once he was up in the driving seat and on his way, I knew everything would be all right, but it was a close run thing. I shuddered at the memory. Last Christmas had been a nightmare, but we'd muddled through somehow.

Now it's Christmas Eve yet again and I'm relaxing, watching TV, with everything well under control. A sudden blizzard has struck North America and brought traffic to a standstill. No problem there - the more snow the better as far as Santa and the reindeer are concerned.

Next there is a report about a riot in Sing Sing penitentiary. The Governor decided to isolate the ringleader by sending him to another prison. There were dramatic pictures of the armoured vehicle buried in a snowdrift with its doors blown off. It had been attacked en route and its prisoner escaped riding on a powerful snowmobile whilst police cars skidded and crashed in fruitless pursuit. It was hard not to applaud the audacity of the criminals who had planned such a daring ambush.

A week later our job was done for another year. Santa was enjoying a well-earned rest and most of the elves had been returned to normal duties. I was preparing an inventory of stock remaining in the warehouse and clearing up generally, when a young apprentice elf rushed into my office.

'Is this the letter you were waiting for?' he said, handing me an envelope. I opened it and scanned its contents. It was, indeed, from Luigi Corleone. I didn't know what to make of it, but decided, on balance, not to show it to Santa.

It read -

THANK YOU SANTA. A YEAR LATE,
BUT I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT.
SORRY ABOUT RUDOLPH.
HOPE HE MADE A FULL RECOVERY

John Walls - USA Creative Writing Group

MILLENNIUM CENTRE

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning was very successful, raising **£3250.82** on the morning and money coming in since has increased the total to **£3933.37** which is an increase over 2016. It is estimated that 200 people of all ages came to visit.

The raffle, thanks to local businesses and of course excellent staff, was the star of the show raising **£1032.74** which reflected the value of the prizes and is the largest amount ever.

The help Sainsbury's gave by letting us have raffle ticket sales in the foyer was a real bonus. Volunteers gave time willingly

and I think they and the people attending enjoyed themselves.

Gill Sneddon at the Millennium Centre was also a star putting up with the three of us.

It seems to me that more than ever now, people will give to such a worthwhile cause. I have received a very positive thank you from Macmillan for the money raised.

I wonder how much across the UK?

Rita Howes



Liphook is Full of Iron

Triathlon is booming in Liphook and the surrounding area thanks to Tri-High Multisports Club. A club established in 2013 by Barnaby Gray who is a Great Britain Age Group Triathlete, British Triathlon Coach, Race Official, Race Organiser, Young Persons Co-ordinator for Triathlon England and until recently was Head of Boarding & Director of Sport for 17 years at a school in Liphook. Barnaby now spends more time focussing on all things Tri-High whilst also holding down a full time job with Sweet Chariot, a group sports tour operator and not surprisingly Barnaby was taken on to develop and offer group triathlon trips, tours & camps for groups – schools, Clubs and universities.



The club specialises in children triathlon opportunities and works with many local schools in the area, has nearly 200 children members from many schools, holds regular Sunday morning coaching sessions, holiday opportunities, races and events both locally, nationally and internationally and that is just the kids. The adult BUDDY system is just that. A system where all adult members support each other in their triathlon developments and caters for all abilities and age groups. 24/7 support with advice, personal support, coaching opportunities and a focus group session on Saturday mornings as well as Sundays too when they are not competing.

The Club also hosts Triathlon Coaching courses for anyone interested which will see a Triathlon England Activators Course, Level 1 & Level 2 course taking place before the end of the year. Again, anyone interested in any of these courses then please contact Barnaby on trihigh@tri-high.com



Barnaby is supported by some dedicated, experienced and knowledgeable coaches who give up so much time and effort to help inspire the lifelong opportunities of swimming, cycling and running. Barnaby is fast to thank Highfield School who allow Tri-High to use the school grounds and facilities for the majority of the coaching and events. Barnaby is also supported by Dreams Come True Charity who do so much to support the local club and Tri-High raise money for Dreams Come True with all events - so far in 2017 the club has raised £710 from the events organised. Most recently Tri-High helped inspire a wide section of the community at Highfield School for a day of Triathlon. In the morning the club hosted their 3rd Community Charity Try-A-Tri event for 2017 which attracted just under 50 children and adults (5yrs old to 65!). After a BBQ lunch Tri-High welcomed just under 100 children, family and friends from the Fernhurst Primary School Community who came to Try-a-Tri as an introduction to the development of their Fernhurst Tri-High Club at their school and the opportunities available to them all having come under the Tri-High Community umbrella.



As mentioned at the start - Liphook is full of Iron men & women who compete in all triathlon distances with a number who have and are taking part in Ironman events in 2017. James Woodhouse (Junior Head Coach) completed the Staffordshire 70.3 Ironman and Weymouth 70.3 Ironman. Emma Dearsley and Chris Waters headed to Lanzarote for the Lanzarote 70.3 Ironman Challenge. Barnaby & Aubrey on the gruelling UK 70.3 Ironman in Devon before they both took on the Wales Ironman in Tenby. Barnaby started the season in the USA where he was competing in the North American Ironman Championships.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the opportunities with Tri-High, whether as an athlete, coach or general club support then please do contact them on trihigh@tri-high.com

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LIPHOOK METHODIST CHURCH

Flower Festival & Art Exhibition

A Flower Festival and Art Exhibition was held on the weekend of 23rd and 24th September 2017 at the Liphook Methodist Church.

We had a steady stream of visitors throughout the weekend and many stopped to enjoy the refreshments which included cakes, lunch and cream teas.

Arrangers included members of Liphook Methodist Church, St Mary's Church Bramshott, the Rainbows and Guides of Liphook and the Liphook Floral and Decoration Society of Liphook, Methodist Amateur Dramatics, Liphook Theatre Club and Little Cherubs Pre-School.

Andy Tubbs, the chairperson of Bramshott and Liphook Art Society helped with the display of artwork.

Funds raised were split between the Methodist Church Roof Fund and WaterAid UK.

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Liphook in Bloom

Autumn seemed to arrive early this year. The hanging baskets, which looked glorious during July when Liphook in Bloom were celebrating their 20th anniversary, began to look a little bedraggled after the poor weather in August, so were cleared mid-September. The flowerbeds were also cleared unusually quickly - a job that usually takes a couple of working mornings only took a couple of hours due to the state of the plants and the fact that team members had been previously pulling out plants for a week or two as they began to look a bit sad.



In November the spring bulbs are planted. This year Liphook in Bloom have been provided with 2,000 'Ruby Giant' crocus bulbs by Haslemere Rotary. For over thirty years Rotary and its members have been committed to fighting to eradicate polio across the world. Their latest campaign 'Purple4Polio' encourages local organisations, such as Liphook in Bloom, to plant purple crocus.

The colour purple represents the purple dye used worldwide to mark the finger of a child to indicate they have received their life saving oral polio vaccine. The 'Ruby Giant' bulbs are described as a rich purple flower with yellow anthers and fine narrow leaves. They were planted in the Millennium bed, near Sainsbury's and Shipley Court in Midhurst Road, together with purple and white tulips and purple pansies. That should be quite a dramatic display come the spring. The whole idea is to help the Rotary Club raise public awareness of the need to eliminate polio worldwide.

Liphook in Bloom are planning a very colourful year for 2018. Apart from supporting the Purple4Polio campaign, they will be marking the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 with a special poppy display in the wild flower beds on the Millennium Green. The wild flowers were a little disappointing this year, but this area is to be given some special attention: the grass needs raking, possibly scarifying and the soil de-nitrified. Hopefully this will encourage some vigorous growth.

By the time you receive this magazine, the Liphook in Bloom team will have put the poppies on the lamp posts for Remembrance Day followed by the Christmas decorations. There is always something to be done to enhance our village and bring pleasure to all who live in or pass through.

If you are able to help us in any way, or would just like to find out more about our activities or view our stunning photographs, do please visit our website www.liphookinbloom.co.uk and our Facebook page.

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- Jan 4** 'Gustav Klimt' - **Ann Clements**
- Feb 1** 'Who was Tutankhamun?' - **Anthony Russell**
- Feb 8** **Visit** - 2 Temple Place, The Age of Jazz Exhibition & The Courtauld Gallery
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BRIGHT BRICKS

A Lego® Lovers Dream

So, you thought you were too old to play with LEGO? Well, up at the Woolmer Way industrial estate in Bordon, some 50 people get to play with LEGO every day - and some of them are Liphook residents.

They work for Bright Bricks (www.bright-bricks.com), the UK's only LEGO certified professional building company. As you can see from the photos on this page and the back cover, they produce a range of LEGO builds for corporate as well as individual applications.

Bright Bricks staff consists of LEGO builders (junior and senior), a sales team, a design team as well as administration, finance and HR.

Their M.D. and founder is Duncan Titmarsh who started the company, literally, in a log cabin in his garden. This was his 'premises' for two years. The crowning achievement came in 2010 when he achieved LEGO certification. In 2011, Ed Diment, whom Duncan met through Brickish*, joined Duncan as the design director. Ed's role is to come up with the initial concept for their LEGO builds which the design team then refines and develops from the original idea. In 2013 the company took over two units in Woolmer Way; they now occupy five units and are hoping to avail themselves of former army land in Bordon and build one large 'plant'.



On my tour of Bright Bricks, Duncan explained that there are three different methods of creating a LEGO build. Free building - where there's no real design but generally uses photos for the prompts. Brick building - where a model is created and refined in the workshop and is built up in layers. Instruction building - where the team creates the instructions and refine all the parts; following this method, there can be multiple products but they are all the same.

Duncan's favourite creation is the big model Christmas tree they built for LEGO UK, a commission for St. Pancras Station in 2011. They had to build it in sections as the final piece was 12.2 metres high (or 39 feet!). Not surprisingly, Bright Bricks holds the world record for the largest LEGO Christmas tree.

