

# Liphook

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Hollycombe at Night

## PARISH PEOPLE

# Andy House

On reflection, Andy House is not a chap you would care to see too often. Mainly because his workshop at 38 Longmoor Road is the go-to place for vehicle bodywork repairs. No matter whose fault it is, Andy and his team will sort the problem with the minimum of fuss and in very short order.



He has been providing motor repairs, servicing and arranging for MOT testing for over thirty six years now and is usually on site from six in the morning until six at night, but, as I discovered when I spoke to some of his neighbours, there is a great deal more to Andy than meets the eye.

In his younger years Andy was an accomplished motorcycle and side car racer, with his father Alan as mechanic. He later went on to road racing where he won several events at Brands Hatch.

Andy was, with Terry Burns, Bob Hall and Paul Johnson, one of the founders of Liphook in Bloom and every spring can be seen perched precariously on the roof of the Liphook in Bloom pick-up truck erecting the hanging baskets or, in the autumn, taking them down again.

The recent relocation of the Liphook in Bloom's water storage tank to its present site at the Millennium Hall was accomplished with Andy's help on the back of his breakdown truck.



If you ever wondered where the Christmas lights go to each year, it is these same 'Bloomers' who spend hours in his workshop refurbishing and re-bulbing prior to hanging them once again around the village.

Andy has always been a great supporter of the Liphook Carnival and he and his family regularly entered a float, memorably one year they built a fifteen foot Dalek as their entry. More recently he and his wife Angela have entered several of their classic cars. Bedecked with lights they make a spectacular sight.



Andy and Angela's company The Classic and Vintage Car Company have a fleet of nine stunningly beautiful vehicles that can be hired, with a chauffeur, for weddings and film work. This year yet another vehicle, a 1954 Bentley R type (called Betty B), is currently being worked on to bring it back to concours condition.

Andy recently had the great honour of driving the Queen, or rather Olivia Coleman, when they were filming for a forthcoming episode of the popular Netflix series 'The Crown'.

Fully kitted out Andy was required to sweep majestically in his maroon Bentley (Rebecca, all their cars have names!) Accompanied by uniformed security outriders, up a long gravel drive to a French Chateau located somewhere in Hertfordshire.

So if it's a 'dink in the door' or a squeak from the suspension to a chauffeur driven ride to the church then contact Andy or Angela on **01428 723748** or [info@classicandvintage.co.uk](mailto:info@classicandvintage.co.uk)

*Paul Robinson*



# What's on in Liphook

**Tues, 3rd Dec.** - 10.00am to 1.00pm. Citizens Advice free. Liphook Millennium Centre.

**Tues, 3rd Dec.** - 7.30 - 9.30pm. BLACS Artist Demonstration. Liphook Millennium Hall.

**Thurs, 5th Dec.** - 7.30pm. Talk by Doug Scott, "A Hard Road to Everest" in aid of charity. Brookham School, Liphook.

**Fri, 6th Dec.** - 6.45pm - 7.30pm. Film - Yesterday. Liphook Millennium Centre

**Fri, 6th Dec.** - 9.00pm. Party night. The Links Tavern.

**Tues, 10th Dec.** - 10.00am to 1.00pm. Citizens Advice. Liphook Millennium Centre.

**Fri, 13th Dec.** - 8:30pm. Party Night. The Links Tavern.

**Sat 14th Dec.** - 7.00pm. Love to Sing 'Mistletoe and Wine'. Liphook Millennium Centre.

**Sat, 14th Dec.** - 10.00am - 1.00pm. Heritage Centre open. Millennium Centre Liphook.

**Sun, 22nd Dec.** - 6.00pm. Evening Carol singing with Liphook's Love To Sing Choir. The Links Tavern.

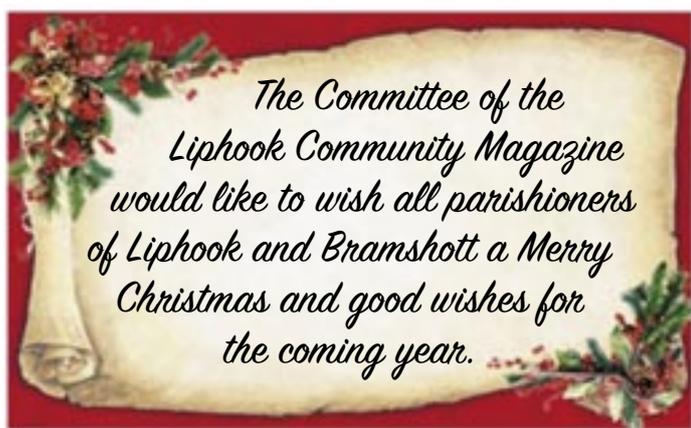
**Tues, 24th Dec.** - 9.00pm. Christmas Eve with The Trevor John Band. The Links Tavern.

**Tues, 31st Dec.** - 7:30pm. New Year's Eve with GUNS BLAZIN. The Links Tavern

**Tues, 31st Dec** - 7.30pm. New Years Eve party. Bramshott & Liphook Social Club. Non-members welcome. Find us on Facebook or on our Web page.

**Fri 3rd Jan** - 7:30pm. Film night. Millennium Centre.

**Fri 7th Feb** - 7:30pm. Film & Food night. Millennium Centre.



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**www.liphook.uk - then go to Community Magazine**

## The Liphook Community Magazine

exists to help maintain, encourage and initiate aspects of community life in which individuality, creativeness and mutual fellowship can flourish.

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# Laundry of Liphook

Tucked away beside the Peak Centre is a very small building, which can easily be overlooked. Surprisingly, within its walls is a unique Laundry, equipped with 2 industrial washing machines, tumble dryers and ironing press, but even more surprising is that it has been operating for almost 30 years! It is run by an extremely efficient Laundress, plus a happy band of volunteers! It is believed to be the only one of its kind in Hampshire and in 2015 was in th e top five Hampshire nominations for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services.



We are a small Charity, overseen by a Committee, which was initially set up to provide a service for the elderly and infirm of the village and surrounding areas, who were unable to wash, dry and iron their washing. What some local people may not know is that this wonderful service is offered to anyone of any age who is incapacitated, perhaps after a stay in hospital, or during recuperation. It is also available for carers, or parents looking after sick children, understandably too busy to cope with the laundry. Your need may be temporary or permanent.



Because we are non-profit making, we strive to keep expenses to a minimum. At present the cost of a dry load of washing (Laundry bags provided at a modest one-off cost) is just  6, which is very good value indeed and your washing will be washed, dried and ironed. Some people use the service on a weekly basis, others fortnightly, or even less frequently. We try to be as flexible as possible. Although we ask that washing be delivered and then collected from the laundry premises, if there is a problem collections can be arranged by the volunteers.

So please remember that we are here to help not only the elderly, but anyone of any age who may temporarily, or permanently be in need of our assistance through being incapacitated. Please telephone Irene Ellis 01428 723823 or Barbara Frost 01428 723640, either of whom will be very happy to discuss your needs.

*Jen Wiseman*

## Seniors on the Go

"Age Concern Liphook" is a local charity which promotes the relief of elderly people in the parish of Bramshott and Liphook. The charity provides assistance and financial aid to local organisations which assist and help to support the elderly in the parish. It does not provide assistance to individuals, other than helping them to contact organisations which could be of assistance.

In particular, the charity assists the following organisations:-

- Liphook Day Centre in the Peak Centre**
- Community Support Laundry of Liphook**
- Hard of Hearing**
- Seniors on the Go**
- Over 60s club**
- Liphook Carers Group**
- Bramshott and Liphook Voluntary Care Group**
- Diabetic Support Group**

The charity also provides financial assistance to organisations who provide Christmas parties for the elderly, and has recently helped to repair the heating in the Church Centre, which is used quite extensively by elderly residents.

