

# Liphook

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## PARISH PEOPLE

# Jan Buckett



*Jan's team. (Back row from L to R, Judith, Angela, Vic. Front row L to R, Catherine, Jan and Charlie.*

As a seventeen year old Jan Buckett moved to Worthing from Crewkerne and met her husband Adrian. She was helping her cousin to set up a Summer School for students learning English. However this proved difficult to begin with and so forty gas men were temporarily housed in the building while they were converting the area's gas supply, to enable North Sea Gas to be used. Adrian was one of them. They became engaged after three months and married three months later.

Starting their married life in Rochester, in Kent, they later moved to Crewkerne where their children Tracey and Austin were born. In 1980, after living in many places in the country the couple finally settled in Liphook, buying their house in Headley Road, where they still live nearly forty years later. Adrian set up his own business AJB Plumbing and Heating Services and after learning to drive Jan became fully employed in her own bookkeeping business J.M.B. Accounting.

This business started life in the front room and grew steadily over the next few years. After the children left home the attic was converted into an office where Jan, her daughter Tracey and colleague Judith worked for ten years. Tracey is now a Commercial Manager in Milford and Austin is a qualified accountant, living in America, with his wife and ten year old son Ashton.

Moving the business to Coyte's shop space took place in 2009, and Jan's dream came true. A team of seven now operate at JMB.

*Photograph of Jan's album page showing reptiles and birds seen on her trip to Florida.*



Jan says, "I couldn't have done it without the loyal support and camaraderie of my team - Judith, Vic, Charlie, Catherine, Andrea and Angela, but most of all Adrian, now semi-retired, but on hand to help with maintenance and keeping us intrigued with his baking skills. Judith has been with me for twenty years and has nerves of steel. Please don't forget our border collie Todd who is loved by staff and clients alike".

No.8 London Road, the adjoining property, (also part of Coyte's shop) has been knocked through from No.10 to add more amenity to Jan's already large suite of offices. It is strange to stand in this smart, well appointed office and remember the hardware, clothes, wool and haberdashery, all things which were on offer when Betty and the Major sold their goods there. Jan is hoping to acquire some photographs from those old days to put on the wall as a reminder of the building's history.

Away from the office Jan is a great supporter of local activities, involved in committee work which includes being the Treasurer of Bramshott and Liphook Social Club for almost six years and Treasurer and a Trustee of the Liphook Day Centre. She says, "I enjoy the work but it is surprising how much time it takes up". She loves organising events at the Club, helped by her daughter Tracey, who lives in Bordon. One night they held a gin tasting evening and on another a wine tasting, where everyone sipped samples accompanied by a quiz. Race night is a highly organised event which apparently gets quite exciting, and raises money. Recently £960 was shared by the Club and the Peak Centre. Jan and Adrian arrange Sunday night Bingo and there is always a raffle at these events.

For the last twenty years Tracey and Jan have been holding monthly 'Scrapbooking' sessions, organised by Tracey. This hobby came to England when an American firm called 'Creative Memories' brought the idea to England. This involves making up loose-leaf folders holding pages of their latest batch of holiday photographs in a beautiful and artistic way, using coloured card to mount them on, surely a lovely method to keep photographs easily accessible for viewing. The pages are enclosed in protective covers to keep them pristine. This is such a good idea, because in our modern world, photographs are usually assigned to the depths of the computer and are hardly ever seen.

Jan loves playing golf which she and Adrian enjoy together. Golf, combined with dog walking helps her to enjoy the great outdoors.

Jan defines her next challenge and says, "Actually I am still working on that one. We did some SAGE training for a while, but I would like to hold 'business coaching sessions'. The recent expansion into No.8 London Road has given us the flexibility and capacity to take the business a stage further".

**June Wright**

# THE UNDERVALUED

# Wasp

Wasps “have nothing divine about them as the bees have”.

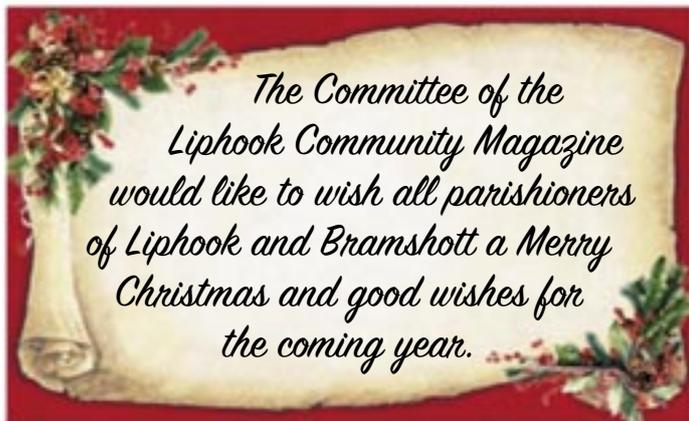
So wrote Aristotle, and more than two millennia later it seems this negative attitude persists: an on-line poll created by researchers of University College London has found that whereas people associate bees with words such as “honey”, “flowers” and “buzz”, the top three words that wasps call to mind are “sting”, “annoying” and “pain”. In a paper published in the journal Ecological Entomology, scientists warn that we demonise wasps at our peril: they pollinate flowers and crops just as bees do, while, as predators help control crop pests and disease-carrying insects. “We need to actively overhaul the negative image of wasps,” said Seirian Sumner, the chief researcher. “They are facing a similar decline to bees, and that is something the world cannot afford”

## Top Award

East Hampshire District Council, along with Community First, have awarded volunteers at the Peak Day Centre their top award for Large Team of the Year Award.

The Peak Day Centre, which has been running for over 30 years, relies on volunteers both as drivers and carers in providing transport to and from the Centre, a place of security, comfort and stimulation to the elderly of the parish.

The presentation was made at Old Thorns on the 9th November and the award was made by Beverley Jones, Chairman of Community First, who commented particularly on the dedication and enthusiasm of the team while a film of the volunteers at work was shown to the audience.



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by **A.A Milne**

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# Now That's What I Call a Hobby!

Some people collect stamps. Others sea shells. Still others go bird watching. But to my thinking, Tracy Peterson's hobby takes some beating.

## What does she do?

She makes doll's houses and furnishes them with what are called miniatures - the scale being a very petite 1:12. It was as a youngster that Tracy's interest in miniatures started. Her cousin bought a dolls house with a shop below. Tracy was immediately smitten, and went out straightaway and bought her own miniature shop. Shortly afterwards, she bought the upstairs - and this two-story miniature house remains the main property of her collection.

Tracy's background is certainly arty. She originally worked in graphics but for the past 10 years, she's been a learning support assistant at the Liphook Infants' School. She loves doing craft with the children and enjoys doing display boards for the school.



When I went along to view Tracy's dolls' houses, I thought, 'Okay. These could be cute.' But I was completely gob-smacked at the detail, the meticulous craftsmanship, the imagination and ingenuity that had gone into

creating these themed houses and their interiors. If the Wow Factor is defined as 'having a quality or feature that is extremely impressive, then Tracy's doll's houses more than fit the bill.

Her houses include a Hogwart's Emporium - with 'dark arts' items such as skulls made from white beads that she's decorated. Mad-eye Moody's false eye is made from leather, a brass washer and a bead. She's made a cauldron from the top of a perfume bottle. Tracy uses books she's bought at charity shops, cuts them and covers them with fabric and leather to make into miniature books. There are masks in this doll's house which she's made from old earrings. She's even hung a portrait of Dumbledore on the wall.



Another of her creations is a tea shop - 'Tea for Two' - fully stocked with luscious-looking cakes, a tea trolley, a bread

oven - everything that makes you want to walk in and order a cream tea. There's a French chocolate shop, inspired by the film 'Chocolat', with bow windows and mouth-watering chocolate displays. Tracy has made a Santa's Workshop, a fruit and vegetable cart - with a string of onions made from beads with raffia around them. A family butcher. A bakery with a Hovis sign on the front - made from a brooch which she got from her grandfather, who'd worked for Hovis. Tracy refers to the original, main doll's house as Peterson's. Downstairs it's a grocers that stocks everything.



For this, she's made bread from salt dough, cut out adverts to make the labels for the stock of tins (made from electrical bits) on shelves. She uses corn flake boxes which she paints to look like stone floors. The upstairs

of this doll's house is the living area where there are samplers and footstools with coverings that she's embroidered. She worked with her dad, and his band saw, to make the winding staircase connecting the two floors; the 'brass' handrail is made from aquatic tubing.

Tracy makes most of the items for her houses. She has a tin full of broken bits that might come in handy. She trawls charity shops. She scavenges and saves things that most of us would throw away. Twigs, bits of wood. Dowelling. Fimo and clay. Cardboard. Plaster of Paris.

What she can't make, she buys. Tracy travels up to the NEC in Birmingham for the doll's house show, 'Miniatura', and also to Kensington for the Doll's House Festival. At these fairs, there are specialists selling flowers, fabrics, china and glassware, building material and other items she then works with.



In April, Tracy held a fund raising event at her house, in aid of the Anthony Nolan charity which focuses on blood disorders. People came, viewed her wonderful doll's houses, were given coffee and cake - and made contributions which totalled £333 for this deserving charity.

And what next? Tracy's current project is a haberdashery, similar to Coytes, which she - and many Liphook residents - will remember with fondness. I guess we could say that Tracy's winter months won't find her hibernating - but busy furnishing her latest doll's house creation.

*Mari Wallace*

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# Liphook in Bloom

By the end of September the hanging baskets and containers were definitely past their best and had to be emptied. However, a few people may have been a bit bemused by the three tier container, out in full flower but tied around with barrier tape. All became clear on Carnival night. Throughout October plants that were still flowering beautifully were being nurtured for the Liphook in Bloom carnival float. What an amazing float that was – flowers, watering cans, lights, it even had a water feature! That was in fact the bowser that had been constantly in demand throughout the long hot summer for watering. Members had been working hard with their usual enthusiasm to get that together as well as their costumes. Quite rightly they were rewarded not only with the Best Illuminated prize, but also with First Prize in the adult category!

I mentioned in the last edition of this magazine that there would be more poppies to watch out for in the autumn. The poppies went up on the lamp posts a week before the carnival, a few more than last year. Two silent soldiers were erected in the Millennium bed, opposite Sainsbury's. The flowering poppy design in that bed did amazingly well and was not removed until the end of October.



One poppy for each of the fallen from Bramshott and Liphook Parish 1914 - 2018

80	WW1
29	WW2
2	Other Conflicts

*In the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them*

You may have noticed that the silent soldiers in Liphook were different to those seen in other places. Our silent soldiers were designed by Peter Harris and made from wood by Whites Joinery in Longmoor Road.