An off-beat Bright Bricks project was when they were asked to create two engines for Rolls Royce out of LEGO, as a 3D cut-away. It was

displayed at the Farnborough Airshow in 2012. Half the size of a normal engine, it was nonetheless two metres long and over two metres high.

Another fascinating project was created for Durham Cathedral. Bright Bricks first had to design and build the cathedral from pictures, then instruction it so that it could be assembled or built at the cathedral itself - from 300,000 bricks that Bright Bricks provided. In situ, a team of volunteers started the work and then visitors to the cathedral could join in by paying a donation entitling them to add bricks towards the 'construction'. This has proved to be so successful that Bright Bricks is producing instruction builds for four more cathedrals.

A new LEGO application for Bright Bricks is mosaics. These two-dimensional builds are great for the home. Customers can provide a picture of a pet or a family member and Bright Bricks will transform it into a mosaic, almost any size, to be hung on the wall. Duncan particularly enjoys the mosaics because it means dealing with ordinary people rather than corporations, and he finds this more personal and rewarding.



Future plans include offering tours to the public to visit the workshop to see how it's done. He'd also like the company to produce Christmas decorations out of LEGO as well as other consumer applications. These plans, of course, require a much bigger workshop than the five separate units they occupy at present.

Meanwhile, another Bright Bricks venture is children's birthday parties (or adult's, for that matter) - with LEGO building activities as the focus and the fun.

Visit Bright Bricks' website: www.bright-bricks.com
or ring 01420 488993 for more information.

Mari Wallace

**Brickish (www.brickish.org) is the Brickish Association which was founded in 2002. It is a UK-wide community of adult fans of LEGO. Members are interested in all aspects of LEGO, from its history and collecting, to building and displaying. LEGO, itself, is still owned by the Danish family that started it!*



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Sunday 17th December

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St Mary's Bramshott
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6.00pm. Christmas Carols & Readings by candlelight (for adults & older children).

TRINITY CHURCH

(as above).

Saturday 23rd December

METHODIST CHURCH

6.30pm. Candlelit Carol Service.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday 24th December

ANGLICAN - Church Centre

6.00pm. Christingle & Carol Service.

St Mary's, Bramshott

11.00pm. Candlelit Holy Communion.

METHODIST CHURCH

10.00am. Morning Worship.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

6.00pm. Christmas vigil.

TRINITY CHURCH

10.30am. Traditional Carols & Readings.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday 25th December

ANGLICAN - St Mary's, Bramshott -

8.00am. Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Family Communion

METHODIST CHURCH

10.00am. Morning Worship for Christmas Day.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

10.15am. Family Mass

TRINITY CHURCH (at Liphook Junior School). **10.00am.** Christmas Day Family Celebration. "Who is this babe in a manger?"

TOWER ROAD GOSPEL HALL

This hall is now closed - the Liphook congregation has united with Standford Gospel Hall.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE IS 10.30AM AT STANDFORD.

Sunday 31st December

TRINITY CHURCH (at Liphook Junior School). **10.30am.** "Looking back"

Sunday 7th January

TRINITY CHURCH (at Liphook Junior School). **10.30am.** "Looking forward" (for further details see Trinity Church website: www.trinitychurch.tc)

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

REST

Last week we invited a truly amazing boy to visit our church. His name is Jonathan Bryan and he has the most incredible story. Following a car accident Jonathan was born with severe cerebral palsy. The Doctors said his brain scan was one of the worst they'd ever seen. Speechless, incapable of meaningful movement, and permanently on Oxygen Jonathan was looking towards spending an entire life unable to communicate until his mum and amazing carers taught him to read, and ultimately to "speak" with his eyes via a speech board, and what words! I'd encourage you to read them on Jonathan's website "eyecantalk.net".

Sitting with Jonathan, and hearing his story, as well as enjoying a visit from some of our friends who live at High Hurlands Nursing Home, was a most humbling experience - which Jonathan

thoroughly enjoyed! But what was truly amazing was Jonathan's profound faith, born out of his upbringing as well as an extraordinary experience that Jonathan had at a point in his life that he was close to dying. His faith is in some ways other worldly, and gave us all hope that there is a God who is reaching out in love to all his creation.

So much of our lives revolves around doing. Busying ourselves looking after family and friends, furthering our careers, surfing social media platforms, looking ultimately for significance and love. Jonathan's life is lived the opposite way round. He just knows he's loved and is profoundly significant to his heavenly Father - the rest is just an extraordinary gift - for which Jonathan is profoundly thankful!

Rev. Valentine Inglis-Jones

TRINITY CHURCH

So, who is this baby in the manger?

People seem to like church at Christmas, well more than they do for the rest of the year anyway! The carol and Christingle services, mulled wine and mince pies, nativity plays etc. what's not to like?

But **who is this baby born in the manger** in such stark humility, whose birth we celebrate more than two thousand years later? Sadly, for too many they never get beyond the birth of this child. For others, they might fast-forward to his ignominious death on the cross and resurrection at Easter. But what was it really all about, and who was this baby?

This year marks the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation so let me try and answer my question from the perspective of the monk credited with starting it all; Martin Luther. Luther was a 'spiritual beggar'; a monk with great intellect,

dedication and devout beyond his calling . . . But deeply troubled. He had no difficulty understanding that he was a 'sinner' and as such, separated from God, for him the dilemma was how to resolve that separation? He tried everything he could from prayer and fasting to brutal and severe penance, but he could find no peace.

But Luther was a scholar, skilled in biblical and other languages and it was whilst reading the Bible in the original languages that God opened his eyes, his ears and his heart; one verse amongst many which pierced him was: **Psalm 31:1** In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in **your righteousness** deliver me! It dawned on him that he could never 'earn' his salvation, he could never be good enough, only God's righteousness could save him! So, who was the baby in the manger? **Jesus Christ: the righteousness of God.**

Love in Christ, Pastor Jim Downie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

As I write this I notice the yellowing of the leaves often ending in a beautiful golden colour. "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" wrote John Keats in his "Ode to Autumn". And surely the time of harvest spurs us to giving thanks to God for the beauty of his creation. The simple Genesis hymn of creation concludes "God saw all that he had made and indeed it was very good". But how often do we pause to think of the many ways in which God has passed out his gifts on us?

Our thanksgiving for our peaceful existence here in Liphook surely leads us to think of those far less fortunate than us. But, as Autumn Thanksgiving leads into Advent expectancy and so on to our celebration of God's supreme act of loving mercy in the Incarnation. "And it was very good". Children catch this mood of expectancy. In our Catholic Churches we prepare the visible symbol of this Coming in the Christmas Crib.

I remember in my student days in Rome the wonderful elaborate cribs. The setting is often a village, with various

activities shown going full blast; but in midst of it, the Stable with the Child. How right they are: "The Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us". These Crib scenes show God's gift of his incarnation right here among these everyday lives. St Francis composed a wonderful prayer of thanksgiving for creation: he is an excerpt from it . . .

*Be praised my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
Who brings the day; and You give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour!
Be praised, my Lord through sister Moon and the Stars
In the heavens you have made them
Bright, precious and beautiful,
Be praised my lord through Brothers Wind and Air,
And clouds and storms, and all the weather,
Through which You give your creatures substance . . .*

Rev. Mgr. Provost Cyril Murtagh

METHODIST CHURCH

God Wants to be in Touch

When my phone beeps I know someone's contacting me but it could be a text, a message on social media or even an email. The number of ways we have of making contact with one another has increased dramatically in recent years. It is within living memory that the only way of contacting someone if you weren't going to see them in person was to write a letter and send it by 'snail mail' - though it might well be delivered the same day!

It's not just individuals who can be in contact easily and instantly over vast distances. We are constantly being encouraged to make our views known to companies, governments, organisations and TV programmes via various social media.

It seems the only way to avoid such contact is by switching off. Indeed, a 'digital detox' can be a good thing occasionally to break

our dependence on being up to date with everything happening both in public life and the personal lives of our friends.

It seems that in our spiritual lives many people operate the opposite way round from their digital lives. Why not make this Advent and Christmas a time to switch on and sign up to God's communication feed?

The message of Christmas is that the God who began everything with the Word is still the God who wants to be in touch. The baby of Bethlehem is the Word made flesh, come to live among us to let us know that God doesn't just send a text or a few characters in a message; he doesn't even just send a picture - he comes himself. Why not use the opportunities of Christmas services to hear what he has to say rather than swipe it away?

Rev. David Muskett

TOWER ROAD GOSPEL HALL

Sadly for us at the Gospel Hall this will be the last time we will be writing an article for the Liphook Community Magazine since the Gospel Hall will be closing for the last time on the 24th December 2017. Owing to a dwindling congregation, advancing years and illness it has become more difficult to continue. Fortunately, there is another Gospel Hall at Standford where some of us who are able hope to go.

We are not sure of the exact year the Hall was built, but think it was late 1920's and built by a local builder Sam Burrows of Hill House Hill, Conford. However, we are more sure of the first meeting held as it was the day Hazel Tribe (nee Madgwick) was born and that was 23rd May 1926 but the meeting was not held at the Gospel Hall, instead it was held in the kitchen of Liphook Village Hall, Headley Road. The original trustees were Mr Archibald Gauntlett, Mr Job Madgewick, Mr George Pilbeam and later Mr Arthur Martin.

Five of our members have been coming most, if not all of their

lives. Three were brought along as babies and two started as quite young children.

Although we don't have a Pastor as such, our preachers are drawn from a fairly wide area. For instance our speaker last Sunday was from Coulsdon and at 6.30 pm next Sunday (4.11.17) he will be from Bognor Regis. Our speakers have always been happy to come and speak to the few, but most of us feel that it is now time to close whilst we have our faculties!