The charity has funds which may be utilised by other groups catering for the elderly in the parish, and welcomes formal application for support by such groups, who should supply details of their organisation and exact reasons for their request in order for the Trustees to consider the request.

Contact address: Age Concern Liphook, The Peak Centre, Midhurst Road, Liphook, Hampshire GU30.

### **AT THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE**

From Monday 4th November until the end of March. Soup & Natter between 12 noon & 1.30pm every Monday Lunch time. People can have a bowl of homemade soup, with bread and butter and have a natter, whilst enjoying an affordable lunch.

1926 - 2019

# Margaret Wilson

**It is sad to report that Margaret Wilson, the magazines President, passed away in mid-September. Her long time friends and Magazine colleagues June Wright and John Anthistle have penned the following tributes.**



*Margaret celebrating her retirement as editor of the Liphook Community Magazine.*

I wrote a Parish People article featuring the late Alan Wilson and his wife Margaret, when he was Chairman of the Liphook Community Magazine. They shared an enthusiastic love of Liphook and I know he was always helped greatly by Margaret, his loving and supportive wife. They were a great team. She was a chemistry teacher at St. Catherine's Girls' School at Bramley, near Godalming for twenty-five years. When she retired she was looking for something to do. The Production Manager of the magazine resigned and Margaret volunteered to fill the position without questioning the enormity of the task. Alan was so relieved. She was a great communicator and kept all her contributors happy, continuing with this difficult job for many years. When she retired Alan remarked that she had given 'sterling service'. The reins were handed over to Hazel who continues to excel in this difficult role.

Margaret also provided tea and sympathy for all who attended the creative writing classes in her home and I remember her proudly showing me the Harry Haskell Glass Trophy, engraved with the names of Alan and herself. I thought it was fitting that they had held it during 2012 - it being the year in which she ended her work with the magazine. The large crystal vase is presented for 'Services to Liphook.'

She loved her garden. A special library was built into her home to house a vast collection of children's books, with many first editions.

She took a personal interest in everyone who came to her home and always asked me how 'Silver' was, he being a horse that I helped to look after. In latter years she still mentioned him.

She died peacefully in her own home and I know that she will be remembered by us all for her kindness and wisdom and especially her dedication to helping to produce a fine Liphook Community Magazine.

*June Wright*



*Margaret at her 90th birthday celebration.*

Margaret was born in Burslem near Stoke on Trent and attended Nottingham University, where she met husband-to-be Alan. She became a much-respected teacher and after moving to Liphook in the early 1960's, continued her career in Bramley. On retirement she took on the role of volunteer Production Manager of the Community Magazine and continued to edit it - using the traditional 'scissors and glue' method - pulling together each and every quarterly issue for over 25 years.

It is accurate to say that without Margaret and her late husband, today's Community Magazine would not exist. They inherited a simple News Letter with minimal finances and resources, progressively developing it and never forgetting the primary function of encouraging Bramshott and Liphook community life.

She was intelligent, kindly and caring - a lovely lady who will be much missed.

*John Anthistle*

**A memorial service was held for Margaret at Guildford Crematorium on Wednesday 6th November 2019.**

**Any donations in her memory to Alzheimer & Cancer Research.**

# District Councillor's Report

## District Council Local Plan Large Sites Consultation

The Large Sites Consultation events that took place in September were well attended. At each event all ten of the large sites that had been promoted by developers were on display with teams from the developers available to answer questions, and to receive verbal feedback from residents.

The Consultation ended on the 15th October, and over 3,500 representations have been received. Very many of these also contained multiple comments on each of the ten sites, so the process of reading, and assessing each of these is going to take some time.

The site of most interest to local residents was that which is beyond the Chiltley Lane Poultry Farm up to and including Devils Lane, and land adjoining Highfield Lane. A consortium of six potential developers came together in order to fulfil the 600 homes criterion for a Large Site. Those who attended the events could compare this site with the other nine across the District in order to assess what was on offer, and what benefits there would be for existing and new residents. The known constraints for development within Bramshott and Liphook, with part of the village within the boundary of the South Downs National Park, and its restriction on development mean that the choice for suitable sites is limited.

In due course a decision will be made by EHDC, as to which large sites for 600 homes or more within the District, will form part of the new Local Plan.

## New Norse Refuse Collections

The new Contract with Norse, (North South East), commenced on the 1st October. It is fair to say that there have been some teething problems, although in general the transition has been quite smooth. Some residents had missed collections, but it is believed that a normal collection service will operate quickly. The waiting list for Garden collections, in brown wheely bins will be shortened, and the service expanded to many more residents.

A new service which is being offered is a messaging service reminding you of which day to put out your refuse. You can sign up for this at [www.easthants.gov.uk](http://www.easthants.gov.uk) Details also appear on Facebook and Twitter. Any continuing problems can be reported directly to EHDC on **01730 266551**.

## Speeding Traffic in Bramshott and Liphook, and Headley Road Pedestrian Crossing

There is continuing deep concern about the speed of traffic through the Village as a whole, and in particular in the London, Longmoor and Headley Roads, as well as through Bramshott. Drivers appear to ignore the speed signs including the flashing 30mph sign, and especially the 20 mph zone at the centre around The Square.

Your County Councillor, Floss Mitchell, [floss.mitchell@hants.gov.uk](mailto:floss.mitchell@hants.gov.uk) and your three District Councillors, are in constant contact with Hampshire County Council Transport and Highways personnel in order to put in place resolutions to this dangerous problem. Drivers need to be more aware of pedestrians, but the crux seems to be the excessive speed of all traffic which ignores the speed limits already in place.

Of immense concern is the pedestrian crossing in the Headley Road, close to The Avenue, where the school children attending the Infant and Junior Schools cross, with and without their parents or accompanying adults. In recent weeks a father who was accompanied by his son was knocked over on this crossing and injured by a car that had not stopped to allow them to cross. Not only has this accident happened, but there are near misses on a

daily basis where drivers fail to stop when adults and children are on the crossing.

A petition has been circulated, to indicate how strongly residents feel about the speed of traffic. The general wish would be to install a light controlled crossing that would force traffic to stop to allow children and parents to cross safely. It is hoped that the County Council will install an improved crossing as soon as possible as a priority.

Measures for Bramshott have been suggested and costed, the finance for which would have to come from Parish Council funding together with Grants from Councillors.

## District Councillor Surgeries

Surgeries are held, in one of the small rooms at the Millennium Centre. It offers an opportunity for residents to come along to talk to us about any concerns that you may have locally, and we will do our best to help you, and to resolve issues. There is no surgery in December.

## Finally

East Hampshire District Council will continue with all its services to its residents, even though a General Election is called for 12th December. Our Election team is already preparing for this.

Please remember that we act as a conduit between residents and the District Council, and will do our very best to ensure that all your concerns and thoughts are transmitted to those who need to hear them.

In the meantime, we all hope that this Christmas is a peaceful and happy one, and that 2020 brings a resolution to the uncertain times in which we live. Our e-mails are:

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## THE LEONARD CHESHIRE CHARITY

# New Ambassador Olivia Breen

Paralympian Olivia Breen, a Liphook girl, began training at the age of twelve at the City of Portsmouth Club, where her athletic skill quickly became apparent. As a medal winning sprinter she decided to try long jumping, being rewarded by becoming IPC World Champion for the T38 long jump which she won in 2017. More recently in 2018's Commonwealth games in Australia she claimed a gold medal for Wales, with both a games record and a personal best in the long jump in her class.