A week after the carnival the spring bulbs were planted. Once the Millennium bed had been planted with bulbs we were able to continue with our long planned tribute to those people from the Parish that lost their lives serving in the armed forces. Keith Thomas had designed poppies with a black centre that were then stamped out of plastic by Keith Payne Products in Surrey. The silent soldiers were repositioned and then the poppies were carefully positioned by Keith Thomas and Russell Ellis. In total one hundred and eleven poppies were inserted, each one representing one of the fallen from Bramshott and Liphook Parish. Altogether a very thought provoking display "Lest we forget".

**Barbara Miller**



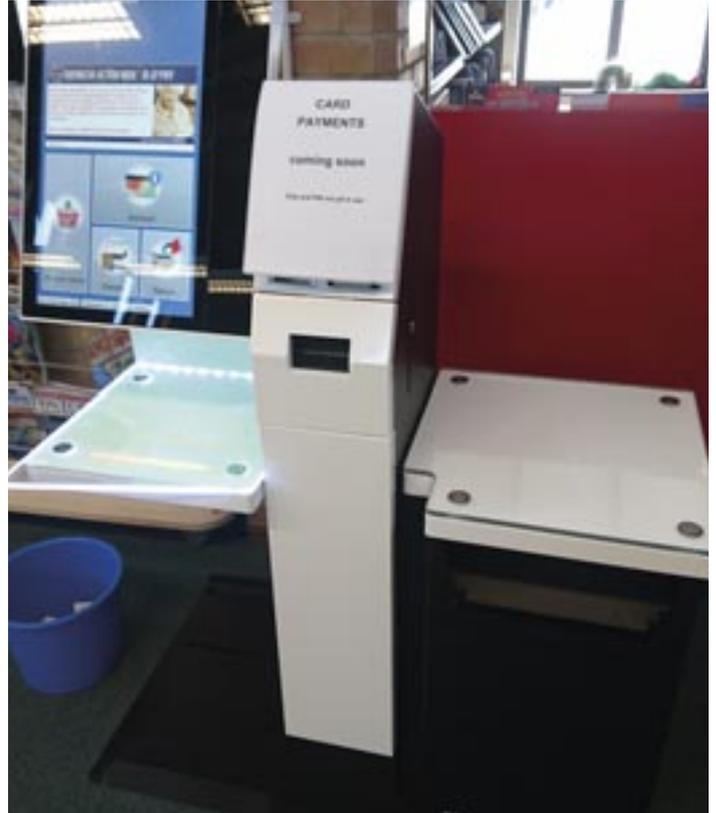
## LIPHOOK LIBRARY

# Refurb and "Mischief Makers"

As most of you will probably have realised by now, Liphook Library has been closed for a couple of weeks. This is nothing to worry about at all; your beloved library is still here and here to stay!! We are currently closed for some minor refurbishment works and the installation of a brand-new self-service machine. These works represent a small part of a much wider programme of significant investment into the library service in line with the Library Service Strategy to 2020, published in 2016. As part of these works we will have brand new carpet fitted throughout the building, a new help-desk style counter will replace our existing one and as mentioned, we will have a brand-new self-service machine installed too.

Part of our closure will also enable us to evaluate how well our stock is used and there will be a small reduction in the quantity of non-fiction items held at Liphook Library. This will enable us to make the best use of the space available to us and ensure that the stock we hold at Liphook Library is current, up-to-date and popular with our customers. Although a small library, we are still a gateway to the stock held within the whole of Hampshire (and beyond with our fabulous inter-library loans service). We will re-open on Friday 14th December and look forward to welcoming you all back to see the results. We have included a photo of what the new self-service machine will look like.

The other news (and it seems like such a long-time ago now) is that this year's Summer Reading Challenge "Mischief Makers" was a huge success. We had 222 starters at Liphook this year - a massive 18% increase on the starter figure for last year!! 124 children completed the challenge at Liphook, an increase of 6.9% on last year's finisher figure. That means of those that started, 56% completed the challenge at Liphook this year. Massive congratulations to all who completed the Reading Challenge this year. Also, a huge thank you must go to our volunteers, not just those who helped with the Reading Challenge, but also to our rhyme-time and story-time volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!!



I would also like to take this opportunity to say that Dave will be retiring at the end of this year. I am sure you would all wish to join me in thanking him for all his hard work and dedication to our customers over the years and to wish him all the very best in his retirement. It has been a great pleasure to work with Dave over the last few years and he will be sorely missed.

Lastly, I would like to wish all our customers the very best for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Ashley Adkin / Rod Sharp*

## Liphook Wellbeing Group

The Liphook Well-Being Group (LWG) was set up by Sumi Olson and Gill Snedden earlier this year as a non-profit social enterprise to help support our community's mental, emotional, physical, and social good health & well-being. The LWG supports individuals, families, young children & adults, carers, the vulnerable, and those with additional & special needs.

The LWG works with local creatives & practitioners, local entrepreneurs, small businesses, charities, and organisations, to provide a unique range of activities, workshops, treatments covering art & craft activities, life coaching, life skills, companionship, alternative therapies, fitness, counselling, advice, and much more.

In 2019, the LWG will be working with County Level Community Services, Medical Centres, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Larger Organisations & Charities to provide further support for our community.

The LWG runs regular community events for all genders, all ages, all abilities. The next few events are:

LWG Art & Craft Wellness Mornings - 10th Nov., 8th Dec. and 9th Feb. at Liphook Millennium Centre 10.00am - 1.00pm

LWG Community Activity & Pamper Weekend - "New Year, Fresh Start" - Sat. 12th Jan. 10.00am - 4.00pm, 6.00pm -9.00pm and Sun. 13th Jan. 10.00am - 3.00pm at Liphook Millennium Centre.

Further information can be found at:

**Facebook Page: Liphook Community Wellness**

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**Sumi Olson  
Co-Founder, Liphook Wellbeing Group**

# Votes for Women

On 26th October 1913 the local newspaper reported that the parish of Bramshott had something of a thrill to discuss on a Monday morning when it became known that Mill House, a large, unoccupied residence in a remote corner of the parish belonging to Theodore McKenna, a brother of Home Secretary Reginald McKenna, had been discovered burnt out.

When discovered by villager George Warner of Woolmer Lane, it was well alight, and by the time the Hindhead Fire Brigade arrived it was completely gutted and the interior was like a raging furnace.

The police found a quantity of London newspapers of recent date thoroughly soaked with paraffin, and a copy of the previous week's issue of "The Suffragette" containing a foolscap sheet on which was written "Mr McKenna, coward! Very brave in torturing women but afraid to touch men!" and, on the reverse, "A protest against forcible feeding. Votes for Women". The only other clues were the tracks of a large motor car outside the house and a report that about midnight a car containing two women was seen in the vicinity.

Such attacks took place at this time to protest against the forcible feeding of suffragettes on hunger strikes in prison.

This was not the only local incident in 1913 relating to the campaign for women's suffrage (the right to vote) as a protest bomb was planted at Haslemere Railway Station which fortunately was disabled before it went off.



*Votes-for-women poster.*

The Haslemere branch of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Society (NUWSS; the suffragists) was formed in 1908 and a banner, described by the Surrey Times as particularly beautiful and carrying the slogan "Weaving Fair and Weaving Free

England's Web of Destiny", was made at the St Edmundsbury Weaving Works at College Hill, Haslemere and carried on the Women's Sunday suffrage rally on 21st June 1908 when an estimated 200,000 - 300,000 (some accounts say as many as 500,000) people gathered in Hyde Park, Britain's first major political rally of gargantuan size.

The NUWSS was founded by Millicent Fawcett and aimed to achieve women's suffrage through peaceful and legal means. In 1903 the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU, known from 1906 as the suffragettes), who wished to take more militant action, split from the NUWSS.

Emmeline Pankhurst, one of the suffragette leaders, was invited in 1907 by Amy Badley, the wife of the founder of Bedales, John Badley, to give a lecture at the Steep school. A highly successful meeting was organised by the WSPU in the Corn Exchange in The Square in Petersfield which became another local centre of the "Votes for Women" movement.

The WSPU membership became known for civil disobedience and direct action. It heckled politicians, held demonstrations and



*This photograph of the 1913 NUWSS Suffragists march through Haslemere was kindly supplied by Haslemere Educational Museum. ([www.haslemeremuseum.co.uk](http://www.haslemeremuseum.co.uk)).*

marches, broke windows in prominent buildings, set fire to post boxes, committed arson of unoccupied houses and churches and generally broke the law to force arrests. When imprisoned, they went on hunger strike and endured force-feeding.

The non-violent NUWSS organised The Great Pilgrimage, where women marched on foot or rode horses or bicycles along six routes, including one from Portsmouth which is known to have passed through Petersfield and Haslemere, and most likely through Liphook, to converge in a rally of 50,000 in Hyde Park on 26th July 1913. The meetings held on the way were nearly all peaceful and "almost universal sympathy to the cause once it was understood" was reported.

At the outbreak of the First World War, Emmeline Pankhurst suspended the activities of the WSPU and concentrated efforts on helping the government recruit women into war work. Most other women's suffrage organisations also chose to suspend their activities and many supported the war effort, although active campaigning continued behind the scenes.

The involvement of women in the war effort did much to change perceptions of the role of women in British society and the years of campaigning were rewarded by the Representation of the People Act 1918 which tripled the electorate by granting the vote to women over the age of 30 who met a property qualification, together with all men over the age of 30.

Finally, in 1928 all women over 21 won the right to vote, resulting in universal suffrage.

Derek and Julie Kalinski lived at "Cleburne", 57 Portsmouth Road, Liphook from 1984 to 1996 and were told by the previous owners that the wooden bungalow to the rear, which was built in about the early 1900s and has since been replaced with a modern bungalow, "Redroofs", had been used by Suffragettes for meetings. If anyone has any further information about this or about any other Liphook connections with the suffrage movement, please do contact me at [rodsharp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rodsharp@hotmail.co.uk)

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

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# District Councillor's Report

The summer months brought exceptional weather, and EHDC staff in Petersfield, were able to enjoy lunch breaks outside, sitting under the trees, while colleagues took their summer holidays. It is always "business as usual" during July and August, although there is no Full Council meeting, but there is always the sense that September brings a feeling of "back to school", for all of us.

## The Local Plan Review

This continues apace and is on track to deliver a Draft Plan for perusal by elected members, at the end of October/beginning of November, prior to its progress to Cabinet and full Council. Member briefings on key aspects of the Plan, are taking place during October.

The Local Plan Working Group continues to meet on a regular basis, to exchange views, and to appraise and comment on the emerging policies.

## Five Year Land Supply

All Local Planning Authorities need to demonstrate that they have a five year housing land supply. Without a five year supply in place, they are vulnerable to applications from Developers for housing developments in unallocated, or on unsuitable sites, which if refused, could be granted by a Government Inspector, at Appeal.

The revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), states that Local Planning Authorities should identify, and update annually, a supply of specific deliverable sites, sufficient to provide a minimum of 5 years' worth of housing, against their housing requirement, which is set out in the council's adopted strategic policies. It also requires a further 5% buffer, to ensure choice and competition in the market.

As of 1st April 2018, East Hampshire, outside of the South Downs National Park, can demonstrate 6.57 years of deliverable housing land supply. This includes the 5% buffer.

## Joint working with Waste

EHDC has completed the evaluation process for the future delivery of environmental services, and at Full Council, the meeting elected to work with Havant Borough Council, (HBC) once the EHDC current contracts with Biffa end in 2019. This means that from October 2019, our services will be delivered by Norse SE, which is a joint venture company with HBC.

EHDC will update and keep residents fully informed over the next year, to make sure that the change will go as smoothly as possible. We are working closely with existing contractors to ensure that our residents receive the best possible service over this last year of the contract.

However, we do know that in some areas, new Licences are not being issued, until the new contract comes into place in Autumn 2019. Existing licence holders can renew their Licences when they expire, so please respond to any reminder letters that may be sent to you.

## Business Buddies Campaign

EHDC has recently received media coverage of our latest initiative, which aims to ensure our communities and economy are successfully linked, and sustainable into the future. Businesses are being encouraged to team up with local charities, the aim being to partner local firms that want to make a difference in their own community, with organisations providing vital services across the District.

Petersfield based company Feefo, a tech company that helps businesses make smarter decisions and improve customer experiences, was the first to sign up to the scheme. Feefo has committed to enable each of its 125

staff members to take two paid days leave, for volunteer work – making an amazing 250-man hours available to local charities.

This initiative complements EHDC's own in-house policy which enables its staff to take two paid days for volunteer work, each year.

## Tommy statues

EHDC has taken delivery of a Tommy statue, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War, which has been erected in a prominent position, outside of Penns Place. EHDC also gathered information from Parish and Town councils to see where else Tommy statues can be sited, across the District.

## Whitehill & Bordon

The opening of the new Bordon and Oakhanger Sports Club (BOSC), a beautiful colonial style building, with café and restaurant facilities, as well as changing rooms, took place on Saturday 22nd September. A full day of entertainment and music surrounded the gala opening event, with former international cricketer, Phil Tufnell, performing the opening, and a local contestant from the X Factor, Jo Walker, also present. The weather was diabolical, but that did not deter the crowds from turning out, and Phil Tufnell stayed a long time, chatting to residents and joining in the fun.

## Former OSU site, Liphook, Ordnance Business Park

The new office buildings at Ordnance Business Park, were formally opened by EHDC Chairman, Cllr. Anthony Williams, on Tuesday 11th September. Occupation of the three buildings is nearly complete. Two hi-tech businesses occupying the buildings are local company Lumi Global, who have offices in ten other parts of the world, and Zen Broadcast, who have an outside broadcast studio facility, as well as studios within the building.

Both companies have taken advantage of the Council's direct development of a modern business park at this site, and both companies bring employment, and in turn, the use of other businesses in Liphook, by their own employees.

## District Councillor Surgeries

We will be holding Surgeries in The Village Room at the Millennium Centre, prior to forthcoming Parish Council meetings.

These Surgeries are open to any resident, so come and meet us, between:

**6.30 and 7.30pm, on the following Mondays:**

**Monday 29th October, 2018**

**Monday 26th November, 2018**

**Monday 28th January, 2019**

**Monday 25th February, 2019**

We look forward to seeing you then.

Finally, if there is anything which any of your District Councillors can assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact us either at our Surgeries, or on our EHDC e-mails,

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## LIPHOOK FEDERATION SCHOOL (INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS)

# Combating Childhood Obesity!

A recent NHS survey estimates that 28% of children age 2-15 in England are overweight or obese. Being overweight or obese is defined by the person's BMI or Body Mass Index which is the relationship between weight by height. A child whose BMI is in the top 5% of that chart is considered to be obese and those in the next 10% is overweight.

With childhood obesity on the rise nationally, the Federation has devised a range of activities to encourage activeness and combat fat. Much has been implemented by James Woodhouse, Physical Education Leader for the Juniors (as well as Year Leader for Year 3 and Maths Leader for the Infants). As an 'Ironman', James is definitely a role model for the pupils. What's an 'Iron Man'? I hear you ask. It means that James has completed the Ultra Triathlon which involves a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile cycle, and a full marathon (26.2 miles). In fact, he's done this five times!



A real asset to the school is the 240 metre artificial (therefore, all weather) turf track that was constructed this past spring. Education Secretary and East Hampshire MP Damian Hinds cut the ribbon to signal the official opening of the track. Since then the children and staff have been doing the 'Daily Mile', using the track at different times during the day, where they jog, skip or run – taking advantage of every opportunity to have that extra bit of healthy exercise. Even families, at the end of the school day, have been seen using the track. Said Damian Hinds, "Initiatives such as the Daily Mile can help pupils to achieve the 60 active minutes each day recommended by the UK chief medical officers, helping to engage all children in more regular physical activity. It's a great idea and I'm delighted to see pupils taking to it with such enthusiasm."

Executive Head Teacher Michele Frost explained how the track was financed. "We used our sports premium funding from the government to fund it. We combined funding from the Infant School and the Junior School – that is just one benefit of being federated."

When there was no track, the children would just chat outside but now, every morning, playtime, lunch time and after school, they use the track. James Woodhouse reports that even children who were previously reluctant to do physical exercise are now keen to do so because they can do it with their friends. They are able to monitor their progress by logging onto the Daily Mile website. They earn certificates, too, as they work towards Bronze, Silver and Gold. By the end of the school year, children who started out by walking the track ended up running.

The school promotes all kinds of physical activity. There are after-school clubs, e.g. a running club, two football clubs, a multi-skills club (a variety of movements) and dance. Other sports in the P.E. curriculum include tag rugby, netball, hockey, athletics, gymnastics, tennis cricket, rounders, lacrosse, yoga, circuits – with the above mentioned running, multi-skills and dance. James runs the 'Tri-High' at the Junior School which is a triathlon club focusing on running and cycling skills and fitness, challenging children in a fun and engaging way. James also leads coaching for Tri-High at Highfield School on a Sunday morning, making use of their indoor pool and facilities

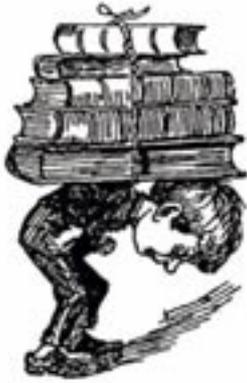
Not to be ignored are Scootability/Skateability/Bikeability. These programmes aim to teach safe handling skills as well as road safety. Says James, "Scooters are incredibly popular with our younger year groups and they will receive training each year through a progressive programme. To add a little excitement, they are taught new tricks as well!" Skateability is for the upper school year groups. (Did you know that Skateboarding will be an Olympic sport in the the 2020 games?) Bikeability has been around for a long time. It focuses on road safety and takes the children through Level 1 on the school grounds and level 2 out on the road."

The school makes good use of its MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) which is the size of a double football pitch enabling two classes to use it simultaneously. Says James, "It has allowed us to offer high quality hockey coaching sessions currently to Year 3 and 6 from external coaches as well as to increase our after-school club offering. We've maximised use of the year-round space so that more children are able to take part in active clubs." N.B. It is available to hire and is equipped with portable floodlights for use in winter months.



Ms. Frost is delighted with the Federation's diverse programme and James Woodhouse's significant role in implementing them. "We are determined for every child to be able to access sport and exercise regularly as we know the benefits both physically and mentally that exercise provides. We made a successful lottery bid this summer and are erecting more play equipment which will include climbing and team work opportunities. We are really proud of how much we've developed our school grounds and thankful to our amazing and hard-working PTAs from both schools."

**Mari Wallace**



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## THE LYNCHMERE SOCIETY

# Twenty Two Years Old

As residents of Liphook, we are fortunate in having the lovely Lynchmere, Stanley and Marley Commons on our doorstep.

Formed in 1996, the Lynchmere Society launched a successful appeal in the following year to purchase 125 hectares (307 acres) of these commons after it was discovered that the Cowdray Estate wanted to sell them. Many contributions were made by individuals and organisations, including the Bramshott & Liphook Preservation Society, and a grant was given by the Heritage Lottery Fund on the condition that the commons were restored to lowland heath which is a rare and endangered habitat. If the Society had not purchased the commons it is likely that they would have been used for commercial forestry and replanted with fast growing non-native species.

The commons had become largely overgrown by scrub birch, scots pine and dense bracken with just one or two isolated areas of heather clinging on in clearings, the bracken having grown to such an extent that some footpaths became impassable in the summer. Although the scrub woodland is attractive in its own right, open lowland heathland is a unique habitat, and in northern Europe the bulk of this has disappeared over the last century.



As part of the "Heathlands Reunited" National Lottery funded project, hosted by the South Downs National Park, the landowners along the sandstone ridge from Marley Common to Lynchmere are looking at ways they might be able to work together to create a sustainable, grazed,

heathland corridor that links together and joins up the other heathlands along the ridge. Over 80% of the heaths in West Sussex disappeared during the course of the twentieth century, leading to a dramatic loss in wildlife. The heaths that remain are havens for some increasingly rare and very special wildlife. Birds such as the Nightjar, Woodlark and Redstart rely on the heaths for a home, as do a number of species of reptile and invertebrates such as the Grayling and Silver Studded Blue butterflies. By linking together and joining up habitats we have the opportunity to create more places for these species to live but also to allow them to move within the landscape and colonise new sites. Lynchmere Ridge is an important missing link in the wider landscape, and would increase the heathland habitat in the area as well as making the existing heaths more viable and vibrant places for wildlife.

Maintaining the commons and returning them to this managed landscape is a challenge mostly met by volunteers who carry out a programme of tree and scrub clearance, bracken control and general renovation activities. The commons are also grazed by friendly Belted Galloway cattle, which help with control of bracken and bramble. In addition, the Society has laid a hedge, planted and maintains hazel coppice, which has become quite a scarce habitat. Established a community orchard and manages several wildflower meadows, and is working on preserving the oak-framed Mare Barn.



Since 1998, there has been a considerable amount of heathland restoration work carried out. The area of open heathland has been increased and the re-growth of heather and other heathland species has been dramatic. As a result, wildlife has stabilised with encouraging increases in sightings of heathland birds.