We are grateful to the Community Magazine for the opportunity over many years of having an article printed each quarter and trust the magazine will continue for many more years. In the book of Numbers (Old Testament) ch 6 vs 24-26 there is a fitting farewell blessing that reads: "The Lord bless you, and keep you: the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace".

From all at Tower Road Gospel Hall



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Year 2 visited Durlieghmarsh Farm to find out where food comes from. They picked fruit, made smoothies and painted some beautiful pictures in the style of David Hockney. Years 2 and 3 then wrote poems and prayers, and led the Harvest service.



The children in Reception classes have settled in really well and have enjoyed their first days at school.



Year 6 enjoyed visiting Calshot residential centre where they used their growth mindset and showed a lot of resilience when taking part in a range of activities.

Year 5 put theory into practice during a trip to Dell Quay.



Year 3 enjoyed finding out about the past when they visited Buster Ancient Farm.



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BRAMSHOTT AND LIPHOOK

Parish Council

The Parish Council have been busy on a number of projects over the past few months with much planned going into the new year. Below are a few of the items that we have been focussing on.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This remains a key priority and we are delighted that we have full membership of the steering group which will now act as the voice of the community. The steering group is made up of two Parish Councillors, one District Councillor and seven members of the public. The group consists of a good cross section of the community and much work is now taking place to ensure that the community are fully consulted on the process. You will have seen signs and posters around the village for the Design Forum event which will have taken place by the time you read this magazine. Details of this and all future community events can be found on the website www.bramshottandliphookndp.uk

RADFORD BRIDGE

The project to replace the bridge at Radford Park is progressing and by the end of November we should have secured funding from developer's contributions. This will mean that the project can move ahead and we do hope to have a new bridge in the near future once tenders have been received and a contractor appointed.

RECREATION GROUND PARKING

The Council recently agreed to provide additional parking at the Recreation Ground which can get very busy particularly on football match days. The extension to the car park will be completed imminently and we hope that this will alleviate some of the issues particularly around the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

GRANTS

The Parish Council provides grants each year from its budget to 'not for profit' organisations who provide services or facilities within the parish or where monies will be spent for the benefit of the residents. We invite applications at this time of year and the closing date was 30th November. If you wish to apply in the future then please ask for an application form by calling the Parish Office on 01428 722988.

LIPHOOK MILLENNIUM CENTRE

Plans are afoot to make some changes at the Millennium Centre which needs some major refurbishment. We are looking to create additional usable space by completing some rooms upstairs that were never finished when the building was commissioned by Sainsbury's. We will also be revamping some of the existing spaces with a fresh coat of paint and some restyling. This work should be started within the next few months and we will of course endeavour not to disrupt our regular users whilst any work is taking place.

The Parish Council are always keen to see members of the public at our meetings. A full meeting schedule can be found on our website at www.bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk You can also follow us on Facebook @[bramshottliphookpc](https://www.facebook.com/bramshottliphookpc)

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Heritage Centre News

The fascinating History of the Berg Estate (as featured in the Autumn issue of this magazine) is still on display in the Heritage Centre, and is well worth a visit.

A new exhibition about the History of the Liphook Railway Station has been created, which includes a wonderful scale model of the station, constructed by local enthusiast, Christopher Budd, who has kindly lent it for the display.



Ian Baker explains: "1967 marked the end of steam locomotive haulage of trains in the south of England. Although our own line was operated by electric trains, it was still possible that a steam train might pass through on its way to Portsmouth - possibly even carrying royalty. The main line from London to Bournemouth was still non-electrified in 1966 and whilst work was in progress in the conversion to electric, some of the Sunday trains were diverted via Havant. This gave local enthusiasts the splendid sight of express steam trains speeding through Liphook. The all-pullman 'Bournemouth Belle' was sometimes on view. From July 1967 the Bournemouth line commenced electric services, and a steam ban placed in operation. Most of the locomotives went to the scrap yard. After several years of 'no steam', the railway authorities allowed the charter trains to operate on the main lines again, either steam or diesel hauled. Once or twice a year our line once again hosts the sight, sound and smell of a steam train hauled by one of a small band of engines saved from the scrapyards by railway enthusiasts. Our exhibition includes a selection of photographs and paperwork, and a splendid scale model of the Liphook signal box and main station building, constructed by Christopher Budd."

Responding to an invitation to participate in the Milland Heritage Exhibition, volunteers from our Heritage Centre produced a display that included a range of postal plates from our GU30 address. The purpose of the event was to remind us of the colourful history of villages in the Milland Valley.



Several more residents have been interviewed in the on-going Oral History Project - Peggy Greaves being one of them. Peggy, who is a relative of the Berg Brothers, very kindly donated two landscape scenes painted by Ellis Berg to the HC - of his garden in Esher.

Mr and Mrs Renouf have donated two books of newspaper cuttings collected by Mr. Renouf's grandmother, Alice Carpenter, and his mother, dating from the early 1890s until just before World War II. They include articles on weddings (with detailed descriptions of what everyone wore, the order of service, hymns as well as presents given to the bride and groom), funerals, naval events in Portsmouth and general news - all making very interesting reading.

Phil Jordan has taken on a project to discover and cross-reference the buildings of special interest in the parish of Bramshott and Liphook. Did you know that the red telephone box next to Inwood Stoves is Grade II Listed? Little Boarhunt has three Grade II listings: the building itself, the gate house as well as the garden walls and pavilion.

The Heritage Centre is located on the Upper Level of the Millennium Centre.

Opening hours are: Mondays 10am-12 noon (excluding Bank Holiday), Wednesdays 2pm-4pm, and on Saturday morning, 9th December, to coincide with the Liphook Village Market downstairs.

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Erratum: In the article on the Berg Estate that appeared in the Autumn issue, we erroneously made Lloyd George a member of the Labour party. He was, of course, a Liberal, and was the post-war Prime Minister from 1918-1922. Thank you to Jim Buck for pointing this out.

Mari Wallace

Liphook Carnival 2017

This year's carnival was the 115th and had more groups of people participating than the village has seen in a while, approximately 30 group entrants, having a great evening parading around the village roads.

For the first time the Carnival Queen was crowned by none other than an Olympian.

Another first saw a string band performing in the square, which added greatly to the atmosphere of the event.

It was lovely to see so many people of all ages and ability having such a great time which culminated with the annual firework display in Radford Park. And we must not forget the fun fair on the village green.







THE THREE COUNTIES ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL TRUST

Members and Volunteers

The Three Counties Association was set up in 1996 by a group of local National Trust members to enrich the benefits of NT membership among people living around the borders of Surrey, Hampshire and West Sussex, and to give financial and other support to local National Trust properties, such as Hindhead Common and the Devil's Punch Bowl, Swan Barn in Haslemere, Winkworth Arboretum and Oakhurst Cottage, Hambledon.

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Stimulating programmes of winter and summer events are designed to have broad appeal. The Association organises around 20 day visits each year, often led by expert guides, to a wide variety of houses, gardens and places of historical and cultural interest within about

100 miles of Haslemere. Some of these destinations are not NT properties, are available only for group visits, or may be rarely open to the public. Coaches pick up from Haslemere and Liphook.

In the summer, members take part in guided walks in this especially beautiful part of the country. The winter programme includes entertaining and informative daytime talks at the Haslemere Educational Museum. A members' lunch is organised each spring.

The Association is a welcoming friendly group. If you are a National Trust Member or Volunteer, perhaps new to the area, joining us would be a great way to meet like-minded people and take part in our interesting and varied programme.

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AGE concern
Liphook

We are in need of a new Chair person to take over from the current Chairman, who is standing down for family reasons. If you can help then please get in touch and we can discuss the requirements. There is not much to do, just oversee the running of the Charity, with 4 or 5 Trustees meetings a year and the same for the Committee meetings. The Committee is made up of other organisations looking after the Elderly in Liphook. We offer advice and guidance for all sorts of things which involve usually just phone calls. If you can help, please contact Robin Young on **01428 723255**.

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BRAMSHOTT, LIPHOOK & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Autumn Show

A FAREWELL TO MARY

Bramshott, Liphook & District Horticultural Society held their final show of the year in the Church Centre, Portsmouth Road, Liphook.

Despite the difficult weather conditions during the summer months, the Horticultural Society's members still managed to exhibit a good selection of excellent vegetables, flowers and plants. Popular classes this year were the chilli plants, the fuchsia plants, Michaelmas daisies, and runner beans.

Our longstanding cookery judge, Mrs Mary Harvey, has finally decided that after 18 years of judging our cookery classes, it is finally time to retire. The Committee presented her with a colourful display of autumn flowering plants in a pot and were very pleased to hear that Mrs Harvey may herself enter the cookery classes next year.

John Gilbert was thrilled to win four prizes including Best in Show and Best Vegetable for his exhibition shallots. Our floral champion, Ann Haussauer, pulled off a hat trick winning both the dahlia medals and the Countess of Brecknock Cup for being the most successful exhibitor in the flower classes. Another floral champion was Jenny Blake who after several years of absence won the Reg Elliott trophy for her entry in the cut flowers (three distinct kinds) and the Floral Cup for her 'birthday posy' and 'harvest time' displays.

Other successful cup winners included Robert Ilsley, Katrina and Sarah Bicknell and Olivia Stilwell.

For further information about the Society, please contact Helen Brown on 01428-722875.