Discussing her new role as ambassador, Olivia commented:

*"I am so excited to have become a new ambassador for Leonard Cheshire."*

*The charity's hashtag 'Actually I can' resonates with me as my independence is something which has always been very important. I really respect the aims and values of Leonard Cheshire in trying to help people to live as independently as possible."*

On the theme of this year's International Women's Day #BalanceForBetter Olivia added:

*"As a disabled woman I think it's really important that we all work hard to make sure our world is balanced to give everyone equal opportunities and that we continue the great work which has already been done to eliminate all forms of discrimination and prejudice."*

Olivia's fellow ambassador is Sophie Morgan, well known television presenter who led the Channel 4 2016 Paralympian coverage in Rio and also reported in the 2015 documentary for BBC Three which was titled 'The World's Worst Place to be Disabled' which depicted the abuse of human rights suffered by disabled people in Ghana.

As a steadfast advocate for accessible education, Sophie has already been supporting Leonard Cheshire with its international work, fronting a month long BBC Radio4 Appeal for inclusive education in Zambia.

Alongside its serious aims the charity also encourages members to enjoy fun events so on the 17th August paralympians travelled from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to take part in an exciting day of competition at the 'Superhero Triathlon' at Dorney Lake in Windsor. With Disney Productions being sponsors Superheroes were much in evidence, Olivia donned a Marvel outfit to support the Leonard Cheshire teams. She said:

*"It was so much fun dressing up to cheer on the teams and it was great to see the competitors enjoying the day and expressing themselves through sport."*



Organiser of the event, Peter Donnelly, the Leonard Cheshire 'Can Do' manager, who also competed in the 'swim' element said:

*"It's a huge, inclusive triathlon in which people can be involved, no matter what kind of adaptive equipment they need to use. Setting yourself a challenge and achieving it can be a massive boost to your self esteem. The confidence gained can make everyday challenges seem small."*



The photo of the 'Randall Close Superheroes' was taken of a group of people who attend the wonderful Resource centre situated in Battersea, where they can choose to take part in a large variety of activities, including local trips to museums, pubs and parks, Bingo, IT lessons, hair dressing and beauty sessions. You can see how much they are enjoying their Super Heroes day out.

In writing about the charity perhaps we should remember the brave man who inspired its inception. At the beginning of 1948 the young war hero, ex bomber crew member Leonard Cheshire was living alone in a Victorian manor house called 'Le Court' which is situated near Greatham. He had bought the old house from an aunt two years earlier thinking he would convert it to a place where a small community of ex-service colleagues could live and a few members were taken in. Unfortunately the idea did not work properly due to lack of funding. He found that he had to sell off some of the estate to meet the community's debts and members of the small group had to leave. When in this depressing situation, he had a plea for help from a former member of the community group who was terminally ill in a nearby hospital. He asked him if he could come back and be provided with a home as he had nowhere else to go. Leonard offered to look after the man himself and found others in need coming to him for help.

So started the network of support services for disabled people which spread throughout the World in his name. With good friends to help with the raising of funds the Le Court haven remained in the charity's flagship service for almost 60 years.



In 1959 Leonard married Sue Ryder and they filled much of their time working for their charities. Leonard had spent his time in the war at RAF Woodhall so when he was knighted he chose the title Baron Cheshire of Woodhall in the County of Cheshire. It is heartening to see that Leonard Cheshire's original acts of kindness have led to a World wide organisation which helps and cheers so many people.

**June Wright**

# PILATES

Liphook Millennium Centre, Liphook  
**Mondays**

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# Liphook Youth Club

Now in its tenth year, Liphook Youth Club continues to meet at 6.30pm until 8.30pm every Monday evening during school term in the Liphook Millennium Centre. The Youth Club is an informal, fun, safe and relaxed place for young people in school years 7 - 11, to hang out, meet new friends and try new things.

The Youth Club is staffed by six experienced volunteers, all DBS checked, including the lead volunteer youth worker, Kayleigh Rigby. Members are charged a subscription of £1.50 each attendance, but the first time is free, and they receive a hot snack



and a fruit drink soon after arriving.

Members enjoy many crafting activities during sessions including painting rocks, which are shared with Liphook Rocks, creating tie-dye shirts, trying Resist Art, creating masterpieces by using the "dirty pour paint" technique, making key rings using Shrinkies, painting jars and generally making a mess, experimenting and getting creative!

Members love games too, whether it is outside, playing football, rounders, basketball, volleyball, tag and manhunt, or indoors, with dance-battles, UNO, table-tennis, pool, computer games and team games.

Baking is always a firm favourite and everyone mucks in and a lot of mess is made! The end results never last long as the cookies, cakes, pizzas or whatever are shared among members!

The Youth Club is indebted to the generosity of Radian Homes and a local family trust for financial support and of Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council for its in-kind contribution to the cost of room hire in the Millennium Centre. Without this the Youth Club could not exist.

For more information contact John Tough on **01428 724492**.

*John Tough*

# Hampshire Search and Rescue

## 700th Callout

Hampshire Search and Rescue (HANTSAR) recently responded to a call from the police to look for a missing child, who was thankfully found safe and well whilst the search teams were en route. This was the 700th Callout for our all-volunteer charity, to search for vulnerable missing people on behalf of the police, since our formation in 2003.

This is not a cause for celebration, but it is a milestone in our history. We mark it by remembering how many people we have set out to help and how much time and effort our volunteers have contributed through their commitment to the local communities over the years.



HANTSAR is a registered charity and is one of many county-based Lowland Search and Rescue units which exist country-wide. They are affiliated to the Association of Lowland Search and Rescue, which is responsible for coordinating the various groups and setting the standards to which HANTSAR must adhere.

*Trevor Vidler*

*Public Profile Officer: [publicprofile@hantsar.org](mailto:publicprofile@hantsar.org)*

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

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

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

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# BLOOMING YEAR GONE!



Here we are already in December. How did that happen? Having been a member of Liphook in Bloom for several years now, I have noticed that each year seems to whizz by as we watch the changing seasons and the life cycle of the plants together with all the accompanying tasks.

Officially the Liphook in Bloom year begins in February when we have our first team meeting, but those members who are responsible for planning the beds will have been hatching their plans during the winter and sending off orders ready for the summer planting. Essential sponsorship is discussed and chased.



*All present & correct.*



*Cyclamen for planting.*

March should provide a lovely show of spring flowers resulting from our efforts planting bulbs back in the autumn. The beds always need a tidy up though as the weeds always seem keen to spring up - literally! Not only do the flowerbeds need tidying, the whole of the village needs a bit of a spring clean so we

usually help organise a village litter pick. This year, in March, 1000 snowdrops and 600 cyclamen were planted in the recently improved bed at the top of Portsmouth Road.



*Litter picking.*

Much of the Bloomers time was spent working on the herb bed in April: clearing tired plants and planting new. Some team members went to the saw mills on Iron Hill and spent some time riddling the chippings for mulch. Time was spent preparing the wildflower beds on the Millennium Green ready for sowing.



*What happened to the nicotiana!*

In May the hanging baskets were put up and watering duties began. The bulbs were all lifted and the beds made ready for the summer planting which took place at the beginning of June. It was a fabulous turnout of volunteers and consequently did not take as long as anticipated.

Throughout the summer months the weather was variable and seemed to fluctuate between being very dry for quite long spells, necessitating extra watering and then changing to wet and windy. The 'Oranges and lemons' display at the sorting office soon became just orange as the lemon nicotiana did not last as it struggled to survive with copious amounts of chickweed - yet the marigolds did really well. The other unexpected thing was the arrival of one brave sunflower which shot up right in the centre back of the bed in the Square. It seemed to be making a statement and nobody dared interfere with it!

Liphook in Bloom members enjoyed a well deserved party in August - but even that was affected by the weather! What should have been a garden party had to be re-located due to rain and we were most grateful to the Village Hall for accommodating us at very short notice.