A small section of birch coppice is being managed; this now rare form of coppice was used traditionally to provide a range of birch products and in the Lynchmere area would have once been the dominant form of woodland management with birch or besom brooms the primary product. The birch is cut on a 3 or 4 year cycle by traditional billhook and has been used for race course hurdles.



The existing heathland is maintained by controlling the birch, gorse and bracken to enable the heather to spread. The cleared vegetation is usually burnt on site as this helps to keep the fertility low - the preferred state for heathlands. Any useful wood is converted to charcoal, firewood,

beanpoles, pea sticks and besoms. Grass and bracken are cut with scythes after wildflowers have set seeds in the Community Orchard and the meadows are managed through grazing and as hay meadows, avoiding the use of artificial fertilisers and pesticides, with the result that wild species of plants thrive.

One of the aims of the Society is to educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of our area, and two talks a year on a subject of local interest are held in The Hardman Hoyle Hall in Lynchmere Road, Hammer.

There are some 50 volunteers who turn out to work on the commons at weekends, the work being as light or heavy as you care to make it, and suggestions can be made for projects for those who cannot come on volunteer days but could be available by themselves during the week.

Volunteers are also required for help in other areas, such as publicity and reporting on birds, reptiles, bats and butterflies on the commons. If you think you could help in any way then please email them at [info@thelynychmeresociety.org](mailto:info@thelynychmeresociety.org) or phone Louise Searight on 01428 723715. They have a very informative website at [www.thelynychmeresociety.org](http://www.thelynychmeresociety.org)

*Rod Sharp*



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Liphook Junior School.

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'A Passion for God's Glory'.

### Sunday 9th December

#### ANGLICAN

St Mary's Bramshott

**6.00pm.** Christmas Service

#### TRINITY CHURCH

Liphook Junior School.

**10.30am.** Advent 2, "Habakkuk"

'A Passion for God's Glory'.

### Sunday 16th December

#### ANGLICAN

St Mary's Bramshott

**10.30am.** Crib Service (specially for

young children).

#### TRINITY CHURCH

Liphook Junior School.

**10.30am.** Advent 3, "Habakkuk"

'A Passion for God's Glory'.

### Saturday 22nd December

#### METHODIST CHURCH

London Road

**6.30pm.** Candlelit Carol Service.

### Sunday 23rd December

#### METHODIST CHURCH

London Road

**10.00am.** Christingle.

#### TRINITY CHURCH

Liphook Junior School.

**10.30am.** Advent 4, Carols and

Christingles.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

### Monday 24th December

#### ANGLICAN

Church Centre

**6.00pm.** Christingle Service.

St Mary's, Bramshott

**11.00pm.** Midnight Communion.

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Headley Road

**6.00pm.** Christmas Eve Vigil Mass.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

### Tuesday 25th December

#### ANGLICAN

St Mary's, Bramshott

**9.30am.** Family Communion

#### METHODIST CHURCH

London Road

**10.00am.** Morning Worship for

Christmas Day.

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Headley Road

**10.15am.** Christmas Day Mass.

#### TRINITY CHURCH

Liphook Junior School.

**10.00am.** Christmas Morning.

### Sunday 30th December

#### TRINITY CHURCH

Liphook Junior School.

**10.30am.** "Looking back" - Do we listen.

### Sunday 6th January

#### TRINITY CHURCH

Liphook Junior School.

**10.30am.** "Looking forward". Hagai  
'Glorifying God'.

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## CATHOLIC CHURCH

As we head towards Christmas, I am reminded that this is one of the busiest and noisiest times of the year; a time of shopping, spending, giving, receiving. Despite the words of the Carol "Silent Night", it is a time that is neither silent nor peaceful. It tends to become an orgy of materialism, of desire to give the best and receive the best. This frenzy of materialism, of getting things, emotions or experiences, is an indication that there is a deep-seated need within each one of us – a need which clamours to be satisfied. We are searching for something, anything, to believe in, to wonder at; something that will take our breath away for more than a few moments, before we move onto the next "new thing". We recognise sometimes that the prize of the latest gadget, book, wine, or food still leaves us empty and searching for something – something with more permanence – something with more meaning.

That something more is what is found in the Christmas story. The story of a small town called Bethlehem, 2,000 years ago, where a young girl, pregnant, tired from a long journey was brought with her husband into a dark, dank cave filled with farm

animals. In that still, cold night, that young girl gave birth, surrounded by the sounds and smells of the farmyard, warmed by the breath of ox and ass and laid her new infant in the bed of clean straw normally given to those same animals.

This story means so little to so many of us today, but this event changed the world. This event was the moment when God touched earth and walked among us. The Creator of all things became like you and I; experienced nakedness, pain, joy, laughter and all that you and I experience. This Creator, who wanted only to bring His love to each of us, became one of us so that we might become one with Him. As St. Athanasius put it so succinctly: "God became man that man might be made God."

It is the most amazing story of all time. If we remember a little of this story during the busy-ness of this season, perhaps a little of that wonder, that awe and that meaning will return. Maybe amongst the mayhem, we will experience some of the peace and love that only He can bring.

*Deacon Andrew Carter*

# CHURCH OF ENGLAND

## PAIN

My brother is in surgery today. It's a long procedure. Very long, and it really could go either way. I've been praying, my family's been praying, our church has been praying and in the midst of it all, because I'm a vicar I'm making plans for Christmas. I remember in my last post walking the streets of Bath and asking passers-by what Christmas meant for them. Many of the replies carried warm memories of cozy nights spent with family and loved ones, or of massive presents. But for some it was completely different. For some Christmas wasn't a good time of the year at all.

My cousin used to perform Dickens's "A Christmas Carol". For a full two hours he would stand up on stage telling the story. The first time I went to see it I was unbelievably annoyed, I was 13, missing my favourite TV programme, the last in the series of 1985's version of a box set called "A Box of Delights" and the thought of listening to some boring grown up blah on for 2 full hours was amazingly irritating. I got really incensed with my

parents and almost everyone else in the way only a 13 year old can – and was dragged along expecting to hate every moment. In fact I ended up being absolutely spellbound.

I had never seen a good actor tell a treasured tale before and as my cousin brought the miserable and cynical character of Scrooge to life with props and voices I could have been there in the penetrating cold of a Victorian winter seeing a poor man in every sense of the word brought to life again. And that is what Christmas is all about.

Whether like Scrooge we carry regrets or pain or loneliness into this Christmas or whether we have those fond warm cozy memories, Christmas is all about the reality of Love. Love comes in many guises – maybe you watched "Love Island" this year, or you love presents and Christmas pudding. But at Christmas Love chooses to come in the guise of a baby born in incredibly inconvenient circumstances. A present – the first Christmas present – to a hurting world.

**Rev. Valentine Inglis-Jones**

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# METHODIST CHURCH

## Christmas – what's that all about then?

It's a question we've taken to asking quite a lot – 'what's that all about then?' Many things are a puzzle to us in one way or another and we ask 'what's that all about then?' Suppose we ask the same question of something we are more familiar with - Christmas, for instance? 'What's that all about then?'

Surely it's all about presents and food and family?

The answer is that it is about those things but it's not all about those things.

Christmas is a time for families to come together which reminds us that God didn't parachute into the world. In Jesus, God came and joined a family, was born and grew up knowing, experiencing and learning human relationships. However difficult or easy our family relationships this Christmas let's remember that Jesus shared that experience. God really does know.

Many of the customs surrounding food have symbolic

connections with Jesus but perhaps it would be helpful to remember that food itself speaks of God's love and care for us in Jesus in the eternal scheme of things. He gives us himself for our nourishment spiritually and eternally as we feed on his word and his presence in worship and celebration.

Christmas is partly about presents. We give because we love. The greatest Christmas present ever goes back to Jesus' birth at the first Christmas. The Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh were special gifts and have great symbolism surrounding the one they were given to. But the greatest Christmas present ever was Jesus himself. Jesus was literally God's gift to humanity. Because God loves us he gave himself to us and for us.

As we have prayed through Advent: come, Lord Jesus.

Happy Christmas everyone.

**Rev. David Muskett**

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# TRINITY CHURCH

## The believer's 'backstop' - God . . .

As I write we still can't escape the 'BREXIT' discussions, whatever your view: in or out of Europe, I think most people are thoroughly fed up with it! The end of October deadline looms and I'm sure that as your reading this in December we will still be none the wiser!

The stumbling block appears to be the so-called 'backstop' regarding the Irish border. Our politicians appear to have talked themselves into a corner with redlines and promises, and now they effectively are looking for a form of words that will appear to deny the reality of 'a hard border' when, in effect there must be some sort of hard border if we leave the EU?

But it has got me thinking, what is a 'backstop'? – at its core meaning it's a good thing; it means when all else, and everybody else fails, there is a 'backstop' that can protect and stop things falling apart – That's the theory anyway.

But this got me asking, do we have a 'backstop' in our

faith? And then I read **Psalm 91**, take a moment to read it, if you don't have a Bible this link will take you to it: [www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psa+91&version=ESV](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psa+91&version=ESV) – Here in this Psalm we are introduced to our God, a God who in the event of every circumstance going 'belly-up', every person [including those closest to you], letting you down, every prospect looking dark and grim . . . will be the believer's 'backstop', read those promises, ponder each one and just to give you a flavour here is how it ends: "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honour him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." Don't you just love it when someone says something like it is: no bull, no waffle, no double meaning . . . just truth!

**Love in Christ, Pastor Jim Downie**



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NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION OF

# Liphook Infant & Junior School



Reception classes have settled into the Infant School really well and are loving school!



The Juniors have enjoyed enriching their learning by visiting lots of different places including Dell Quay, The Living Rainforest and Year 6's residential to Calshot.



Everyone enjoyed our Festival of Flight, activities included coding and flying drones, designing, making and flying kites, designing and making paper aeroplanes, testing gyrocopters to see who could make them land most accurately! The week ended with a helicopter landing in our field!



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# Heritage Centre News

The Heritage Centre has two new exhibitions that are, as always, very worthwhile visiting.

'Lest We Forget' focuses on men from Bramshott and Liphook who fought in World War I. Many, sadly, did not survive but this sensitive tribute celebrates the lives of locals who fought for their country. There are photographs, military records and brief biographies detailing what happened to them. There are many names that Liphook residents will recognize: Clinker... West... Denyer... Renouf... Furlonger... Croucher... Moss... Bourdillon...Tribe. A must-read is Amy Campbell's project entitled 'To Evelyn from Fred' which is comprised of letters sent between a soldier and his wife. Amy, who is now a Year 10 student at Bohunt, compiled this folder when in Year 6 of the Junior School, as part of the City of Southampton Civic Awards to Young People which is viewed as a preliminary to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. An element of the Southampton Civic Award is service in the community. To fulfil this requirement, Amy helped out at the Heritage Centre during school holidays and 'To Evelyn from Fred' resulted from this period of volunteering.