Anne Govier



The Dahlia entries



Ian Haussauer's winning basket of vegetables



Ann Haussauer's Dahlias judged best in the Dahlia classes



The mixed cut flower class



Jenny Blake's winning entry in the Harvest Time section of the Floral Art classes



Admiring the baskets of vegetables



John Gilbert and Terry Burns discuss onions



Sarah Bicknell with the children's under eight trophy



Olivia Stilwell with the trophy for children over eight

RESULTS

Runner Beans - 1st John Gilbert, 2nd Ian Haussauer, 3rd Sally White
Beetroot - 1st John Gilbert, 2nd Ian Haussauer, 3rd Robert Ilsley
Cabbages - 1st Ian Haussauer
Carrots - 1st John Gilbert, 2nd Robert Ilsley, 3rd Ian Haussauer
Leeks - 1st Ian Haussauer, 2nd John Gilbert, 3rd -
Onions, Large - 1st John Gilbert, 2nd Ian Haussauer, 3rd -
Onions, Small - 1st John Gilbert, 2nd Ian Haussauer, 3rd Robert Ilsley
Onions, red - 1st John Gilbert, 2nd Robert Ilsley, 3rd -
Parsnips - 1st John Gilbert, 2nd Robert Ilsley, 3rd Ian Haussauer
Potatoes, white - 1st John Gilbert, 2nd Ian Haussauer, 3rd Hazel Simmons
Potatoes, coloured - 1st John Gilbert, 2nd Mrs Anne Govier, 3rd Hazel Simmons
Shallots, exhibition - 1st John Gilbert, 2nd Hazel Simmons, 3rd Sally White
Shallots, pickling - 1st John Gilbert, 2nd Ian Haussauer, 3rd Hazel Simmons
Tomatoes, Medium - 1st John Gilbert, 2nd Mrs Anne Govier, 3rd Hazel Simmons
Tomatoes, Small - 1st Anne Govier, 2nd Sally White, 3rd Ian Haussauer
Tomatoes, Other - 1st Robert Ilsley
Sweetcorn - 1st Ian Haussauer, 2nd John Gilbert, 3rd -
Any Other Vegetable - 1st Mary Eyre, 2nd Sally White, 3rd Ian Haussauer
A Basket of Veg - 1st Ian Haussauer, 2nd Hazel Simmons, 3rd John Gilbert
Cut Flower & One Veg - 1st Ian Haussauer, 2nd Hazel Simmons, 3rd John Gilbert
Longest Runner Bean - 1st John Gilbert
Heaviest Pumpkin - 1st Hazel Simmons
Blackberries: 1st Brian Simmons
Any other Soft Fruit - 1st Anne Govier, 2nd Sally White, 3rd Ian Haussauer
Apples, Cooking - 1st G Spear, 2nd Anne Govier
Apples, Dessert - 1st Rupert Town Jones, 2nd John Gilbert
Any Other Fruit - 1st Anne Govier
Roses, Large One - 1st Sally White, 2nd Rosemary Herbert, 3rd Ann Haussauer
Roses, Large Three - 1st Rosemary Herbert
Chrysanthemums spray 3 - 1st Not awarded, 2nd Anne Govier
Dahlias, decorative - 1st Not awarded, 2nd Ann Haussauer, 3rd Martin Bell
Dahlias, cactus - 1st Ann Haussauer, 2nd Anne Govier, 3rd Martin Bell
Dahlias, pompon - 1st Ann Haussauer, 2nd Brian Simmons
Dahlias, Collette - 1st Ann Haussauer
Dahlias, waterlily - 1st Ann Haussauer, 2nd Brian Simmons
Dahlias, mixed - 1st Ann Haussauer, 2nd Robert Ilsley, 3rd Martin Bell
Perennial Asters - 1st Ann Haussauer, 2nd J Blake, 3rd Anne Govier
Cut Flowers Mixed - 1st Ann Haussauer, 2nd J Blake, 3rd Sally White

Cut Flowers 3 kinds - 1st J Blake, 2nd Ann Haussauer, 3rd Anne Govier
Shrubs 3 kinds - 1st Susan Lowe, 2nd Anne Govier, 3rd Sally White
Fuchsia - 1st Frances Town-Jones, 2nd Robert Ilsley, 3rd Lesley Hollands
Pot Plant Flowering - 1st Mary Eyre, 2nd Robert Ilsley, 3rd Heather Bicknell
Pot Plant Foliage - 1st Mary Eyre, 2nd Robert Ilsley, 3rd Mrs Rosemary Herbert
Orchid - 1st Ann Haussauer, 2nd Heather Bicknell, 3rd Robert Ilsley
Chilli, grown from cutting - 1st Sally White, 2nd Frances Town-Jones, 3rd Mary Eyre
Floating Flowers (Beginners only) - 1st Hazel Simmons, 2nd Bethan Govier
Birthday Posy - 1st J Blake, 2nd Wendy Evans, 3rd Hazel Simmons
Harvest Time - 1st J Blake, 2nd Wendy Evans, 3rd Katerina Bicknell
Bramble Jelly - 1st Susan Lowe, 2nd Katerina Bicknell, 3rd Rosemary Herbert
Tomato Salsa - 1st Katerina Bicknell, 2nd -, 3rd Sally White
Boiled Fruit Cake - 1st Bethan Govier, 2nd Katerina Bicknell
Apple Pie - 1st S Futcher, 2nd Katerina Bicknell
Brioche Rolls - 1st Katerina Bicknell
Painted Stone Under 8 - 1st Sarah Bicknell, 2nd Chloe Bicknell
Lego Model Under 8 - 1st Chloe Bicknell, 2nd Sarah Bicknell
Painting of my garden Under 8 - 1st Sarah Bicknell, 2nd Chloe Bicknell
Painted Stone Eight years and over - 1st Olivia Stilwell
Lego Model Eight years and over - 1st Olivia Stilwell
Painting of my garden Eight years and over - 1st Olivia Stilwell

CUPS

Bob Bell Trophy - John Gilbert
Vian Cup for Shallots - John Gilbert
Countess of Brecknock Cup - Ann Haussauer
Silver Medal National Vegetable Society - John Gilbert
Silver Medal National Dahlia Society - Ann Haussauer
Reg Elliott Trophy for Cut Flowers - Jenny Blake
Lady Skelhorn Best Exhibit Trophy - John Gilbert
Bronze Medal National Dahlia Society - Ann Haussauer
W.A Coyte Challenge Cup (Pot Plants) - Robert Ilsley
Floral Cup - Jenny Blake
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BOHUNT SIXTH FORM HOSTS FIRST OPEN EVENING SINCE OPENING ITS DOORS

Bohunt Sixth Form, which officially opened its doors at the start of September, is inviting prospective students, parents and members of the local community to its first Open Evening since the start of term.

The brand new, state-of-the-art Sixth Form is equipped with undergraduate-style science laboratories, a designated visual arts

room, a music room which includes special recording facilities and numerous individual creative workspaces.

Prospective students are invited to meet the teachers to learn and experience the innovative curriculum which is designed to be highly personalised. Bohunt Sixth Form will provide students across the local area with high-quality education provision and prepare them for life at leading universities and beyond.

Applications for September 2018 are now being accepted.

BOHUNT SCHOOL AND TPS STUDENTS PLAY KEY PART IN AIR AMBULANCE LAUNCH



Bohunt School and Bohunt Sixth Form in Liphook hosted the launch of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIOWAA) Lifelines Programme, which involved students from Bohunt School and TPS.

The UK currently has a shortage of people pursuing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) careers. A study commissioned by the Royal Academy of Engineering found that British industry will need 100,000 new graduates in STEM subjects every year until 2020 just to maintain current employment numbers. In response to this, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIOWAA), in conjunction with Winchester Science Centre, created LifeLines, an exciting new educational programme for young people aged 11-18 that will inspire them to pursue STEM subjects such as aviation, medical innovation, physics, mathematics and engineering. By highlighting the day-to-day activities of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Critical Care Team, the skills they need to do their job and the technical aspects of the helicopter, LifeLines will offer young people an understanding of real world applications of STEM subjects.

“We are really proud of our innovative STEM focused curriculum and we are delighted to be hosting the launch of LifeLines on 6th October. LifeLines will support young people across the region to develop team work, creativity and other key skills required for a career in STEM. Furthermore, the programme is an excellent way to breakdown stereotypes associated with STEM careers.” Commented Neil Strowger, Chief Executive Officer of Bohunt Education Trust.

By providing STEM resources and activities that motivate and inspire,

LifeLines will bring learning to life in schools and youth groups across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Classroom projects developed by the HIOWAA Critical Care Team will link directly to the Key Stage 3 curriculum, with a Mission Planning Project testing pupil’s knowledge of mathematics and science and a Lung Trauma Task bringing the biology curriculum to life.

Head of STEM at Bohunt School, Stratianna Davi, commented, ‘we live in a highly technological and scientific world and our students need to be able to adapt, to understand science, to be committed to lifelong learning and to be competitive in the globalised market. At Bohunt, we are committed to a STEM curriculum and the Air Ambulance launch was a great opportunity for our students.’

“The very nature of the day to day work of the HIOWAA Critical Care team creates multiple learning opportunities to inspire young people in STEM subjects and future careers’ commented HIOWAA Schools and Youth Coordinator, Joanna Hennessey. ‘These young people are the Critical Care teams or Helicopter Engineers of the future’.

LifeLines will also encourage young people to develop life skills that will help to prepare them for the future, such as communication, teamwork and problem solving. Young people will take part in the LifeLines Challenge, a four-step challenge that will begin with a one-hour interactive presentation by the charity and culminate in a visit to the HIOWAA airbase in Thruxton. To complete the challenge, participants will be asked to create a short video about the work of the Air Ambulance and to undertake a fundraising project in their local community.

Prior to the launch of LifeLines on October 6th, and throughout the summer months, the LifeLines programme has been trialled in schools, colleges and groups across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The launch of LifeLines follows the success of the Charity’s ‘Be a 999 Hero’ education programme designed to teach children aged 3-11 about how to respond in an emergency and to highlight the importance of the Air Ambulance and other emergency services. The ‘Be a 999 Hero’ education programme has now reached over 35,000 across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

BOHUNT STUDENTS EMBARK ON ‘REAL WORLD’ LIFELAB PROGRAMME

On the 20th of October, 25 Bohunt students had the chance to visit the ‘LifeLab’ in Southampton hospital.