*Summer bedding in place.*

As the beds, baskets and containers were continuing to flower, designs and colour schemes for next spring were being finalised and orders placed for the thousands of bulbs to be planted after the carnival. A float was built for the Carnival and Remembrance poppies were put on lampposts.

By now the Christmas lights will be up, a dinner enjoyed and members will quite rightly savour a little respite from hands on tasks while musing and pondering what might 'Blooming' well happen in 2020.

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# Hollycombe at Night

**Monday 21st October 2019:** Hollycombe Steam in the Country enjoyed a magical end to its successful 2019 season on 19th October staging its final Fairground at Night.

Welcoming visitors to its historic collection one last time before closing the doors for winter, people came to experience the thrill of the Edwardian Fairground, steam railways, showman's engines and popular sideshows from the period.

Throughout the evening there was a spine-tingling chill in the air, Hollycombe was dressed for Halloween and encouraged adults and children alike to turn out in their spookiest costumes. A face-painter was on hand for families to complete their masquerades whilst crowds were entertained by a captivating fire performer and Hollycombe's very own Showman at the Bioscope.

Around the grounds, the sights and sounds from the many visiting full-sized and miniature steam engines made quite a spectacle. The magnificent Jerry M steam locomotive was running along the Quarry Railway, dressed in lights and Halloween decorations, delighting visitors as they enjoyed riding the 1.5mile route in the historic carriages at night.

Hollycombe was joined by Hometown Festivals, serving a range of autumnal beverages, beers and Florio's Pizza's. This was alongside the delicious hot and cold favourites provided by the Hollycombe Cafeteria and a range of sweet treats and souvenirs available in the popular Oak Tree Stores.

We've enjoyed a very successful season at Hollycombe this year, welcoming many new visitors to our steam collection, as well as seeing familiar faces return to enjoy our events. We're extremely thankful for this support and are very much looking forward to welcoming people back to us in spring next year.'

Throughout the season our dedicated team of volunteers have worked tirelessly to ensure that the rides at Hollycombe are well looked after and keep running, without them we could not open our wonderful historic collection for people to discover and enjoy.

Almost immediately after the gates close to visitors, our winter maintenance programme begins in earnest to ensure that the rides are ready and operational for next year. During the winter months we dismantle the fairground and carry out any necessary work to protect and restore the collection. Our volunteers lead this work and they will be on site working tirelessly on a variety of projects whilst we are closed. There really are many jobs that need to be done at Hollycombe during this period and we would welcome support from anyone who can give their time to help us during winter.

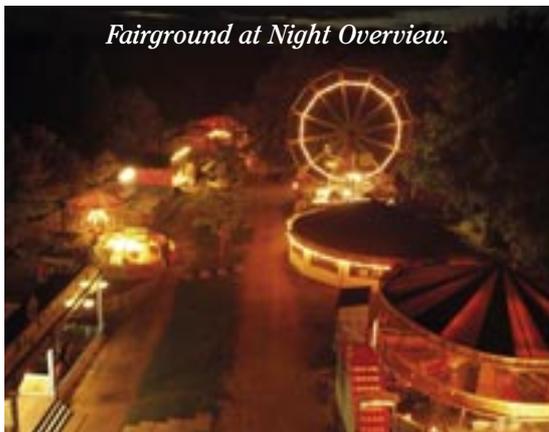
The steam collection will re-open to the public on Friday 10th April 2020 for Easter Weekend. All full-priced tickets are valid for one year from the date of purchase including all the annual open days at Hollycombe as well as the enjoyable special events.

For more information contact [info@hollycombe.co.uk](mailto:info@hollycombe.co.uk) or contact [volunteering@hollycombe.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@hollycombe.co.uk) to find out more about the volunteering opportunities.

## About Hollycombe

Hollycombe Working Steam in The Country is a registered educational charity (1061693), which relies solely on the money it receives from visitors. The steam collection takes its name from the Hollycombe estate. In 1951 the estate was purchased by the late John Baldock and his family and it is through them that the steam collection began. Today Hollycombe is the largest traditional Heritage Fairground in Britain, and includes a fully working steam fairground, narrow gauge and miniature steam railways.

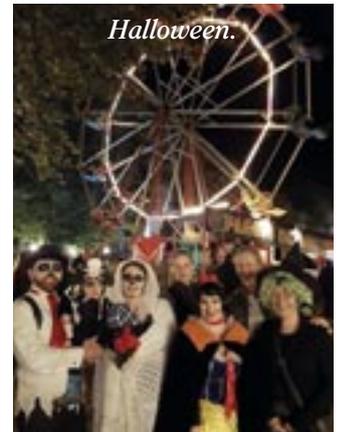
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*Fairground at Night Overview.*



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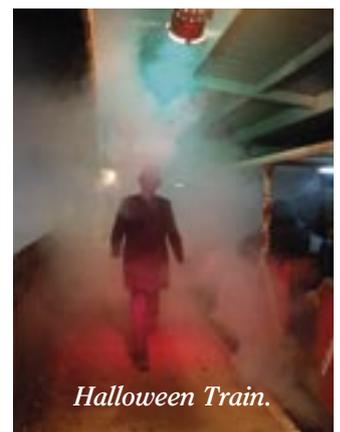
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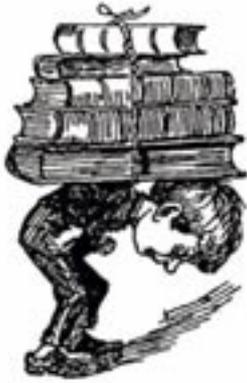
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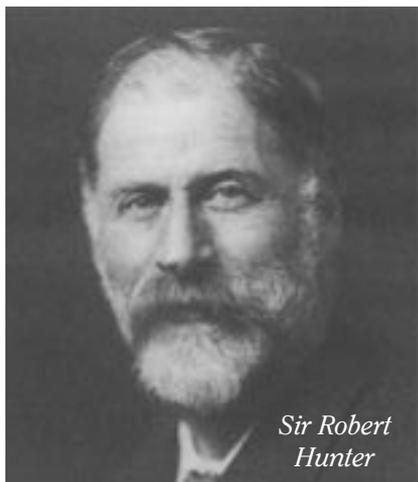
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## WAGGONERS WELLS AND SIR ROBERT HUNTER

# The Man Who Invented the N.T.

Our local area is fortunate in having so many areas of land owned by the National Trust, one of the UK's largest charities which, since 1895, has had a mission to care for historic properties and areas of beautiful countryside "for ever, for everyone". On the borders of our parish we have Ludshott Common, one of the last remaining heathlands in Hampshire, with panoramic views, and the three ponds at Waggoners Wells, popular throughout the year but especially as a cool shady retreat in summer and for the spectacular yellows and golds of the beech trees in autumn.



*Sir Robert Hunter*

Near the ford leading to the car park by the ponds is a memorial stone to Sir Robert Hunter, one of three people regarded as the principal founders of the National Trust. Locally, he is remembered for his involvement in the campaign to save Hindhead Common and the Devil's Punch Bowl in 1906, a significant acquisition of 750 acres (300 ha). Following a

fundraising appeal, from the estate of Whitaker Wright of Witley Park, a local financier who had committed suicide rather than face jail for fraud. Nutcombe Down and Bramshott Chase followed in 1908, gifts of the philanthropist Marion James, Ludshott Common in the same year following a campaign led by James, and Marley Common was purchased from the Leconfield Estate in 1911. Hunter was involved in all of these acquisitions and Waggoners Wells was purchased by public subscription in his memory in 1919.

Hunter is today perhaps less well known than the other two founders, the social housing reformer Octavia Hill and the campaigner for the Lake District Canon Hardwicke Rawnsley. Numerous people were involved in setting up the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest and Natural Beauty, to give it its full name, but it simply would not have happened without Hunter's contribution. He came up with the idea of the organisation and quite possibly its name. He also paved the way for its legal creation and served as its first Chairman; so a claim could be made for him as the man who "invented" the National Trust. His most pivotal achievement as the first chairman was in the National Trust Act of 1907 which gave the Trust its unique power to hold land inalienably.