The other new exhibition features the WRAC (Women's Royal Army Corps) and their time at Huron Camp during World War II. Mary Pagan trained there as a WRAC officer cadet. She provided the HC with articles about her passing out parade and about some of the women with whom she trained. There are also excellent photos such as one of Anne Beloe being presented to the then Princess Royal, Princess Mary. Another WRAC cadet featured is Celia Bass (Private Rooney – nicknamed Mickey!). The display includes a photo of the WRAC Commemoration Window in Guildford Cathedral, invitations for passing out parades and orders of service. In order to gather information for this exhibition, the HC volunteers' net was spread wide. Sources



WWI Commemoration Display.



WWI Commemoration Flag.

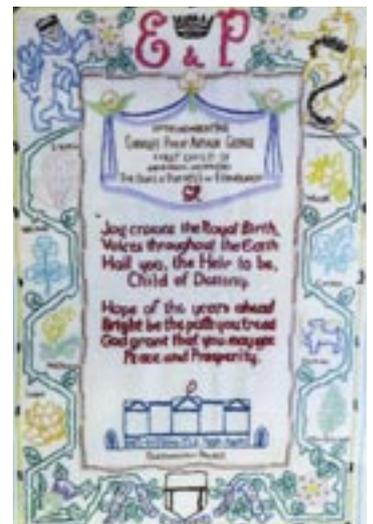
include 'The Lioness' which was the Winchester WRAC Association newsletter, the British Newspaper Archive, the East Hampshire Post (via the Petersfield Museum) as well as Laurence Giles' archive.

**PLEASE – IF YOU HAVE PHOTOS, MEMORABILIA OR STORIES TO ADD TO THIS EXHIBITION ON THE WRAC, PLEASE CONTACT THE HERITAGE CENTRE VIA THE PHONE OR EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW.**

If you were watching 'BBC South Today' at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 9th October, you'll have seen the segment featuring the story of how the Spanish flu epidemic impacted on Bramshott and Liphook at the end of World War I. Matthew Treacy, broadcast journalist from Beeb, was helped in his research for this programme by Heritage Centre volunteers. This is what he wrote about the HC: 'They've clearly got some very dedicated people who have painstakingly amassed an impressive archive of pictures, facts and stories.'

As we know, Prince Charles celebrated his 70th birthday last month. Liphook resident Ursula Sawkins (who became Mrs Ursula Tyler) created a beautiful sampler back then to commemorate the birth of the Queen's first child on 14th November 1948. It is also currently on display at the Heritage Centre.

Liphook Heritage Centre is on the 1st floor of the Millennium Centre.



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It is open on Mondays and Fridays from 10.00am until noon, and Wednesdays from 2.00 - 4.00pm.

**Also** on Saturday morning, 8th December to coincide with the Village Market.

*Mari Wallace*

# Liphook Car



*Carnival Queen.*



*Fireworks in the Park.*



*Fireworks in the Park.*



*Greatest Showman.*



*Hillbillies.*

# ival 2018

*Twins of Liphook.*



*Liphook Exchange.*



*Roasted Chestnuts.*



*Scottish Pipers.*



*Skeleton Rider.*



# Liphook Voluntary Care

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# Liphook Day Centre

If you feel lonely and in need of company and home cooked food then come along to our social Day Centre.

We are open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays  
10.00am to 3.00pm

We host a variety of activities within a happy and casual atmosphere whilst enjoying a 2 course home cooked meal and a host of other refreshments throughout the day.

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For more information call the managers on:

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# BRAMSHOTT, LIPHOOK & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## Secretary Ann Wins <sup>NEW</sup> Dahlia Cup

Bramshott, Liphook & District Horticultural Society held their Autumn Show on a glorious sunny day in September, at the Church Centre, Liphook. The Committee were delighted to see an increase in the number of exhibits and the Judges, Mr & Mrs Knight and Mrs Cornell, complimented the Society on the very high standard of entries.

A new cup was presented to the Society by Paul Johnson in memory of his father, Arthur Johnson. This was won by Ann Haussauer who like Arthur has a passion for dahlia growing. Ann was very pleased to be the first recipient of this cup for being the most successful exhibitor in the dahlia classes.

Relative newcomer, Steve Amos, from Petersfield was delighted to win the Vian Cup for his exhibition shallots along with the Reg Elliott for the mixed cut flower class.

Much to their amusement, rivals John Gilbert and Ian Haussauer were joint winners of the Bob Bell Trophy for having the same number of points in the vegetable classes. Ian also won the Society's best vegetable certificate for his outstanding cabbages and the Lady Skelhorn Trophy for his basket of vegetables.

Other successful winners were Sheila Williams, Lesley Hollands and Bob Ilsley and the children's cups were won by Archie Gooding for the 7 and under and Olivia Stilwell for the 8 to 13 year group.

Any queries about the Society, please contact Helen Brown on Liphook 722875.

*Anne Govier*



*Clare Singleton's winning entry in the Golden Times Class.*



*Ian Haussauer's Best Vegetable.*



*Ian Haussauer's Basket of Vegetables.*



*Ann Haussauer's mixed Dahlia entry.*



*John Gilbert's parsnips.*

# BRAMSHOTT AND LIPHOOK

## Parish Council

### **New Radford Park Foot Bridge**

The council has been working in partnership with Hampshire County Council to design a new bridge that meets modern standards. We have now approved the design and contractor to undertake the work. It is anticipated that work will commence early in 2019. The entire project will be funded by Developer Contribution.

### **Parish Council Grants**

Every year the council makes available grant funding to support local community organisations and groups. Information on how to apply and conditions attached to the grant funding is available at the Parish Office. Most grants will be approved in January 2019 but it is sometimes possible to approve small grants during the year should funding still be unallocated.

### **Information About the Council**

Full Council meetings are held monthly at the Liphook Millennium Centre. In addition, we have committees covering Recreation, Planning, Finance & Policy and an LMC Management Committee. All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity to ask questions in the public participation sessions.

The agenda and minutes of all meetings are available on the council website. Information is also available on our budget and how we spend public money.

### **Millennium Centre Cinema**

Regular cinema events are held in the main hall of the Liphook Millennium Centre. There is a large screen and retractable tiered seating for 126 people, with extra seating at the front, allowing us to accommodate up to 180 people. Refreshments are served from our community bar before the film and during the interval.

### **Community Funded Initiatives**

These are projects that are no longer funded by the County Council and examples include minor roadworks such as passing places, more attractive signage and adaptations for pedestrian traffic. The Parish Council has agreed to ring fence £5,000 in its annual budget to help community groups who want to undertake a project to benefit a community. There is set criterion used to assess any project and an application form is available from the Parish Office together with fuller details of the scheme.

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**Telephone: 01428 722988**

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# BRAMSHOTT AND LIPHOOK

## Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Bramshott and Liphook Neighbourhood Development Plan are pleased to report that the Working Parties are continuing to make progress. Potential policies regarding the future planning legislation for the Parish are being discussed and there will be a public exhibition in early spring where residents will be invited to view and give their opinions on the draft planning policies proposed. The NDP needs the valuable input from the parishioners so if you have any comments or suggestions for the future of the Parish please do not hesitate to get in touch, either on the comments tab of our website or through our Facebook page.

As well as policy writing within the Working Parties, the Steering Group have attended workshops regarding potential land allocations hosted by East Hants District Council and a Parishes Workshop hosted by South Downs National Park Authority to

ensure that their knowledge of the area and others views on how it should be used is fully up to date.

As always, more volunteers to help bring the Neighbourhood Development Plan to fruition would be very welcome. If you have an interest in any of the following topics and could spare 2 hours a month please do get in touch.

Access and Movement, Housing, Sports and Recreation, Community, Heritage and Design, Employment and Public Services.

Further information regarding our public exhibition in 2019 will be posted on our Facebook page soon.

**BLNDP webpage : [www.bramshottandliphookndp.uk](http://www.bramshottandliphookndp.uk);**

**Facebook : [@BramshottandLiphookNDP](https://www.facebook.com/BramshottandLiphookNDP)**

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## Milland Valley Railway Modellers

### **An afternoon special interest group of Liphook U3A and Midhurst U3A.**

The group meets most months in Redford Village Hall. It is hoped that we can complete the display of the "East Hants

Link" operational layout at the forthcoming Liphook U3A Open day in 2019. We welcome new members and visitors - please contact: [model.railways1@liphooku3a.org.uk](mailto:model.railways1@liphooku3a.org.uk) for information.

*Tony Bettger*

# A MAD Year

What a busy and successful year 2018 has been for Liphook's very own Amateur Dramatic Society, The MAD Company.

Enjoying another full year in their home, The Millennium Centre, The MAD Company entertained the local audiences with three shows making them laugh and sing along the way.

The year started out in February with the company returning to their roots of Pantomime, performing in the half term week a successful show of "Robinson Crusoe", four sold out shows sent the audiences on a tropical trip during the winter months. Audiences of both young and old joined in with the cast on a colourful journey to discover hidden treasure.



*Robinson Crusoe.*



*The Mikado.*



This full exciting year finished once again on a high note, with the company collaborating with The Millennium Centre performing their first ever Murder Mystery evening, raising funds for local charities. With The Millennium Centre providing the audience with a three course dinner, MAD provided the entertainment putting on a thrilling suspense of "Trouble at St. Teresa's". Another sold out audience left the evening having excelled at their detective skills and having enjoyed some fine hospitality.

Wow, what a year! With so much having gone on during the year you would think the company deserve a break, no such thing in the life of The MAD Company. Rehearsals have already started for their next Pantomime in 2019, "Aladdin". The show runs from 22nd – 24th February, 2019. Tickets will be available to purchase from 01st December 2018 by visiting [www.thelittleboxoffice.com/mad](http://www.thelittleboxoffice.com/mad). You can follow us on Facebook @TheMADTheatreGroup, Twitter @Themadtheatrec1 or by checking out our website at [www.themadcompany.co](http://www.themadcompany.co)

If you would like to join this exciting group whether on stage or helping with the crew backstage why not contact us, come along and have fun.

*Claire Fewings*



Stepping out from their comfort zone once more, following their fabulous successful run of Gilbert & Sullivan's opera "Pirates of Penzance" in 2017, the company staged "The Mikado" in July. Joining forces once again on stage with the Love to Sing Choir, both companies put on a fabulous show, whisking the sold out audiences on an oriental trip to Japan and embroiling them in a tale of forbidden love and flirting. With two shows at The Millennium Centre, the company also performed at The Links Tavern, putting on "The Mikado in the Garden". On a beautiful summers' evening the cast performed their first open air production to a full garden.