Lifelab is a unique, state-of-the-art teaching laboratory dedicated to improving adolescent health by giving school students opportunities to learn first-hand the science behind the health messages. The students enjoyed the day trip and returned back with a great enthusiasm for Science. Within the framework of STEM lessons, in the next months more Bohunt students will have the chance to participate to the Lifelab trips and take advantage of this great opportunity to do Science within a real world context.

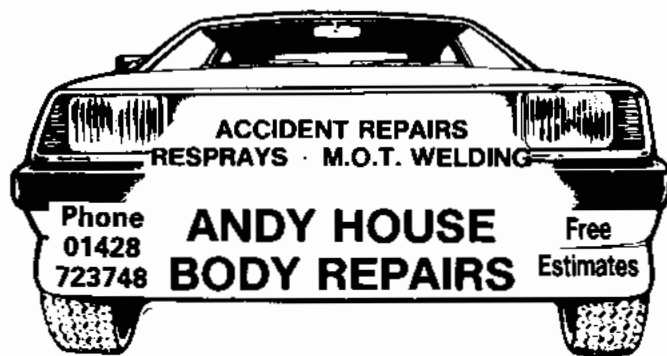


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Social Club



Although I've lived in Headley Road for more than ten years, I have to admit that I'd never gone into our Social Club until recently. It was a revelation as there's so much going on there!

Membership is only £15 per annum – and it's certainly value for money. As a member you are entitled to free use of the pool tables, cheaper drinks at their

well-stocked bar, participation in their quiz nights held on the first Friday each month, and 'Play Your Cards Right', use of the gaming machines (£500 jackpot!), and bingo every Sunday night. Another first Friday of the month special is the meat raffle with a choice of prizes which range from a whole chicken to breakfast ingredients (eggs, bacon, sausage, tomatoes) to a tin of Spam!

December is a busy month for members. If your copy of the Liphook Community Magazine gets to you early, then get yourself down on Saturday night, 2nd December for a gin tasting event at £12.50 a ticket. On Saturday night, 16th December there's a special disco night - with food at no additional cost - all part of the annual membership fee. The Christmas Raffle takes place on Sunday night, 17th December. Tickets are 50p - and there's a fantastic array of prizes to suit all ages and tastes. On New Year's Eve there will be live music with Mike Twiddy.

There are, indeed, many facilities at the Social Club, including a coffee dispensing machine where you can indulge in lattes or cappuccinos - even liqueur coffees. There are four big screen televisions where you can chill out watching Sky and BT sports. Upstairs there's even a full-sized snooker table which you can book for a mere £1 a session.

Monthly specials include live music and great deals at the bar such as Birra Moretti on draft for £4 a pint (usually at least £5 at any pub), Archers and Splash at £2 a glass.

A local pool league and a darts league regularly use the Social Club's facilities. The spacious hall can also be booked for skittles evenings. It's an ideal venue for private parties such as 21st birthdays, anniversaries . . . even wakes! The cost is £25 for members; £75 for non-members - another perk for your £15 membership.

Coffee mornings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month - with coffee and cake, and bottle-top Bingo with prizes - at £2.50 to participate. Other events have included an Easter egg hunt, and a family fun day with a bouncing castle and BBQ with music in the evening. And not to be missed is their Race Night where your £1 bet on an 'ordinary' race could get you as much as £15 . . . or even higher on the auction race, which recently peaked at £140 for the lucky winner!

Historically, what is now our Social Club was known by the wordy label of the Working Men's Club and Institute Union. The foundation stone for the Liphook branch was laid by Mrs Lee of Foley Manor in November of 1901. The Social Club is still a member of the CIU which is a voluntary association of private members' clubs in Great Britain and Northern Ireland with about 1,800 associate clubs. One of the main purposes of the CIU is to provide discounted products and services for its members - which is just what our Social Club does.

The Social Club has been busy raising money to build a disabled loo. The sum needed was £6,500. They were awarded a £3000 grant from the National Lottery towards the project and also received much appreciated grants from Hampshire County Council and the East Hampshire District Council. Another welcome boost to the fundraising was a Skool Night event, organised by the bar staff, which raised £2000. Hosted by a DJ who was ex-Ministry of Sound, playing music from the 80s and 90s, it was a resounding success. At £5 a head, the event was completely sold out! Plans are afoot to hold another similar evening in January - and hopefully, every three months after that.

Why not indulge your curiosity, as I did, and ring up and ask for a tour? The Committee is only too glad to welcome more members from the village. The more the merrier! Ring: **01428 722711** or go to **www.blsc.org.uk** They are also on Facebook.

Mari Wallace

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THE FERNHURST CENTRE

What's New

The Fernhurst Centre, the café, internet hub and education centre in the heart of Fernhurst village has had a great year since its total refurbishment last summer and the introduction of its new café. It still offers its ever popular IT courses, which now include helpful workshops on getting the most out of iPads, tablets and mobile phones but there is a buzz surrounding its latest course program covering healthy eating, exercise and, in November, free one to one 'Wellbeing MOT' sessions.



The Centre is offering a series of free Community Talks and events on current hot issues. So far there has been a talk on 'Keeping safe online' given by a cyber security officer from WSCC, which was possibly slightly frightening when those who attended realised how easy it is to be scammed. There has also been a workshop on using nutrition to control pain and help resist disease; many people are interested in this topical issue, the workshop covered the role of

sugar, yeast, organic food and some cooking ideas. It was so popular that a second date has been arranged to satisfy demand, so call **01428 641931** or see www.fernhurstcentre.org for more details. In January, to coincide with all those New Year's Resolutions, there will be a free talk on exercise and fitness to boost good health with follow up workshops and fitness sessions.



Before then there is the small question of Christmas to deal with and the Fernhurst Centre has that covered too. Have a look at the Fernhurst Centre's cards below. Created using newly commissioned paintings of three winter scenes from the Fernhurst area and a separate series of special Christmas symbols, the cards are just £2.70 for 6 cards. Ready for 2018, there is a new look long and slim appointments calendar on sale featuring colourful views of Fernhurst village and surrounding countryside.



The scouts, both in Liphook and Fernhurst, are looking forward to taking on their annual role as Junior Posties on 17th December, when cards placed in the boxes around Liphook or the smart red local post box in the Fernhurst Centre are sorted for hand delivery at 25p a card. The scouts are keen to deliver even more cards than last year when over 2,500 cards were delivered in the Liphook and Fernhurst area, raising money for the scouts and local causes.

The Fernhurst Centre, on Crossfield Green by the Fernhurst crossroads, is open Monday to Saturday and is bursting with information on local events and facilities. There is a recycling scheme for IT equipment and superfast broadband and wifi to go with the coffee and cake, so why not drop by to see it all for yourself.

For more information see:

www.fernhurstcentre.org.uk

or call: **01428 641931**.

Churcher's College

CCJS U7 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

The U7 took part in the first CCJS U7 football festival.

With an emphasis on fun and participation, 60 children took part in 45 matches over the course of the afternoon. Each team played 9 games and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to play teams from The Royal school and Brookham. Everybody was thoroughly exhausted at the end and shared a match tea to end the afternoon.



RECEPTION'S CLASS READING WORKSHOP

The Reception Class was thrilled to welcome parents and visitors to their new classroom this week for a special Reading Workshop.

Everyone enjoyed learning more about teaching and learning sounds and letters in Class R with an opportunity to see the children's learning in action; joining in with games, puzzles and a whole range of creative activities. Thank you to all who came along to join in the fun and support the children as they enjoy learning to read. This is one of the most important skills that the children develop in the early years and throughout their time in the Infant Department and we are very fortunate that parents contribute greatly to this process. The children dressed up as a favourite character from a book and enjoyed some cosy reading time with their parents before leaving. What a lovely afternoon!



CHURCHER'S CELEBRATE HARVEST TIME

Two local charities, Home Start Butser and Liphook Day Centre, were supported as children at Churcher's College Junior School donated food offerings at their annual Harvest Festival.

In the assembly given by headteacher- Ffion Robinson the children were reminded of how important harvest time is and how fortunate we are that we can eat foods out of season! The children learnt about the charities that they were supporting and Mrs Robinson said " We are always overwhelmed with the pupils' generosity and I know that the donations will be very welcome at the charities. The Nursery children were welcomed into the whole school assembly and they brought produce with them that they had grown in their garden.



THE SHOW MUST GO ON!- YEAR 3 TEAMBUILDING

The CCJS Outdoor Adventure curriculum was kicked started this week by some of the youngest children to join the Junior section of the school. All of year 3 ended their very first week back at school with an afternoon to remember.

The event was organised by CCJS's Head of Outdoor Learning- Matt Forbes and included a wide variety of activities from team games to assault courses. As ever the children and staff were at the mercy of the great British weather and all were challenged by the wet and windy conditions. Nonetheless, the show went on and the afternoon continued inside with pupils enjoying the activities in the hall and the drama studio. Parents and siblings joined year 3 for a delightful tea and all went home completely exhausted but with full tummies. Head of Middle School Mrs Sarah-Jane Moore said "Well done Year 3 for getting the year off to such an enthusiastic and happy start."



LIPHOOK GOLF CLUB

Approaching their Centenary

A golf course reflects the era in which it was founded. Liphook Golf Club was born in the early 1920's. Flora Thompson, the author of "Lark Rise to Candleford", then lived in Liphook. She wrote that Liphook combined the attractions of the three counties on whose borders it sits: "the moorland pine and heather of Hampshire; the leafy vales and deep watercourses of Surrey; the turf and thyme-scented chalk downs of Sussex".