His love of nature, of open spaces, and of the infinite pleasure to be had from the countryside never deserted him throughout his life. His career took off with his work for the Commons Preservation Society, using his legal training to prevent the enclosure of open landscapes including Hampstead Heath and Epping Forest. He was promoted to become the most senior lawyer at the General Post Office, where he worked for three decades on a great many of the most important issues of the day for the postal system including the development of the telephone network. He combined public service with championing a wide number of causes, such as the preservation of commons and footpaths, the protection of ancient monuments and buildings, and local government in his adopted home of Haslemere where he had moved with his family by 1883 and where he served as the first chairman of the Parish Council.

Hunter was knighted in 1894 in recognition of his many achievements. The nationalization of the telephone service was one of the last major projects he undertook in his role at the Post Office, consuming a great deal of his time and energy, and sadly his efforts may have hastened his death in 1913, only a few months after his retirement.

The day before his death, the National Trust announced the acquisition of Box Hill and Waggoners Wells

was purchased by public subscription in his memory. Places like this, and not least the commons in the vicinity of Liphook and Haslemere, today provide Hunter's most visible and enduring legacy.

To commemorate the centenary of the acquisition of Waggoners Wells by the trust and its association with the Friends of Ludshott Common and the National Trust. Local historian and author John Owen "Jo" Smith playing the part of Sir Robert Hunter, led an audience on a hot and sunny Bank Holiday Monday in August on a dramatic walk around the ponds where they met characters associated with the area, such as broomsquires,\* Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Flora Thompson, and Tennyson, all played by members of Headley Theatre Club.

And then in September at the invitation of the National Trust Jo (again playing Sir Robert Hunter) and his team of actors, led a dramatic walk at Hindhead Common to bring the History of that common, also now in the ownership of the Trust, dramatically to life.

### Sources

*Sir Robert Hunter* by Ben Cowell, Pitkin Publishing 2013.

*Hindhead is safe* by John Owen Smith 2011.

\**Broomsquires* - someone who makes besom brooms for a living.



*Jo Smith and his cardboard twin Sir Robert Hunter*

**Rod Sharp**



*Waggoners Wells*



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**6.00pm.** Carol Service.

### Saturday 21st December

#### METHODIST CHURCH

London Road.

**6.30pm.** Candlelit Carol Service.

### Sunday 22nd December

#### ANGLICAN

Church Centre.

**10.30am.**

Joint Service with High Hurlands.

#### METHODIST CHURCH

London Road.

**10.00am.** Christingle.

#### TRINITY CHURCH

Liphook Infant School.

**10.30am.**

Carols and Christingle Family Service.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

### Tuesday 24th December

#### ANGLICAN

Church Centre.

**4.00pm.**

Christingle.

St Mary's, Bramshott

**11.00pm.**

Communion.

#### METHODIST CHURCH

Lindford Methodist Church.

**8.00pm.**

Christmas Communion.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

### Wednesday 25th December

#### ANGLICAN

St Mary's, Bramshott.

**9.30am.**

Joint Holy Communion.

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception, Headley Road.

**10.00am.**

Christmas Day Mass .

#### METHODIST CHURCH

London Road.

**10.00am.**

Morning Worship for Christmas Day.

#### TRINITY CHURCH

Liphook Infant School.

**10.30am.**

Christmas Day Family Service.

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND

### LIGHT

Nothing is more joyous than the birth of a child. I'll never forget the birth of our first, the moment he came into the world was indescribable, everything changed. I wanted to sing to check-out girls at the local supermarket, to tell the newspapers to rewrite the headlines, to paint his name high in the sky over the city of London! Suddenly the world around seemed too brutish a place for something so special, so miraculous, violence on the TV screens sickened me (it still does - something my kids complain about!). Small wonder I get dazed agnostics knocking on the doors of the church about Christening their kids – just looking I always think for someone to thank.

By contrast the world around us can seem so very dark. I remember distinctly walking past another family that same day with our newborn and realising that they were receiving bad news about theirs. What the news was I will never know but I remember their strained pained faces as I walked blithely past, an extended family reaching out to each other in the face of a shock-wave. Clutching our own baby made their anxiety so very real. I'm sure I prayed for them on the way down to our car, in the car

park, that night as we tried to sleep (ha ha!). I prayed for them as I pray for so many situations in our hurting world – for the Kurds who at the moment are being bombed and shot at by the Turkish government. For our world itself with all the worrying news we hear of species dying, seas rising and plastics getting into our water, into the seas, into the air, into everything. The truth about Christmas – and there are compelling arguments to believe that these stories we celebrate are in some ways true – is that the world Jesus came into was dark.

Christmas often brings out strain and stress, sometimes we become more aware not less of all that isn't right in our lives, or the lives of those we love. The prophet Isaiah could write around the 7th century BC when the Jewish nation was about to face one of its darkest moments “. . . unto us a child is born . . .”. In the middle of the darkness and mess of our lives and of the world that we live in God gave us a child. “Be near me Lord Jesus, and teach me to pray!” as the famous Christmas carol goes - May you find the peace of this holy child shining into your life this Christmas.

**Rev. Valentine Inglis-Jones**

# CATHOLIC CHURCH

Almost 20 years ago now, I was the assistant manager in Woolworths.

There were many situations I experienced whilst working in the retail sector, but one situation I shall never forget was the taking in of a delivery of Easter Eggs on Christmas Eve.

It must have been an early Easter that year!

As the Christmas decorations were being replaced by 'January Sale!' signs on the shop floor, there was I putting Easter Eggs in the stock room . . .

Strangely enough, I think of that scenario every year. There's a sense of déjà vu this time of the year for me, now a Priest. Whilst we're gearing-up for Advent and the Celebration of the Birth of Christ, we are also encouraging adults to consider Baptism or Confirmation, which will take place when? . . . at Easter!

In the Catholic Church, adults are only Baptised or Confirmed during the Easter Vigil, once a year.

On 27th November we shall begin the preparation session for adults wishing to explore the faith and to 'test the water' (of baptism!). There's no obligation, but the plan would be to be Baptised, Confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time at Easter.

So, Christmas tree tinsel and Easter Egg Boxes seem to go together in the stock room, whilst the Birth and Death of Christ go together in the life of the church.

As I look forward to spending my first Christmas as Parish Priest in Liphook (and Bordon and Grayshott!) I wish you and your family every blessing and grace this Christmas.

*Father John Chandler - Parish Priest.*

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# METHODIST CHURCH

## Christmas Greetings

O Little Town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

The image of a still town and dark streets is one that we find hard to appreciate amid the noise and rush of the build up and preparations for the festive season. Modern towns are seldom still and their streets are rarely dark.

Yet you probably have hopes and fears for the coming year.

What are your hopes and fears this Christmas? Are they to do with work? or relationships? or a task you want or need to accomplish? or exams? or health? or family?

Whatever they are, the hopes and fears, the excitement and anxiety can meet and find stillness, calm and peace in the gift of Jesus at Christmas. In Jesus, as the carol goes on to say, "God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven".

Services in all our churches over the Christmas period are opportunities to bring those hopes and fears to the manger throne of the Prince of Peace and join with the angels in singing carols of praise to God the King.

O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel! – God with us.

*Rev. David Muskett*

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# TRINITY CHURCH

We seem to live in a world of constant warfare of some sort or another. Whether it is the verbal and political war that seems to have, of late, engulfed our country over Brexit or it is the many wars and conflicts that destroy homes and lives across the world. Division, dissension and rancour seem to be everywhere and there appears to be no escape from them. We might hope that elections or peace accords will solve our problems but at best they often only paper over the cracks or kick the issues into the long grass.