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**Mar. 7** 'Radiant Art - The Splendour & Sorrow of Medieval Stained Glass' - **Roger Rosewell**  
**Mar. 20** **Day of Special Interest** - 'Antique and Contemporary Jewellery' - **Joanna Hardy**  
**Apr. 4** 'When Britain Clicked - Photography of the Swinging Sixties' - **Brian Slater**

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## BOHUNT SCHOOL WELCOMES COMMUNITY

# Outstanding Open Evening

Bohunt School Radio project launch. Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. A collaborative community art spray paint project. Explosions in Science with Jon Tickle. Highlights from the new Sixth Form and Tales of expeditions and Geography turning into the vibrant nation of Nigeria were just some of the wonderful sights on offer to the huge crowds at Bohunt School's Open Evening.



On Thursday 20 September, families flocked to Bohunt School in Liphook to enjoy their 'Festival of Learning' Open Evening. The atmosphere was electric with prospective students and their families immersing themselves in a range of exciting activities and experiences, guided and encouraged by the current Year 7 and 8 cohorts.



As always, it was an excellent opportunity for students to bring their talents to the local community. The immersive dance video and projection installation, the live music dance and drama



performance including student bands, big band, and string ensemble and the launch of the brand new Bohunt School Radio project were just some examples of the performing arts on display.



Science once again showcased a fantastic learning experience, ably assisted by Jon Tickle who returned to Liphook once again to perform a fascinating show of experiments and demonstrations. Visitors could interact with robots in IT, exercise their maths 'circus skills', explore the globe interactively in humanities, debate global affairs with the student politics group and get stuck into the outdoors with demonstrations and talks from both staff and students involved in the varied Outdoor Education programmes.



This is not the only opportunity to experience Bohunt School's ethos of 'Enjoy - Respect - Achieve' in action. In October the open Evening for Bohunt Sixth Form, which opened in September 2017 and has already seen 100% A\* achievement for its Y12 cohort at EPQ. Bohunt Sixth Form offers both outstanding teaching and exceptional enrichment opportunities to students from all schools in the area. More information on the new Bohunt Sixth Form can be found at: [www.bohuntsixth.org](http://www.bohuntsixth.org)

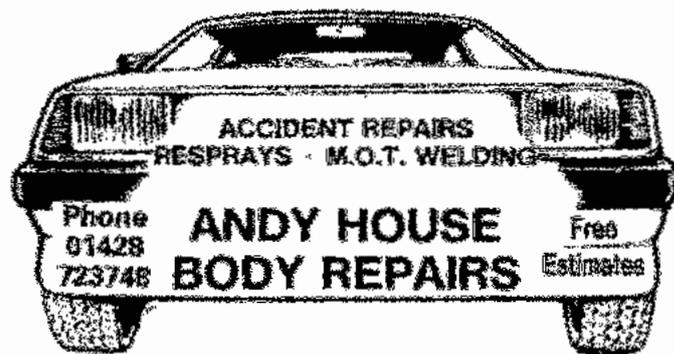
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# Churcher's College

## CHURCHER JUNIOR SCHOOL'S HARVEST FESTIVAL

Huge thanks to all our families' generosity in donating food gifts to Home Start, Butser and the Peak Centre, Liphook. Rev. Will Hughes gave us a chance to take stock of how lucky we are and he not only reminded us of the wonder of growing crops, but also how we could harvest our smiles as we went through each day. The children left the Harvest Festival thinking about how they could grow the good things in all they do, every day.



## YEAR 5 HAVE FUN AT COBNOR

Year 5 have had the most fantastic time at Cobnor Activities Centre this week. Glorious weather and action packed days have made for some truly memorable experiences and the children have all shown determination and perseverance as they have faced and overcome their own individual challenges.



## BUTSER ANCIENT FARM

Children from Year 3 at Churcher's College Junior School transformed into two tribes- the Celts and the Romans when they visited Butser Ancient Farm as part of their History Topic on Invaders and Settlers.



## CHURCHER'S COLLEGE COMMEMORATES THE CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMISTICE 1918 - 2018

Churcher's College Annual Remembrance Service was especially poignant this year as we commemorated the centenary of the anniversary of the Armistice. We honoured those that fell in WW1 with a newly constructed war memorial and 54 "Silent Soldiers" representing Old Churcherians who died in WW1.

Another highlight was the reading of a poem 'A Holiday' which appears in a new book entitled 'Never Such Innocence'. The poem was composed by Churcher's Sixth Form pupil, Maddie Macey who this week was invited to a reception at Buckingham Palace for all those published in this book.





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# The Fernhurst Centre

The Fernhurst Centre, the café, internet hub and education centre in the heart of Fernhurst village is offering a busy programme of Winter Events. When the days are short and the weather on the bleak side, there is always a warm welcome at the Village Café at the Fernhurst Centre and plenty of courses and activities to go with it.

If you have been meaning to get to grips with your mobile phone or understand what Apps are all about or maybe sell some unwanted items on eBay, there are helpful courses and workshops to get you going at the Fernhurst Centre. In addition to the popular IT and language courses there is a new series of Topical Talks which are free to attend, with talks planned in early 2019 on 'Recycling and Waste Reduction - an expert view' and 'How to access help and support when caring for a loved one with dementia'. There is a calendar of events and upcoming courses for December and the New Year available at: [www.fernhurstcentre.org.uk](http://www.fernhurstcentre.org.uk).

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. Created using newly commissioned paintings of three winter views from the Fernhurst area and a separate series of special Christmas scenes, the cards are just £2.70 for 6 cards or £7.60 for 3 packs comprising 18 cards. Ready for 2019, there is a new look long and slim

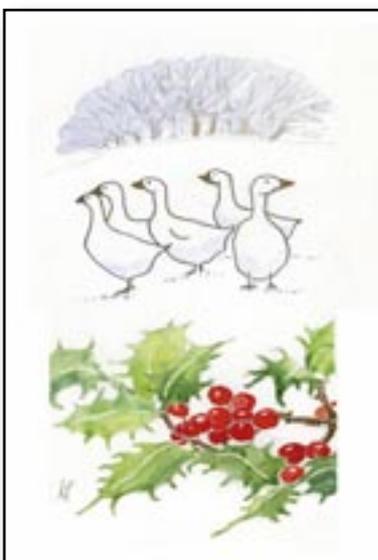
calendar on sale featuring colourful views of Fernhurst village and surrounding countryside.

If craft and textiles is your hobby, there is a selection of seasonal workshops led by professional tutors lined up for December. You can learn how to make a Christmas garland on 11th December or a wreath on 13th December or needle felt Christmas gifts and decorations on 10th December. Full details of all courses, workshops and events are on the Fernhurst Centre website.

The Liphook and Fernhurst scouts are already looking forward to making their annual postal rounds on 16th 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](http://www.fernhurstcentre.org.uk) or call **01428 641931**.

*Antonia Plant*



## SPECIAL NATURAL AREAS

# Bordon Encllosures

Even if you have lived in Liphook for many years you may not know about three special natural areas on your doorstep: Bordon Inclosure, Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve and Hogmoor Inclosure.

Travelling from Liphook towards Bordon, just off to the left of the Lindford Road, near the A325 intersection is Bordon Inclosure.



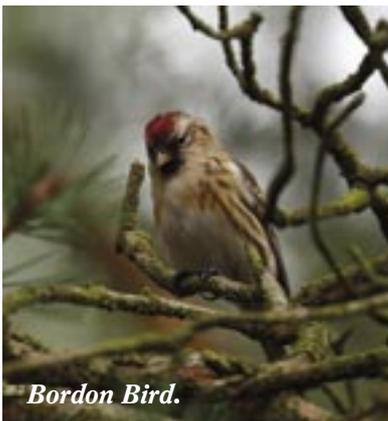
First recorded during the 17th century it has gone through many changes since then including recent ownership by the Ministry of Defence and is now leased to Whitehill Town Council. It contains a wealth of military history.

In 1903 army sewage works were built and these can be seen as brickworks,

Quebec House was originally the Commanding Officer's House for Quebec Barracks - steps and a flat area reveal its original location.

Around St. Lucia House was an original Forester's House.

The Inclosure, 24 hectares in size, is now designated as a SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace) and has been created for everyone's recreational use. This designation ensures that adjoining areas of environmental importance (e.g. Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve, Broxhead Common and Kingsley Common) can be managed to ensure that the diversity of flora and fauna are protected.



*Bordon Bird.*

The recently created Shipwrights Way, connecting Alice Holt Forest to Portsmouth, runs through the northern end of the Inclosure. Its route is punctuated by specially commissioned carvings, one of which is a Natterjack Toad.

Many walks, sculptures and special features, such as the natural play area

and the ever changing seasonal pond, have been created to stimulate and encourage interest in the local environment.

The seasonal pond is an ideal habitat for amphibian and reptile species. Look carefully and you may be able to see frogs, toads, newt and perhaps a grass snake swimming across.

The River Wey runs through the Inclosure and is particularly fascinating. The water in the ditches that feed it are coloured by the iron contained in the surrounding soil.

The river is home to many fish species and evidence of Otters has been found. Dragonflies and Damselflies can also be seen.

The woodland hosts many bird species including Dunnock, Woodpecker, Firecrest and Song Thrush. Kingfishers can also be seen along the river. If you are very quiet you may also spot a Deer foraging in the undergrowth.

As you walk through areas of particular interest you will see interpretation boards to tell you more about the specific characteristics and wildlife in these areas, as well as highlighting special features such as the King Oak which is over 400 years old.



*Bordon Entrance.*

Specially constructed boardwalks and paths ensure everyone can enjoy the Inclosure. Walking Routes are specially signed so you won't get lost!

With its natural play area and easy walking it's a great place to take the kids and dogs for a day out.

The Inclosure entrance is clearly signed on Lindford Road and there is a small free car park located in Quebec Park (GU35 0LA).

Adjacent to the southern end of the Inclosure is the Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve which is owned or leased by Whitehill Town Council. This area occupies a narrowing corridor of land along the River Deadwater from the confluence with the River Wey upstream to Walldown Road bridge. The Reserve includes a block of mixed woodland and heathland known as Alexandra Park, the Walldown Scheduled Ancient Monument and Knox's Pond.

The site lies within the former Woolmer Forest. The last deciduous woodlands of the forest were felled in 1578 and the area around Walldown and the River Deadwater was enclosed around 1864. Many earth banks dating from this time can be seen throughout the Reserve. Its range of habitats, including



*Bordon King Oak.*

Ancient Meadow, Lowland Heath, Mixed Woodland, Riverside Meadow, Secondary and Wet Woodland, Woodland Glades and Veteran Trees ensure an interesting range of flora and fauna can be seen.