At the beginning of the 1920's, this beautiful countryside was home to many country estates including three bordering on the Wheatsheaf Enclosure or common just south of Liphook. These were Hollycombe House, home of the Hawkshaw family, Foley Manor, occupied by Edward Lee, and Forest Mere, whose owner was Alfred Cotton. Along with Henry Poland, who lived at Downlands in Bramshott, they began discussing the possibility of building a golf course near to Liphook. As a result, the Liphook Golf Company was incorporated on 5th January 1922 for the purpose of building a golf course on common land given by the landowners.

The first public meeting of the Liphook Golf Club Company was held at the Royal Anchor Hotel on June 25th 1921. The Company was incorporated on January 5th 1922 and the company was capitalised at £5,000 to meet the cost of building the course – a sizeable sum in those days. The first nine holes on the north side of the old Portsmouth Road were open for play on 2nd September 1922 and the full 18 holes on June 15th 1923.

When the Club was first founded, in 1921, it occupied rooms in what was then the Wheatsheaf Hotel, one of Liphook's two coaching inns on the old Portsmouth Road. The first hole and the eighteenth green in those days were those nearest the clubhouse. They are now the 10th tee and the 9th green. Efforts were made after the Second World War to purchase what was by then called the Links Hotel from Friary Breweries. When that failed, in 1949 the Club acquired six acres of land at the edge of the Wheatsheaf Enclosure to the east of what was then the 10th hole. A temporary clubhouse was built that year. The order of the two halves of the course was reversed and new holes created so that the 18th and 1st holes would end and start at the clubhouse. The new clubhouse was opened in 1961 and has been extended and updated to create



today's unassuming but comfortable clubhouse.

The Club's greatest attraction, however, is its exceptional course. It was designed at a turning point in the architecture of golf courses and at the start of what is considered to be the 'Golden Age' of golf course design. The company chose Arthur Croome to design the course and later several changes and additions were made by a partner in the same design firm, Tom Simpson. Both were supporters of a new design philosophy- the 'strategic' as opposed to 'penal' school of design. A strategically designed course rewards good players for choosing routes which often take them close to danger rather than straight down the middle. It also allows higher handicap players to plot their own different route to the hole. Tom Simpson was also associated with the design of other renowned courses, including Carnoustie, Muirfield and Sunningdale.



With its undulating fairways, heather, gorse and trees, the course is outstandingly beautiful with a profusion of rhododendrons in spring and glorious heather in late summer. Its tight fairways put a premium on accuracy, but the greens are the course's best defence. They are true and fast with subtle breaks and borrows. They are some of the finest in England. The Club's green keepers also have a well deserved reputation for maintaining the course in immaculate condition throughout the year.

As Liphook looks forward to its Centenary in 2022, it continues to be owned and run by its members rather than a company. It has gained a reputation among its members and visitors as a relaxed, friendly club. It has a thriving membership in all categories and an excellent Junior and Introductory Member coaching programme.

The clubhouse has recently been refurbished and the staff offer a warm and friendly welcome with delicious home made food and a wide selection of refreshments for members and paying visitors.

Liphook Golf Club takes pride in its number 67 ranking in Golf Monthly's Top 100 UK golf courses and number 1 ranking in Hampshire. The course is described by the reviewer as "A beautiful ride through the heather, via some of the finest putting surfaces of any inland course in GB&I".

The Club, in cooperation with a leading course architect, is currently working on a series of course improvements in keeping with the spirit of the original design philosophy. These should be completed by 2022 in time for the Centenary celebrations and the start of the club's next 100 years.

If you would like to know more about Liphook Golf Club then visit its website, www.liphookgolfclub.com or call 01428 723785.

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NEW VENUE TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF PANTOMIME

The MAD Company

Back in February this year The MAD Company returned to the Pantomime season.

The company has been producing wonderful Pantomimes for Liphook and the surrounding area for an impressive 25 years entertaining young and old; for this celebration year The MAD Company had a change of venue, moving from their home of a quarter of a century at Bohunt School to their new home The Millennium Centre at the heart of the village.



To celebrate this new era the company returned to their roots and staged a production of "Cinderella", a homage to their very first show all those 25 years ago.

With the change of venue came the opportunity to stage four shows over the weekend, with each show playing to a sell out audience enjoying a fabulous production.



This traditional pantomime made the audience laugh and cry with some great performances from the ever-talented cast and professional direction ably assisted from the behind the scenes crew.



Cinderella (Rebecca McGregor) was wonderfully supported by her father the Baron Breadline (Tony Robinson) and her saviour, the glorious fairy godmother (Fiona McGregor) against her wicked step mother the Baroness Breadline (Mandy Godridge) and horrible stepsisters Doris & Mabel (Kevin Stephenson and David Jenner), whilst the forlorn Buttons (Aaron Treacher-Evans) tormented by

unrequited love, eventually relinquished his affections for Cinderella to the handsome Prince Charming (Tatum Shields) after the valiant efforts of the Prince's Equerry Dandini (Mandy Coluccia) in locating the owner of the glass slipper. The Royal court officers Dilly and Dally (Brian Simmons and Michael Selley) provided much entertainment with their hapless efforts of arranging the Prince's ball! The principle characters were superbly supported on stage by the adult chorus who with the talented junior chorus sang and danced the musical numbers wonderfully. The staging and sets brought the royal kingdom to life with wonderful back drops and a stunning coach whisking Cinderella off to the ball. The costumes as always were fantastic with all the cast looking stunning and the lighting and sound complimenting the show.



Director Vanessa K Breach commented "What a wonderful way to celebrate The MAD Company's 25 years, the change of a venue was an unknown quantity, but we can categorically state this was a fantastic success, I am so pleased how the pantomime was received by the audience, and I would like to thank everyone involved for all their hard work and the support we received from The Millennium Centre."



The Mad Company return next year to the Millennium Centre bringing Robinson Crusoe to Liphook in what is sure to be another thoroughly entertaining pantomime, running from Friday 16th - Sunday 18th February 2018; tickets are available from December at thelittleboxoffice.com/mad or by phoning Jo on **01730 263152**.

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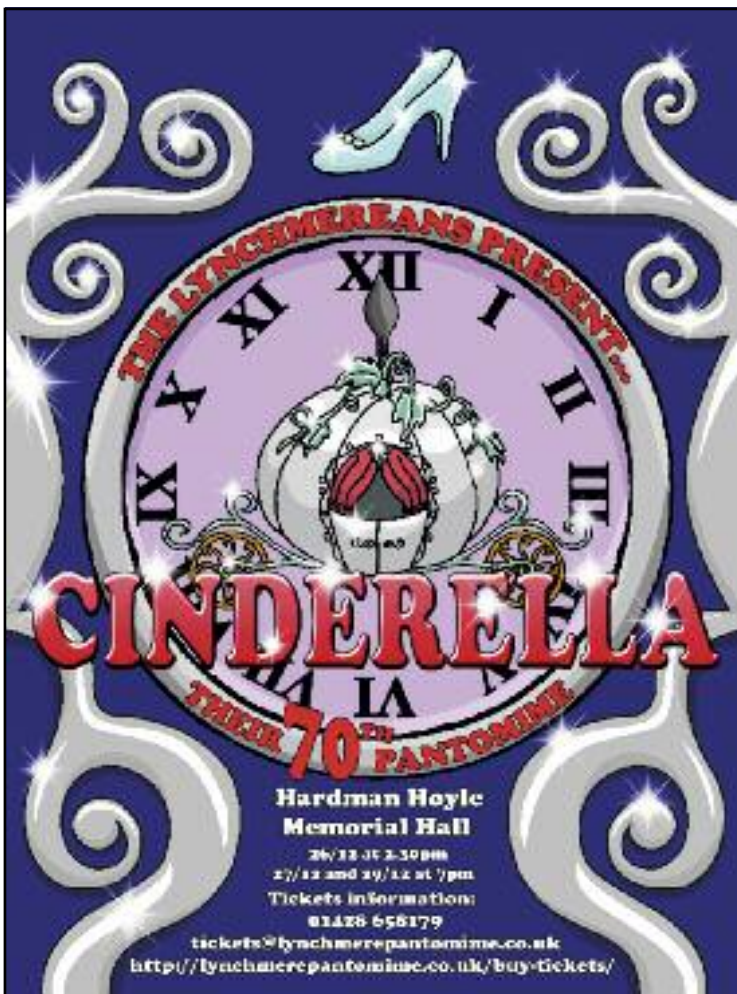
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CINDERELLA

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When you bring all the family to the Panto in Lynchmere!
This year we perform with lashings of levity
As this year we're proud to announce we turn 70!
And we promise our performance will be more than stellar
In the classic heart-warming tale: CINDERELLA!

The story begins with an out-of-luck Cinders
As she waits hand and foot on her Nasty Step-Sisters.
They're a horrible pair, and they couldn't care tuppence
for neither poor Cinders or her best friend Buttons!
The Prince meanwhile, just can't catch a break.
His heart is so lonely and oh how it aches.
On his mother, the Queen, the task does befall
And she decides, most wisely, to throw him a ball!

But will the Prince choose Cinderella, or fall for another?
Will she need some magic from her Fairy God Mother?
Will love find its way and leave them cheerful and chipper?
Or will their hopes be all smashed like a fragile glass slipper?

Well there's one way to find out once and for all
In a show that'll thrill and excite and enthrall!
So don't be a pumpkin! You'll have a great time
At the Lynchmerean's 70th Pantomime!!!

STAGECOACH

30th Anniversary

At Stagecoach, we are proud to be celebrating our 30th Anniversary nationwide early next year, and as always local Stagecoach Liphook are committed to offering opportunities for it's pupils to develop themselves and their acting, dancing and singing skills. The Further Stages pupils aged 16 – 19 years of age have been accepted to take part in the prestigious National Theatre Connections 2018, giving the young people the opportunity to take leadership over the project from the grass roots up, starting at fundraising, set designs, costumes and lighting designs, marketing, through to the execution of polished end performances at Alton College and Theatre Royal Bath in March next year.