In the United Nations building complex in New York there is in the north garden an interesting sculpture that picks up on Old Testament imagery of how peace might be achieved. Created by the Soviet sculptor Evgeny Vuchetich, titled "Let Us Beat Swords into Ploughshares". The UN website explains the sculpture by saying 'It symbolizes man's desire to put an end to war and convert the means of destruction into creative tools for the

benefit of all mankind'. This may be the desire of humanity, or at least some of humanity, but it is thus far an unrealised dream, more illusion than achievable reality.

As we draw near to Christmas amidst all the division and rancour that engulfs our world we draw near to remember the one of whom it was said 'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace' the one who, it has been promised, will bring war to an end. This, amongst other things, is the hope that Christians cling to as we come to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. This is why we can, as Christians, sing confidently 'Joy to the world, the Lord has come! In the darkest night, there shines a light of hope and all are welcome.

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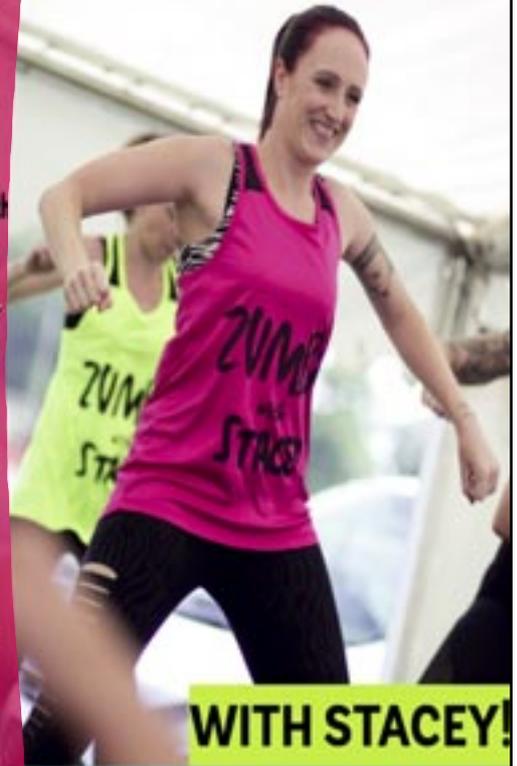
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The council has recently installed CCTV at the Liphook Millennium Centre. This follows some anti-social behaviour.

Planting of pollinator-friendly wildflower areas has now started on the verges outside the Radford Park London Road entrances as part of our commitment to support biodiversity and improve our local landscapes. We ask that these areas are kept clear of parked cars to ensure the flowers can grow into attractive displays over the coming years.

Significant work is taking place at Radford Park over the winter to clear areas of invasive species, clear waterways and to manage some of the trees. It is planned to carry out a further tree survey in the winter to identify trees that may need to be felled or requiring some remedial work.

It is planned to replace litter bins at Council open spaces. The existing bins are very old and the new bins will look more attractive and carry the council name.

The Council are currently reviewing projects to improve the Liphook Millennium Centre, Radford Park, and the buildings located at the WM Recreation Ground, and once agreed, will be included in the Council's Capital Programme. We will keep you advised of progress.

Full Council meetings are held monthly at the Millennium Centre. In addition, we have Committees covering Recreation, Planning, Finance & Policy, and an LMC Management Committee. Our Parish Council website lists our meeting dates, agendas, and previous meetings' minutes.

All meetings are open to the public who can ask questions in the public participation sessions. If you have matters that are important to you, please come and take part.

Our website provides information about our Budget and how the Council spends public money to improve. Attending Parish Meetings will help you see how decisions are reached.

Take a look at our new website [www.liphookmc.co.uk](http://www.liphookmc.co.uk) to keep you up to date with what's happening with our community events and regular activities; here the monthly cinema events booking and payment can be made online. Our Film & Food nights are also popular, offering good food and films for a truly social evening out at affordable prices.

Our films cover a wide range of genres and are shown on a large screen. We have comfortable, retractable tiered seating for 126 people, with extra seating at the front for those with additional needs, allowing us to accommodate up to 180 people. Concessions for carers of those with additional needs are available (details on website, or please ask the LMC team). Refreshment are served from our community bar before the film and during the interval which adds to the relaxed atmosphere. Card payments are accepted.

Community Funded Initiatives (CFIs) are projects that are no longer funded by Hampshire County Council, examples are:- minor roadworks such as passing places, more attractive signage, and adaptations for pedestrian traffic. We have agreed to ring fence £5,000 in the annual Budget to help community groups who wish to undertake a project to benefit our community. A set criterion is used to assess any CFI project, and an application form is available from the Parish Office. Again, as with our grant funding, we welcome the opportunity to support our local organisations, groups, and charities.

We look forward to hearing from parishioners who can reach us at the Haskell Centre Parish Office on the Midhurst Road. You are also able to make appointments with Parish Councillors if you have any matters to discuss.

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## Five Minutes Chat with . . .

On one of the first chilly mornings of Autumn I met Lewis Peacock as he was walking briskly towards the station at the start of his early morning commute. He smiled as I passed, so I turned round and walked in step with him and asked him if he would be willing to join



me for a 5 minute chat for the Community Magazine. As he was in a hurry to catch his train we arranged to meet the next day by the coffee van in the station forecourt.

**Have you lived in Liphook long?** I've been here just over a year, I lived in Haslemere with my parents and my girlfriend lived in Liss and so Liphook seemed a good place to look for somewhere together as it ticked all the boxes and was not as expensive as Haslemere.

**I met you on your way to the station, where are you headed?** Up to London, my office overlooks Borough Market; it's a lively place with lots of lovely food and coffee bars. I don't drink a lot of coffee, although I do get one occasionally on Fridays from the Ground Cafe here in the station forecourt.

**As you have only lived in Liphook for a year have you had time to get to know the village?** We haven't got involved in any village activities yet but we've been to the local pubs and restaurants and have had a takeaway occasionally. Some weekends I've enjoyed going out for a cycle ride for 3 to 4 hours and in that time I can get as far as West Wittering or Bosham and back.

*Fay Boyett*

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## THE WEST END COMES TO LIPHOOK

# "Love to Sing"

"Love to Sing", Liphook's very own fun choir brought the glitz and glamour of Broadway and the West End to the village in a fabulous weekend of music and song at The Millennium Centre.



Friday, 31st May and Saturday, 1st June, saw the choir putting on their latest concert "The Sound of Musicals". The two sold out audiences were treated to a fabulous evening of song, whilst enjoying a three course supper presented on beautifully decorated themed tables. The audiences certainly earned their supper by participating in themed quizzes during the evening.



Songs from a wide range of Stage and Screen shows including Les Misérables, South Pacific, Cats, Joseph and many more were sung by the choir expertly conducted by Director Vanessa K Breach.

What a fabulous evening. Thanks must be given to the Choir for their hard work and the wonderful performances, which made us all extremely proud. Another thank you must go to Gill Snedden and her team at The Millennium Centre and to the two wonderful audiences. Thank you for your continued support and all the amazing compliments. We hope to see you all again at future events.

Love to Sing have been entertaining local audiences for over eight years. Now they are fully immersed in rehearsals for their busy Christmas Schedule; with over nine concerts ranging from local Christmas Markets and nursing homes to entertaining Age Concern at their own Christmas Party, the choir members are certainly being put through their paces.