*Hog Entrance.*

The River Deadwater itself originates from Folly Pond in Liphook and flows through the Reserve to join the River Wey on the border of Bordon Inclosure. Although the riverbed is sandy and vegetation has difficulty taking root, a healthy population of invertebrates are present supporting a variety of fish species.

Knox's Pond is named after the 19thC landowner of the time and was created by damming a small drain that flows in from the west of the pond, an area known as 'The Issues'. The pond now sustains a robust population

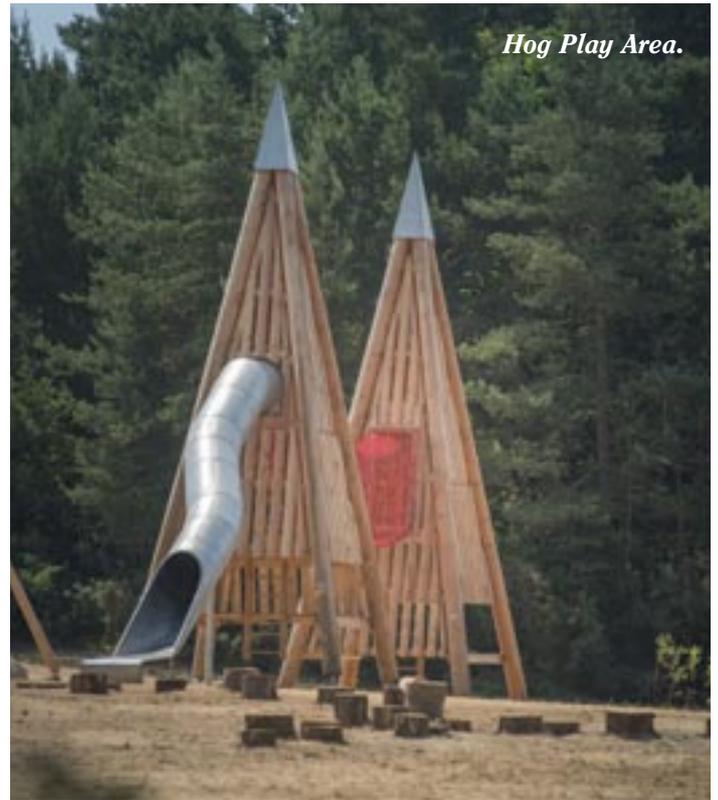
of fish and mallard, and a huge variety of dragonfly, damselfly, amphibians and flowers can be seen.

The Nature Reserve is a place for people and wildlife and is an ideal for a quiet walk contemplating nature.

Easy access is from the free car park on Conde Way (GU35 0XF).

Further to the west, across the A325, is Hogmoor Inclosure - owned by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation and leased to the Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company. This former

tank training ground is now a 54 hectare SANG with a variety of habitats including Heathland, Pine Plantation, Broadleaved Woodland and numerous seasonal ponds. It has been created to bring the community together, providing a safe environment that everyone can enjoy.



*Hog Play Area.*

A state-of-the-art play area has been designed with a zip wire and high slide for the more adventurous as well as smaller facilities for little daredevils. There is a purpose built bird hide near Foreys Pond.

***Brendan Finnegan***

*Three themed walking routes, of various lengths between 1.2 and 2.9km, take you through the Inclosure showing off its variety of habitats and associated wildlife. The area is perfect for dog walking. Cyclists will be in for a real treat with routes across a variety of terrains and runners can join in the Saturday morning park run.*

*A visitor centre including a café is planned to open in Easter 2019.*

*Easy free car parking is available just off Hogmoor Road (GU35 9HL), via the old tank crossing.*

*Regular events and activities in all three areas are organised throughout the year to appeal to everyone from infants to grand parents.*

*These three special areas are managed by the Deadwater Valley Trust (DVT) on behalf of Whitehill Town Council and the Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company. DVT is a charitable organisation that has been managing conservation in the area since 1989. We run regular work parties that give you an opportunity to help conservation on each area, as well as community events for all ages ranging from Tots Rambles to Bat Walks and our, ever popular, Woodland Fair. If you would like more information give us a call on 01420 479070, check out our website: [www.deadwatervalleytrust.co.uk](http://www.deadwatervalleytrust.co.uk), email us at [rangers@deadwatervalleytrust.co.uk](mailto:rangers@deadwatervalleytrust.co.uk) or visit our facebook page, [deadwatervalleytrust](http://deadwatervalleytrust), which will give details of our events and activities.*

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# The Day of the Tackle



Wimbledon Ladies Final day chez Robinson is a special time for my wife and daughter and not one to be spoiled by a husband racketing about asking where all the torches have gone to and who was the last one to use his extending rule. So one year in order to maintain the cordon sanitaire, I decided to take my son Tom and his friend to the Kingfisher Trout Farm down Hewshott Lane, now sadly closed, for an afternoon of fishing.

All morning the boys dug for worms and wrestled with rods and line and, as the Centre Court crowds settled to a hushed, rapt

silence, we pitched up at the fishing lake bathed in brilliant sunshine. The place was deserted save for one other party comprising of a father, deep into his Daily Telegraph, and two fractious boys who it seemed could not settle to this rural idyll.

Fishing in trout farms is a bit like the children's magnetic fish game and as the afternoon wore on Tom and his friend started to pull out trout at a brisk rate. I regarded the growing pile of glistening fish with alarm as I was going to have to pay by the kilo for all of them. Meanwhile the mayhem on the other side of

the lake became more and more acrimonious with rods flailing the water and much shouting and crying.

Eventually with an irritated snap of his newspaper the father started to sort out his troublesome two and threatened that if



things did not improve they would all go home. I looked across the lake with sympathy because I sensed that he too had been banished from home and realised that the man was none other than the Frederick Forsyth author of 'The Day of the Jackal'.

Sad to say things did not improve and as the still squabbling pair was shepherded past us, the author proffered a half used tin of sweetcorn with a discrete cough of the cognoscenti and left. Needless to say Frederick Forsyth's sweetcorn proved irresistible to the trout and easier to thread on to the hook. The afternoon cost me a packet.

*Paul Robinson*

# The Don Cook Memorial Bench

In Memory of DON COOK our village cobbler 1960 - 2016 (56 years)

In the spring 2017 issue of the Community Magazine we featured an article about Don Cook, our village cobbler, to celebrate his retirement after many years serving our community.

One of Liphook's much loved characters Don sadly passed away in May, aged 89, after having been part of the community for 56 years, not before finally closing the doors of his shoe repair shop in December 2016.

As a tribute to Don, after weeks of fundraising by Liphook resident David Lambert, a memorial bench for Don, whose workshop was located in London Road, has finally been unveiled.

There to help cut the ribbon were Don's niece Debbie Baker and his grandnephew Vinnie and grandniece Ella-Marie Jackson.

The wooden bench has been placed next to Don's old shop, outside the Lazy Lizard Cafe, featuring a dedication and shoe engravings.

Mr Lambert managed to raise a total of £1,340 against a cost of £919.65 for the bench, which he called a "Rolls Royce" version, now overlooking Liphook Square.

The remaining funds were distributed amongst a couple of local charities with Irene Ellis and Barbara Frost receiving £150 towards the running costs of the Community Laundry and Station Road shop manager Mary Hambook accepting £270.35 for Cancer Research.

The two men first met in 1958 while playing darts and David and Don established a firm friendship from there on.

Don set up his business "Tweenways" in 1960 in the old converted and unheated air raid shelter, facilitated by Andrew Luff, whose family then owned the land off London Road.

Customers were often treated to reminiscences about the past and long discussions about Don's time in the services and his views on politics, while getting their shoes repaired, with some even travelling to see him from as far away as Canada.

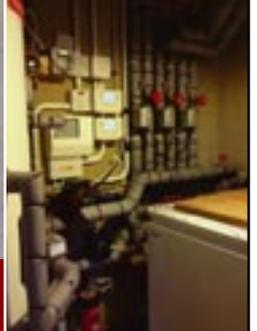


Although his work was first class, the somewhat chaotic conditions in the workshop belied his expertise as a trained cobbler.

Tributes to Don have described him as lovely, kind, friendly and polite, as well as a real craftsman who was always generous to children and had time for his customers.

He lived with his wife of 62 years, Mable, in Headley.

*Gabrielle Pike*



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## BRAMSHOTT OPEN GARDENS

# Breaking All Records!

The sun shone in Bramshott on June 9th and 10th, when the village opened its gardens for the 16th biennial Bramshott Open Gardens weekend.



The grand opening was performed with great charm and humour by Hugh Bonneville at 11.00am on Saturday, in front of a very appreciative crowd of locals and visitors, with Village Crier Terry Burns also in full cry (it was his birthday!). The large crowd who gathered at St Mary's Church set the cheerful tone for the whole sun-soaked weekend.



Bramshott welcomed a record attendance of 1,064 paying visitors, and the whole village worked very hard to make sure there was plenty on offer to entertain them. Kay Murray and her team served fabulous BBQ lunches, teas and refreshments non-stop, Cathy Scholfield's famous Tombola attracted young and old, and everyone marvelled at the beautiful flower displays and magnificent memorial scroll inside St Mary's.

A huge team of volunteers worked hard while the shuttle bus carried visitors around the sunken lanes. Many stopped to admire the work of local artists in the Art Gallery and many more bought plants supplied by Bramshott gardeners. Elsewhere, visitors enjoyed glorious cream teas in a choice of four beautiful village gardens, while they toured the 23 open gardens on display, with many returning for a second look on Sunday.



Bramshott Open Gardens is organised every two years by a devoted and hardworking committee, chaired by local resident Craig McGregor, who reported: "As always we're amazed and absolutely delighted by the support for our Open Gardens weekend, and especially from our sponsors, our fantastic gardeners and

volunteers, who worked so cheerfully to create a memorable experience and a magical weekend for all our visitors. I also want to personally thank the Committee members who make all the magic happen!"

The record-breaking total of over £18,000 raised this year means the committee will be able to make a donation, after costs, of more than £5,300 to each of their three chosen good causes for 2018. St Mary's Church will use their funds to help install a new kitchen, Macmillan Cancer Support will continue their invaluable work in the community, while Bramshott itself will use the donation to support the Bramshott Bugle, the Sunken Lanes Project, and other local projects which directly benefit the village.

The Committee would like to thank all the Sponsors and Supporters of 2018 Bramshott Open Gardens:



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*Craig McGregor*

# Poets' Corner

## The Ballad of the London Boy

When I was born in London town  
We lived down by the dock  
The houses they was falling down  
And half our goods in hock.

They moved us out in sixty three  
To sunny Basingstoke  
We got ourselves a council house  
Where everything was broke.

The rate of crime was soaring there  
All day the kids ran wild  
Police patrolled in squads of four  
We was a place reviled.