For the younger pupils, this year promises to end with a bang, with 115 pupils presenting 'A Night At The Oscars' in the Grand Ballroom at The Old Thorns Hotel. All pupils aged 7 – 16 years will have a chance to share their amazing talents and skills with their parents and families, in this wonderful event.

Principal Leanne Desmond is "delighted to have this special family occasion to celebrate each pupils uniqueness and creative courage. Every student is very special to us at Stagecoach Liphook, and they all inspire me in my role as Principal, motivating me to be the best that I can possibly be. I am very proud to have such hard working students at the school. They all deserve an Oscar!"



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Next Year promises to host more fabulous events and exciting opportunities for Stagecoach Liphook and it's pupils, as they celebrate 30 fabulous years of educational training. If you would like to join us and attend a two week trial in the Spring Term 2018, please contact Leanne at: Liphook@stagecoach.co.uk or visit our website: www.stagecoach.co.uk/liphook

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Gaining Momentum

The Bramshott and Liphook Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) continues to move ahead at pace, following a series of successful community engagement events in November.

Neighbourhood planning was introduced in 2012 by the Localism Act 2011 and is a community-led planning framework where local communities can produce neighbourhood plans for their local areas, putting in place a community led and shared vision for the future development of the area. Following a referendum, the plan this will form part of statutory planning policy for the area, providing our community with a strong plan and policies reflecting the desires and requirements of the community for our Parish.

The Bramshott and Liphook NDP Steering Group has facilitated a series of community engagement events to create a space to listen to the voice of the community in order to understand what the neighbourhood area wants and needs for the future. As anyone who has seen the bright pink banners located around the Parish will know already, the Steering Group is actively encouraging local residents and businesses to "Tell us about it" and to get involved in the NDP.

As featured in the last community magazine, in June they held a "Visioning Event" where representatives of local groups and businesses attended a task based event to look at issues affecting the neighbourhood area and what is great about the Parish that

we work and live in. The results of this event were summarised in a report, providing a key ingredient to the emerging NDP.

Following the successful Visioning Event, the Steering Group (along with the appointed independent NDP consultant FERIA Urbanism) ran a two-day Design Forum on Wednesday 1st November and Thursday 2nd November at Liphook Millennium Centre which was attended by over 200 residents and businesses in the Parish. The event highlighted the unique challenges that the neighbourhood area faces and additional work required to seek a holistic solution which the community can reach a consensus on. Additional research was undertaken to input into the third and final day of the Design Forum on the 28th November in order to inform key decisions regarding the framework and focus of the NDP moving forward.

The Steering Group is now beginning to look at arranging a schedule of community engagement events, feedback sessions, options for providing online input and feedback and the ability to register for email updates and details of future events. They would encourage everyone with an interest in the future of the Parish to get involved, and keep updated with future events and initiatives via:

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NDP notice board in the Liphook Millennium Centre

Poets Corner

Scrumpy

With tousled, tufted, curly hair,
And nostrils sniffing everywhere,
There is no time to stop and talk,
As Scrumpy, takes me, for a walk.

The harness strapped around his chest,
Pulls me along, at his behest,
And clutching tight, extending lead,
We clear Church Road at breakneck speed.

High o'er the bridge we gallop on,
And Radford Park we see anon.
To cross the road is his intent,
Until he finds, a lady scent.

Screeching to a sudden halt,
A bramble patch I'm forced to vault.
I'm not too nimble in the air,
So gather prickles – everywhere.

Across the road, a good league hence,
Scrumpy clears another fence,
'Till trailing lead becomes entwined,
And I arrive, half dead, behind.

I grab my errant, panting, hound,
Who looks for slightly softer, ground.
And with lop-sided, canine, grin,
Heads to the stream, and pulls me in.

We stand together, side by side,
Where, normally, the ducks abide.
Bedraggled owner, soggy dog,
Like creatures from primeval bog.

With slapping paws and squelching feet,
We make our way back up the street.
Say what you will, I can't be grumpy,
There's nothing quite like walking Scrumpy.

Angela Glass

Is it you?

I'm tempted by the feeling that we have met before
I'm tempted by the love that might be at your door
I'm tempted to pursue you, I can see it in your eyes
Can it be this feeling is more than a surprise?

*No Surrender, No Surrender, I love every step
You and me evolving*

*No Surrender, No Surrender, It takes two
I fly to the stars & I see you*

I will meet you in the morning, I will meet you in the day
I will meet you when the birds have nothing else to say
Let's kiss and make a bargain as the twilight lingers on
And then I'll know and you will know that this journey has
begun.

Circling and circling where are you?
I must have dreamt it, must have meant it
I surrender to you!

Linda Foster

FORMER CHURCHER'S COLLEGE STUDENT HAS STARRING ROLE IN 'GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN' MOVIE

Alex Lawther plays Christopher Robin



When you visit the cinema this autumn, you may recognise a young man from Liphook. Alex Lawther, a former student of Churcher's College who left in 2013, can currently be seen in the box office hit *Goodbye Christopher Robin* released earlier this month. *Goodbye Christopher Robin* is a behind-the-scenes look at the life of author A.A. Milne and the creation of the Winnie the Pooh stories inspired by his son, Christopher Robin. Alex plays Christopher Robin as a teenager and a young man.

Simon Williams, Headmaster at Churcher's College said: "I have always hugely enjoyed watching Alex perform from his first role here as Mole in *Wind and the Willows*, through his own scripted plays such as *'Rejected Fairytales'* to his silver screen breakthrough performance as the young Alan Turing in *The Imitation Game* and his memorable turn alongside Jerome Flynn in *Charlie Brooker's Black Mirror* series. It's wonderful to now see him as the eponymous character in *Goodbye Christopher Robin*."

The film stars Margot Robbie and Domhnall Gleeson, is a fascinating insight into the origins of Winnie The Pooh, and the impact that success had on its writer AA Milne and his family, particularly his son Christopher Robin.

Alex Lawther can also be seen with Martin Freeman and Paul Whitehouse in the film adaptation of Ghost Stories based on the play by Andy Nyman and Jeremy Dyson.

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- RIVER WEY TRUST** - Adrian Bird, 01428 722162.
- ROTARY CLUB** - Haslemere, Debbie Morley, 01428 643416.
- ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** - Lt. Col. J.M. Jack, 01428 724002.
- ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION** - Liss & District, 01730 895470.
- R.S.P.C.A.** - Jane Sim-Davis, 01428 723736.
- SSAFA/FORCES HELP** (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmans Families Association) East Hants Branch, Divisional Sec., Patricia Lyons, 01420 561264
- SELF SUFFICIENCY GROUP** - East Hants, Dru Furneaux, 01730 814193.
- STANDFORD, PASSFIELD AND HOLLYWATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** - Sue Sergeant, 01428 751326. Hall Bookings, Ron Sergeant, 01428 751326.
- TAI-CHI** - Diana Forbes, 0777 569 6249.
- THREE BORDERS KNITTING CLUB** - 01428 606957, 01428 712055.
- U3A LIPHOOK** - Email: membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk
- VILLAGE HALL** - Bookings: Mrs M. Madgwick, 01428 729080.
- VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP** - Bramshott and Liphook Parish. 01428 723972.
- WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - Sue Knight, 01428 723502.
- WOOLMER FOREST ARCHAEOLOGICAL and HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - 1st Wednesday of month, Colin Brash, 01428 713256.
- WOOLMER FOREST LIONS CLUB** - Ken Bassett, 01428 713285.
- WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION** - Mrs S. Martin, 01428 641907.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PERSONS' CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

ARMY CADET FORCE - No. 6 Platoon, 'A' Company, 1st Battalion
Hants & I.O.W. ACF - Detachment Commander: Staff Sergeant
A. Steven, 07796 268095, Parade Night: Tuesday at Wolfe House,
Bordon, 7-9.30 p.m.

BALLET & JAZZ DANCE CLASSES - from 2¹/₂ years at Liphook
Church Centre, Hindhead & Haslemere, Angela Canton, 652360.

CHILDREN'S CHILD HEALTH CLUB - Millennium Centre,
9.30-11.00am, 01420 483827.

CHILD MINDER GROUP - Mon. a.m. at The Village Hall,
Jeanett Kirby, 01428 729404.

DANCE & DRAMA CLASSES - Ballet, Tap, Modern Jazz Dance etc., from
2¹/₂ years at Headley Village Hall, Grayshott Village Hall and Pinewood
Village Hall, Bordon. Contact Hilary Bishop AISTD on 01428 605290.

FERNHURST CENTRE IT COURSES & INTERNET CAFE -
2, Crossfield, Vann Road, Fernhurst, GU27 3JL. 01428 641931.

HASLEMERE BAND (BRASS) - Graham Ingram, 01252 33828.

INFANT SCHOOL

PTA - Lisfa@Liphook-infants.sch.uk

JUDO CLUB - Mr M. Poke, Bohunt Centre, 01428 724324.

LIPHOOK AND RIPSLEY YOUTH MEMBERSHIP - Steve Saycel,
0777 178 8486 or Lrccyouthcricket@gmail.com

LIPHOOK CRUSADERS GROUP - for 4-14 year olds Friday evenings
Church Centre. Contact Church Centre Office, 01428 725390.

LIPHOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL P.T.A. - foljs@liphook-jun.hants.sch.uk

LIPHOOK PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP - Friday am. - Mrs Janet
Stovold, 01428 722333.

LIPHOOK THEATRE CLUB - For 5 - 11 year olds, 01428 722813.

LIPHOOK UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB - Chairman, Nigel Marr,
01428 727661, Secretary, Martin Feast, 01428 722677.

LIPHOOK YOUTH CLUB - John Tough, 01428 724492.