Love to Sing are proud to announce their very own Christmas Concert on Saturday, 14th December at The Millennium Centre. "Mistletoe & Wine" will see the choir perform festive songs as well as some more traditional Christmas Hymns and Carols. Tickets cost £14 per person and include a welcome drink and some festive fayre. To join Love to Sing at this special time of the year visit our web site:

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The choir meets every Wednesday evening at The Church Hall, Liphook Methodist Church, singing songs from rock, pop, jazz, musicals and many other genres. No experience is needed and all abilities are welcome, if you would like to join this fun and friendly choir why not pop along at 7.30pm for a free taster session. You can message the choir by email:

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***Claire Fewings***



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# Pillock Reunion Weekend

We had hoped for 80, possibly 100 but in the end 250 friends turned up to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the departure of Hairy Pillock 2 on its epic world journey.

By late afternoon on the Saturday everything was in place and soon the guests started to arrive. In addition to overseas visitors from Canada, USA and Ireland, friends from Wales, the Midlands, East Anglia and London had made the journey to be part of this unique event.

Memories were shared, drinks were consumed and then the lights were dimmed in readiness for the showing of some films, old and new. Richard King acted as master of ceremonies and introduced each of the films which included 'Rebuilding a Legend', Paul Johnson's record of the 2 year restoration of the original Hairy Pillock which went to Spain in 1968. Despite the unseasonably cool evening all of the guests stayed until late into the night.



*L. to R. - Clive Hughs, Adrian Bird and Richard King.*

The Sunday morning was bright and sunny and the marquees were quickly rejigged to accommodate theatre style seating for the Grand music concert. Lunchtime arrived and more reminiscences were swapped, as the crowd soaked up the sunshine whilst they toured the two buses, enjoyed drinks and a chat. By 2.00pm the music commenced with Peter, Paul and Mary's Brother who were followed by the Vanguards, a bluegrass band whose line up included Richard's niece Laura Nailor.



*Peter, Paul & Mary's Brother.*

During the interval everyone partook of the delicious food cooked by the Deers Hut as they basked in the early autumn sun. Andrew Luff had provided 2 decorated cakes celebrating the bus journey which acted as dessert and was served as the Pompey Pluckers, a ukulele orchestra from Portsmouth, took to the stage and started their performance with Summer Holiday, by Cliff Richard.



*The Pompey Pluckers.*

The audience sang along to all of the Pluckers numbers and then the Vanguards performed a second set of fast driving bluegrass music. As the afternoon was drawing to a close, Clive Hughes, Adrian Bird and Richard King, 3 of the 4 surviving members of the Philanders (as the world travellers' band were known) ascended to the stage. To support them musically they were joined by Peter Harris, Peter Windibank, Wally Walsh and Paul Johnson.



*The Philanderers.*

A selection of the songs that they sung to fund their way around the world were heard again and the audience enthusiastically joined in. Richard's sister, Annie, provided the recorder accompaniment for Whiskey in the Jar and Clive nearly remembered all of the words!



*The Vanguards.*

For a few hours all of the years fell away and we were back to being the same group of kids who inhabited Liphook in the 1960's and 70's. I was going to say that we grew up in Liphook, but I think that thankfully most of us will never grow up.

We would like to thank the staff and management of the Deers Hut for their support and tolerance, all of our friends who made the effort to come, all of the other people who were so generous with their time and equipment. Of course, in 3 years' time it will be the 50th anniversary of the return . . .

***Paul Johnson***

# Heritage Centre

**What's new at the Heritage Centre? Lots!**



Charles Small (1891-1961) was a carpenter who lived in Passfield. His unique collection of carpenters' and builders' tools were originally donated to the Petersfield Museum but Museum officials quite rightly felt this collection - consisting of some 45 pieces - would be better appreciated right here in Liphook, and so they kindly passed Mr. Small's tool collection to the Heritage Centre. Have a look at the photo of two of the many jack planes Mr. Small used, the largest one being 24" long and the smallest being a mere 4" long. The complete range of jack planes is on display in the HC, as are builders' trowels (see other photo) - and more. If Charles Small's tools could talk, one wonders what tales they could tell of the houses in which they were used!



Another new item for viewing is a scale model of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (see photo). Created by David Blower, it was presented to Monsignor Cyril Murtagh in 2011, in honour of the Church's centenary in that year.

Although I've made many visits to the HC over the years, I never knew that instead of having to climb up a flight of stairs to enjoy the wealth of material on display and in the archives, I could simply take the easy option and go up in the Millennium Centre's lift. What's more, you can now sit down to view exhibition boards, thanks to the new addition of a table-top flip-board version.



In the Autumn issue of this magazine, I wrote at length about the exhibit of Listed Buildings in our community. They are beautifully and clearly displayed on two walls in the HC. It will be a trip down memory lane for many residents and truly fascinating to see buildings as they look now contrasted with sepia or black-and-white



photos of how they looked in years past, e.g. the Royal Anchor pub in 1960 - and now - almost 60 years later. Some displays show interior shots as well - such as the 'innards' of the Tudor Gatehouse at Bramshott Place and St. Mary's, our parish church. For Covers Farmhouse in Church Lane, Bramshott, there are photos as well as a model created by Ian Baker (See photos). Also don't forget to test your knowledge of local sites by having a go at the QUIZ!



The Heritage Centre is located on the 1st floor of the Millennium Centre. Opening hours: Mondays & Fridays - 10am to noon; Wednesdays - 2.00 to 4.00pm.

The HC is also open on the following Saturdays from 10.00am to 1.00pm: 14th December 2019, 11th January 2020, 8th February 2020.

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*Mari Wallace*

# NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION OF *Liphook Infant & Junior School*

## Harvest Festival led by Year 2 and Year 3

Year 2 enjoyed visiting Durloughmarsh Farm to see how fruit and vegetables grow before picking fruit to make into delicious smoothies back at school. They have also produced some beautiful wax-relief landscapes based on the work of David Hockney. Year 3 drew some lovely still life pencil drawings of fruits. Years 2 and 3 also wrote thoughtful prayers and poems which fed into the school Harvest Service when children, teachers, parents, grandparents and friends joined together in celebration. We are very grateful for all of the donations of food which were given to local families in need.



## Education Sunday and Starfish Asia

We very much enjoyed celebrating Education Sunday at the Church Centre, Liphook. During the service, we learnt about David and Goliath and considered how we deal with challenges. The choir sang beautifully and it was wonderful to share our school vision with the congregation.



## Green Team

The Green Team have been very busy this year encouraging the whole school community to reuse, reduce and recycle. They have led collective worship, written newsletters and designed competitions encouraging us to be responsible with our waste and to look after our environment.



## New Year R Children

We are pleased to say that the new children that have started at the Federation in Year R have settled in brilliantly and are already showing us what amazing learners they are! They have made new friends and are developing lots of key skills which will stand them in good stead as the year progresses. Well done to all of them!



## Civic Award

We are very proud of the thirty Year 6 children who completed the Civic Award. This award involves the children working within the school and wider community and pursuing a physical and non-physical hobby. Some of the hobbies were amazing, with one child even building a computer!



# Bohunt School at Liphook

## Students Present Award to Paula Rawsthorne at SLS Hampshire Book Awards 2019



Rawsthorne and hear more about what inspired her to write the book.

## Maritime Roadshow for Girls at INEOS TEAM HQ, Portsmouth

Our intrepid team were joined by fellow Bohunt Trust students from Priory School, Southsea and The Petersfield School.



They also drove a digital version of the famous America's Cup boat by using VR glasses and completed a personality test to find the best #STEM career for them!

## Bohunt Sixth Form Wows with Record-Breaking Open Evening

Over 400 prospective students and their parents attended the evening, eager to see the impressive Sixth Form building and learn all about Bohunt Sixth's immersive study and enrichment programmes.



for years 12 and 13. Students and parents were keen to hear about life at Bohunt Sixth Form, the transition to higher education and the courses and programmes available.