Me mum and dad smoked canabis  
And sank a load of gin  
My older brothers trafficked drugs  
My sisters took to sin.

I started school in sixty four  
I left in seventy nine  
I never knew what books was for  
But learnt to count what's mine.

They said I'd got to get a job  
Me mum and me old man  
They never worked, they always shirked  
But I must pay me way.

There was no jobs for such as me  
Exams I had not took  
My interviewing skills was sparse  
Me morals like a crook.

I learnt to stay out late at night  
To dodge me old man's stick  
Of course I got in trouble then  
And spent years in the nick.

And all that time my eyes told me  
That others had it soft  
They lived a life of luxury  
Exotic foods they scoffed.

I saw that there was lots of waste  
They threw out lovely stuff  
They had to have the latest thing  
Could never have enough.

And so I saw the light one day  
I got meself a job  
To search around the city's skips  
To make meself a bob.

I went on to build me empire  
Out of rich people's trash  
I own the city's scrap yard now  
Which brings me piles of cash.

*Ruth Howes*

## The Christmas Shepherd

My working day was over, the sheep were safe nearby.  
I walked across the field and saw a bright star in the sky.  
My heart was full of wonder because of where it lay,  
Above the door I saw the star, it pulled me to its flame.

The stable it was quiet there and softly bathed in light,  
The scene that met my tired eyes it was a wondrous sight;  
A baby in the manger was sleeping lying there,  
The peace it was so beautiful it circled in the air.

I am a shepherd of my flock, a simple life I lead,  
Yet here behind my stable door is all the love I need.  
My eyes were full of wonder - was this moment meant for me?  
Oh little golden-headed child I worship at your feet.

*Linda Foster*

## When I was young

When I was young, my world was small,  
And everyone was very tall,  
I skipped and scuffed through frosty leaves,  
And knew our neighbours, by their knees.

In Salisbury, where I started school,  
We'd walk there, as a general rule,  
Me and my mother, hand in hand,  
Across the water-meadow land.

Then came the time we moved away,  
And I grew taller by the day,  
West Country air, encouraged growth  
As gently it enfolded both.

The Isle of Wight then beckoned us,  
Then Cardiff too, without a fuss.  
To Guildford we then moved once more,  
And I was tall now, five feet four.

The swinging sixties came and went,  
With minis, maxis, flares, all sent  
To show off platform shoes, (my choice)  
And I did nothing but rejoice.

Then work and marriage, children, life,  
As time sped by, grandchildren rife.  
Fun and laughter, times of woe,  
And at some point, I ceased to grow.

Now kitchen cupboards all seem high,  
'Though they were level with my eye,  
Someone has moved them in the night,  
And pushed the cups back, out of sight.

I am "mature", my world quite big,  
I plant my pots, my borders dig,  
And five feet four is not that small,  
But people still seem very tall.

*Angela Glass*

## HASLEMERE BORDER ATHLETIC CLUB

# Couch To 5K



Haslemere Borders Athletic Club Head Coach, Daniel Allaway is Liphook born and bred. Dan is not only the Head coach at the local running club in Haslemere, but also runs a very successful Couch to 5K programme in the village twice a year.

Originally a cyclist, Dan took up running, when a friend suggested that running would help to increase his fitness. His first run out was for 15 minutes, unlike the first week of the Couch to 5K, which sees potential athletes running for just one minute. The first year saw Daniel running on his own, before fellow Borders coach and close lifelong friend, Andy Wareham, suggested he join the running club, he has never looked back.



HBAC coach, Julia, encouraged Dan to consider coaching runners. Dan decided to take the opportunity to become a qualified coach and successfully passed his coaching qualifications in 2016. Dan started his Couch to 5k in Liphook in 2016, wanting to gain the experience of teaching people who can't run, to start running. A real step out of his comfort zone, coaching complete novices is a very different challenge to that of a club coach where people can already run.

The course is aimed at complete beginners, or those who are coming back to running after a period of time out. It is a 12 week course, starting with 1 minute runs,

followed by a rest, the course gradually increases the running time over the period, to 45 minutes. The graduation, is a Park run at Staunton Park, which celebrates the success of those candidates with the willpower to succeed, followed by a celebratory cup of tea with cake. Running is as expensive as you want it to be, you can spend £700 on a watch, or just get a pair of trainers and shorts to try it out. It's cheaper than both cycling or joining a gym, and gives you a huge amount of freedom to run around one of the most beautiful areas of the country.

Those 30 seconds of extra running build up quickly, before you know it, you are running 10 minutes, then 20, then a full 5K Parkrun. Dan is always really chuffed when his class completes the Parkrun, he takes a great pride in seeing them all finish with a big smile on their face and shares in their sense of achievement.

Dan's greatest running achievement was the April 2017 London Marathon. Dan completed the 26.2 mile course in a fantastic sub-three hour time of 2 hours 58 minutes, which qualified him as "good for age" automatically guaranteeing a place in the next marathon. Dan gets his motivation from running with "fast guys" at the club, competing to try and beat them, he also appreciates being complimented by his peer group when running well.

Looking to the future, Dan would at some stage like to compete an Ultra race, a mere 50 miles plus, but in the meantime will continue to coach at HBAC and is looking forward to running another couch to 5k course and introducing more people to the activity and of course to keep on running!

If you are interested in completing the programme, please contact Dan: [couchto5K@hotmail.com](mailto:couchto5K@hotmail.com) For details of the Haslemere Border Athletic club: [www.hbac.co.uk](http://www.hbac.co.uk)

*Deborah Parry*

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- LAMPS** - Dave Rowlandson, 01420 475195.
- LIBERAL DEMOCRATS LIPHOOK** - Mr M. A. Croucher, 01428 723834. Mrs C. Gunn, 01428 722867.
- LiDBA** - (Businessmen's Association) Sec. Ken Charles, 01428 727438.
- LIPHOOK ACADEMY OF DANCE** - Rebecca Paris, 01428 725267.
- LIPHOOK BOWLING CLUB** - Bruce Penny, 01428 722013.
- LIPHOOK CARNIVAL** - Sally Cameron, 0771 731 3440.
- LIPHOOK & RIPSLEY CRICKET CLUB** - Secretary - Nick Clansfield, 07789 284568. Nick.cansfield@hotmail.co.uk *Youth Co-ordinator* - Steve Saycell, 07771 788486. stevesaycell1@gmail.com
- LIPHOOK CARE** - Charity Shop, 01428 727211.
- LIPHOOK CARERS GROUP** - Sonia Meredith, 01428 288913. Email: soniameredith@icloud.com
- LIPHOOK CHURCH CENTRE** - Enquiries: 01428 725390.
- LIPHOOK COMMUNITY LAUNDRY** - Irene Ellis, Chairman, 01428 723823.
- LIPHOOK DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY** - Peak Centre, Bookings Sec. 01428 727751. Centre No. 01428 724941. Email: info@liphookdaycentre.co.uk
- LIPHOOK HISTORICAL WARGAMES GROUP** - Trevor Maroney, 01428 725193.
- LIPHOOK IN BLOOM** - Joan Holdsworth, 01428 724016 or Phil Jordan, 01428 724903.
- LIPHOOK & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB** - Nick Harling, Email: idmrc-Secretary@outlook.com
- LIPHOOK MODELLERS CLUB** - John Clare, 01428 729967.
- LIPHOOK OVER 60's** - Sue Knight, 01428 723502.
- LIPHOOK SOCIAL CLUB** - The Steward, 01428 722711.
- LIPHOOK TABLE TENNIS** - Peter Ritchie, 01428 727815.
- LIPHOOK TENNIS CLUB** - John Wichell, 01428 713618 or 01730 601490.
- LIPHOOK UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB** - Andrew Oxtan, Email: chairman17@liphook-united.org John Raeyen, Email: media-contact17@liphook-united.org
- LIPHOOK VILLAGE SURGERY PPG** - 01428 728270.
- LIPHOOK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** - Secretary, Pam Robson, 01428 723732.
- LISS IN STITCHES** - Deirdre Mitchell, 01730 267214.
- LUDSHOTT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB** - Diana Grant, 01428 713706.
- M.A.D. COMPANY** - (Methodist Amateur Dramatics), 07766 083862.
- MEALS ON WHEELS** - Apetito, 0808 271 6600.
- MILLENNIUM CENTRE, LIPHOOK** - 01428 723889.
- MOTOR CYCLING CLUB - Haslemere** - Mrs T.C. Reffold, 19 The Links, Whitehill, Hants GU35 9HB.
- MUSICAL SOCIETY** - Haslemere - Choir and Orchestra, Rehearsals Mondays. Sue Ecclestone, 01428 605612.
- MYASTHENIA GRAVIS ASSOCIATION** - (Hampshire Branch) - Secretary, Mrs J. Finney, 01428 776467.
- NATIONAL TRUST** - Ludshott Commons Committee - Susan Salter, 01428 751409.
- OPERA SOUTH** - Caroline Martys, 01428 64476 or 07950 646326.
- OPTIMIST BADMINTON CLUB** - Bohunt - David Lush, 01428 725166.
- PARISH CLUB AND INSTITUTE** - 4 Headley Road, Liphook, 01428 722711.
- PARISH COUNCIL** - Bramshott and Liphook - The Haskell Centre, Midhurst Road, Liphook, 01428 722988.
- PEAK CENTRE** - Booking Secretary, Ann Hall, 01428 727751.
- PETERSFIELD AREA WILDLIFE GROUP** - Mr & Mrs Oakley, 01730 2663920.
- PRESERVATION SOCIETY** - Bramshott and Liphook - 01428 722162.
- RAMBLERS** - Liphook & District - Secretary, Caroline Lemka, 01428 713727. Web: www.liphookramblers.wordpress.com
- RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT CENTRE** - 01483 546400 or Freephone 0800 0288022.
- RIVER WEY TRUST** - Adrian Bird, 01428 722162.
- ROTARY CLUB - Haslemere**, Debbie Morley, 01428 643416.
- ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** - Sean Brady RM, 0771 100 6847.
- ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION** - Liss & District - 01730 895470.
- R.S.P.C.A.** - Di Fowler, 0771 303 8429.
- 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.
- THE ARK PRE-SCHOOL** - Helen Jackson, 0777 539 4230 or 01428 725390.
- 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 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  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  
2 $\frac{1}{2}$  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.

**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](http://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](mailto:liphook-guides@outlook.com)

**Girlguiding Liphook District Commissioner:** Rachel Topping, to  
contact use [liphook-guides@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@liphookscouts.org.uk) for all general or subs enquiries;

- Alison Jackson (Scout Shop) on 01428 723248 or by email at [alisonjackson@btopenworld.com](mailto: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*