LITTLE BADGERS PRE-SCHOOL 2-4+ - Sports Pavilion, Headley.
01428 714827.

LITTLE CHERUBS NURSERY - Mrs M. Powers, Liphook. 01428 723438.

LITTLE LAMBS - Tuesday 9.45 - 11.45a.m., Contact Church Centre
Office, 01428 725390.

MADHATTER NURSERY BOHUNT SCHOOL - 01428 727288.

MATRIX MAJORETTES - Mrs Julie East, 01420 487804.

METHODIST YOUTH - Mrs Sharon Tikaram, 01428 723801.

PETERSFIELD YOUNG FARMERS CLUB - 8-10pm
Suzy Goring, 01420 488325.

RED BALLOON NURSERY - Hammer, Mrs Susan Lovelock, Magnolia
House, Churt Road, Hindhead. 01428 607499.

ROCK CHILDREN'S CHARITY - Robin Oliver, 01428 722734.

STAGECOACH THEATRE ART - 4-16 yrs. Drama, Dance & Singing,
0845 055 6376.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE & NURSING CADET DIVISION - Liphook
Member in charge, John Tough, 01428 724492. Millennium Hall
every Wednesday. Cadets 6.30 - 8.00pm. Adults 8.00 - 10.00pm.

SWIMMING CLUB - admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk

THE ROYAL SCHOOL NURSERY - Portsmouth Road, Hindhead.
01428 604096.

TIDDLERS LIPHOOK INFANTS SCHOOL - Community Room,
Mondays 9.30-11.00am, 01428 725746.

TRAINING BAND - Maurice Wright, 01428 723940.

WEYHILL MONTESSORI NURSERY SCHOOL - Scout H.Q. Wey Hill,
Michele Dows-Miller, 01374 936960 or 01420 472282.

GUIDES

To join Girlguiding Liphook as a Volunteer or to register your daughter's interest, please complete the online form by visiting www.girlguiding.org.uk and clicking the 'Parents' link or 'Get involved'. You will then be contacted by a unit leader.

Rainbows 5 - 7 Years: 1st Liphook - Tuesday. 2nd Liphook - Thursday.

Brownies 7 - 10 Years: 2nd Liphook - Monday. 4th Liphook - Thursday.
5th Liphook - Tuesday

Guides 10 - 14 years: 1st Liphook - Wednesday. 2nd Liphook - Monday.

Rangers 14 - 25 years: 1st Liphook - Thursday.

Trefoil Guild - Adults only: 4th Tuesday of each month.

Contact Barbara Ellis via liphook-guides@outlook.com

Girlguiding Liphook District Commissioner: Rachel Topping, to
contact use liphook-guides@outlook.com

SCOUTS

1st LIPHOOK SCOUT GROUP - Scouting offers young people, aged between 6 and 25, a fantastic range of fun, exciting, challenging and adventurous activities and in Liphook we have one of the largest and most active Scout Groups in Hampshire. 1st Liphook Scout Group has nearly 200 members and runs 2 Beaver Colonies (for those aged 6-8), 3 Cub Packs (8-11), 2 Scout Troops (11-14), an Explorer Scout Unit (14-18) and has strong links to our District Network Scout Unit (18-25).

If you live in Liphook or the surrounding villages and you would like your son or daughter to experience the everyday adventure of Scouting, then please contact our Membership Secretary, Clare Smith, at membership@liphookscouts.org.uk to find out more about joining.

If you have any other questions about Scouting or our Group, then please contact:

- Bryan Jackson (Group Scout Leader) on 01428 723248 or by email at bryan.jackson@btinternet.com for all enquiries about Scouting and our sections;

- Kevin Stephenson (Group Chairman) on 01428 724186 or by email at kevin.stephenson@btopenworld.com for all volunteer or fundraising enquiries;

- Mark Tellyn (Group Secretary) on 01428 741509 or by email at info@liphookscouts.org.uk for all general or subs enquiries;

- Alison Jackson (Scout Shop) on 01428 723248 or by email at alisonjackson@btopenworld.com for all uniform or equipment enquiries.

If you are already a member of the Group or the parent of a member, then if you have a question about your section, then please contact the relevant Section Leader:

- Willow Beavers Colony (Monday) - Mark Boosey on 07949 408093;
- Ashdown Beavers Colony (Tuesday) - Mark Stocker on 07976 845670;
- Downlands Cub Pack (Tuesday) - Kevin Carrig on 01428 727063;
- Oakhanger Cub Pack (Thursday) - Trevor Holden on 01428 722810;
- Wheatsheaf Cub Pack (Friday) - Jezz Turner on 01428 751926;
- Shackleton Scout Troop (Wednesday) - Nigel Woods on 01730 261072;
- Scott Scout Troop (Friday) - Sheila Woods on 01730 261072;
- Stirling Explorer Scout Unit (Monday) - Stuart West on 01420 474573;
- Thesiger Network Scout Unit (Wednesday) - Mark Boosey on 07949 408093.

*Any changes please notify Hazel
Williams on 01428 722084*

'Tis the Season of Goodwill

UNLESS . . .

The package I had been waiting for had not arrived. There was only one thing to do. However, there was a degree of reluctance on my part to enter the murky world of Amazon's "Where's My Stuff".

Scarred more than scared by previous genteel enquiries where the Seller had confessed that, in all honesty, that they had entrusted my order to the scourge of white-vanners - namely "2YourDoor.com". Ah, that will be the same famed delivery experts that have blighted many a citizen. Without wishing to be accused of xenophobic rants, we know their employees are locked into a hopeless situation of payment for "drops" made and by jove there are some drops!

Besides the drops there are various other party games engaged in between the courier and the unfortunate recipient. I'm sure many of you reading this tirade will be able to recount your own tales of delivery or, non-delivery, woes. For my part I can list the following as being thoroughly unwanted and unwarranted experiences to recount.

- The Fastest Doorbell Ringer In The West - yep, even if you were standing behind the door, by the time you've opened it the fleet-footed Mercury will have left your gravel drive - hardly any dust will be seen airborne. Or you will merely hear the speeding reversing and crunching of gears as their trusty steed responds to the leaden footed engagement of forward motion.
- The "alleged" ringing of your doorbell. By this I mean it is of such a frequency that even the trusted family mutt can't detect it. So, whatever may have been left remains in situ outside your abode - at the mercy of the elements or any passing tea-leaf with an eye for a gratis bargain. Of course the final insult comes when someone hurriedly opens the door to leave and either falls over it or treads on it! There is the potential for yet further amusement / embarrassment when someone visiting picks it up as they ring your doorbell. You open the door either to be irked that "that b*****d delivery driver . . ." or reach out to receive the gift and jokily say "For me? Oh really, you shouldn't have."
- The best game of the lot is "Hunt The Parcel". This is where your supplier has enquired that, should you be out when the "drop" is made, where would you like the package left. What a wasted effort that procedure is. Let's face it, it could be any chuffin' where on your plot. Slung over a locked gate - always a safe bet to avoid the item being stolen. Behind a plant that will remain unfound until you don your gardening gear! Better still is the unlocked garage. Here it could be easily on view when you lift the door or safely stashed away in a corner that daylight doesn't visit. Oh, what joy when you enter the garage for a screwdriver only to find it nestling in a relaxed repose and you wonder just how long it may have been there !
- If you're really lucky you will have a note saying that you were out when they tried to deliver your package - er, no, as you have not left the house. Your package now resides with a neighbour. When you call round you find they are out! Aargh!
- Let's not forget the opposite side of the coin where you receive

interminable text updates as to where your order is between here and Outer Mongolia and whether the driver currently has a bladder infection that will impact his e.t.a.! All well and good but none of these can totally put you at ease as to whether the Migrant Workforce has not been sent to the wrong location by his "onboard gizmo" - the dreaded Sat Nav! I had a distraught Pole at my door asking where an address was that his Sat Nav had said was "here". When I explain that, "No, that can't be the case because this road is not the one you are looking for", we get the eastern European shrug of the shoulders and a few choice words in his native tongue. When I then try to help him I get the furrowed brow when I talk of a road of new builds that can be accessed from a parallel road - obviously, this degree of information has not been assimilated in any phrase book.

So, there you have it, a potted histoire of my experiences for the endless delights of deliveries by online retailers. As we gear up for Meltdown Monday, or whatever glib terminology we are ever encouraged to absorb into our contemporary vocabulaire, I feel my seasonal soul sinking as our habits become ones dictated to us. The online marketplace offers so much choice at a better price. It does, does it! No worries over car parking spaces or tickets running out. No dealing with surly stressed shop assistants whose aching feet completely defeat their ability to smile and respect the tiresome customer before them.

Somewhere within there is a craving for those simpler times of smaller, individual retailers, the kind that used to populate the High Streets of this fair land, before it became a severed isle. A couple of hours in and out of said establishments would see you nail Crimbo Gifts in one fell swoop, plus there was a good chance of the gift wrapping be attended to by an obliging member of staff who had the time and dexterity to chat to you while they creased and folded. After which you could reward yourself with a cuppa and a cake in the local Tearooms - none of this flat white filth, or lazy latte back in them days wot-wot!

All of this has got me recalling my first Christmas as an earner. Walking down Threadneedle Street toward the Bank underground station, there were a few small emporiums by the Royal Exchange. I entered one having been drawn by a rather classy umbrella for my mother. The same establishment also traded in smoking accoutrements of every kind. Remember, this was 1970 and you could merrily smoke yourself to oblivion. My father loved his evening bowl of dark shag. So he was easily to be catered for by a new pipe. Couldn't go wrong could I. Having grown up in the house of a smoker there was something comforting to be found when you returned home on a winter's eve and opened the front door to be welcomed by the evening's aroma.

Well, all this nostalgia is not going to solve my pressing matter of the overdue package.

"Dear Amazon . . ."

Richard Gould



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