## Outstanding Open Evening for Bohunt School



Our Year 9 students, who had previously voted for their favourite book, 'Shell', at the end of Summer Term, travelled to the award ceremony eager to meet their favourite author, Paula

The girls participated in a speed networking event with #STEM engineers to practice their #engineering skills including programming and controlling robots.

Clare Hodgson, Head of Bohunt Sixth Form, and Neil Strowger, Headteacher of Bohunt School, gave a series of informal talks aimed at future students who might be considering joining

Everything from 'TV's Jon Tickle' 'flaming' Science explosions, to the 1940s and a Buddhist Temple, the evening was a showcase for all the activities and opportunities

available for students at Bohunt School, as well as in introduction to Bohunt Sixth Form.

## Bohunt School Celebrates Record-Breaking GCSE Results

Students and staff at Bohunt School in Liphook celebrated another fantastic set of GCSE results – and a record set of results under the new system of GCSE grading.

Bohunt School is rated Outstanding in every category by Ofsted, and in the last report, inspectors praised the way in which "GCSE results across almost



every subject are much higher than those seen nationally". The report also recognised how much students enjoy learning, and when awarding the School 'School of the Year', the Times Educational Subject judges stated, "Bohunt School manages the incredibly difficult trick of excelling across the board, not just academically but in terms of students' personal development, too."

## Bohunt Sixth Form Success Confirmed with First Year of A level Results

Students and staff at Bohunt Sixth Form in Liphook are celebrating following its first cohort of A Level students receiving their results.

Top results and confirmed places at some of the UK's leading universities, including Oxbridge Universities were amongst the many achievements of Bohunt's A Level students, who are the first year group to graduate from the high-performing sixth form, which opened in 2017.



## Year 7 Autumn Term – Pure Imagination

This term the Expressive Arts department at Bohunt School Liphook has proudly launched another successful Year 7 show, all within the first half of Autumn Term.

Pure Imagination is a collaborative art work, created by taking songs and reviews from musicals such as Annie, Charlie & The Chocolate Factory and Matilda. Each tutor group in Year 7 takes it in turns to perform on three consecutive evenings each Autumn Term.

The Students perform songs in front of friends and families, showcasing just how much hard work, determination and effort our students have committed to the show.





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# Helen Allingham



*Helen Allingham Portrait.*

Opinions have always been divided on the merits of Helen Allingham's watercolours of the English countryside. To many they are considered to be overtly sentimental and dismissively referred to as 'chocolate boxy'. Curiously enough she was indeed commissioned by the Cadbury Chocolate Co. to provide illustrations for use on the lids of gift boxes, as indeed was the artist Myles Birket Foster,

who was Helen Allingham's mentor in her early days. It is worth remembering that fine art and advertising were often linked, after all it was John Everett Millais, scion of the pre-Raphaelite brotherhood, who painted 'Bubbles' for the Pears Soap Company.

However, to others Helen Allingham is seen as the pre eminent recorder of vernacular architecture of the homes of Victorian working class families.

Helen Paterson was born in 1848 in Derbyshire and was the eldest of seven children, both her grandmother and aunt had been accomplished artists and from an early age she demonstrated a precocious talent for sketching. She was classically trained at the National Art Training School, which was later to become the Royal College of Art. Her sketches and drawings were used in magazines such as the 'Cornhill' and 'The Graphic'. She was the first artist to illustrate Thomas Hardy's 'Far From the Madding Crowd' for its serialisation in the Cornhill Magazine in 1874. The 24 plates were drawn from descriptions and photographs given to her by the author. It is worth reflecting that she was one of the few women illustrators in, what was then, an artistic clique very much dominated by men. She enjoyed a long friendship with the children's book illustrator Kate Greenaway. She was also the first woman to be enrolled into the Royal Watercolour Society

In 1874 she exhibited two paintings in the Royal Academy exhibition and in that same year she married William Allingham when she was 26 and he was 50 years old. He was not only old enough to be Helen's father, who had died when she was just nine years old, he was indeed a year or so older than her mother!

*Fleur de Lys Shottermill.*



William Allingham was an Irish poet and diarist and through his work as a literary editor, he was a friend to many of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood including Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Millais and William Morris as well as Robert Browning, Charles Dickens John Ruskin and George Eliot. He considered Thomas Carlyle his mentor and was greatly influenced by Alfred Tennyson.

The marriage was a happy one and together they raised three children although William was for long periods plagued with self doubt and melancholy and a prey to depression. After the death of Carlyle they moved from Hampstead and settled in Sandhills near Witley in 1881 and it was from this time onwards that Helen produced many of the stunning watercolours of Surrey and Sussex cottage homes for which she best remembered today.

From their home in Sandhills they were just a few miles north of the summer home of Alfred Lord Tennyson and his wife on Blackdown, Haslemere and the Allinghams were regular guests at Aldworth when she frequently tried and failed, to sketch Tennyson who objected to being stared at. It was only after she painted a picture of the poet's wife Emily Lady Tennyson, who was in poor health and his favourite dog 'Old Don' that he relented and sat for several portraits by her. Sad to relate that 'Old Don' died the day after Helen finished the picture.



*'Old Don'.*

Helen and Tennyson were both keen walkers and would tramp together over the Sussex and Surrey Downs and he directed her in locating cottages and vistas that inspired her paintings. Whilst there are those who would dismiss her depiction of tumble down thatch and verdant hedgerows, with bonneted children playing at the gates, architecturally her cottages were accurately recorded and accord with early photographs taken subsequently.

One such location is the cottage now known as 'Fleur de Lys' in Bell Road, Shottermill. This building dated back to the 16th century and was painted in 1898. Unlike many of the rural locations painted by Helen Allingham this building remains and was once the home of Jesse & Hannah Mann and can be seen adjacent to Coomers Builders Merchants.

**Paul Robinson**

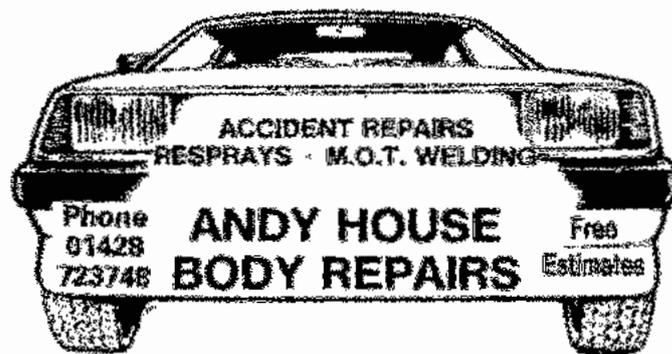
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# Churcher's College

## NEPALESE ARTS WEEK AT CHURCHER'S COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL AND NURSERY

At Churcher's College Junior School and Nursery the last week before half term was Arts Week. This year the children decided they wanted to support their partner school in Nepal - UWS Mude and they were keen to learn all about the culture of Nepal and what daily life is like for the children there. The children spent the week immersed in all things Nepalese.



## RUNNERS UP AT THE ISFA TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 9th October, the U11A team competed in the ISFA U11 Hampshire Region football tournament.

The team played some brilliant football, with lovely build up play and finishing in-front of goal. A highlight of the day came when Heath scored a thumping volley into the top corner of the opposition goal in a 4-0 victory over Twyford School. Out of six matches, Churcher's won five in a row without conceding a single goal, thanks to some fantastic saves by Felix. Congratulations to Teddy scoring in a 1-0 win over Downsend School in a tense and hard fought match which meant that Churcher's were the only team to beat the eventual winners. In the end both Churcher's and Downsend finished top of the league on 15 points, but it was not meant to be for the Churcher's boys and Downsend progressed to the National Finals on a superior goal difference with Churcher's finishing as runners up for the 3rd year in a row. Mr Harry Pickett and Mr Matthew Forbes could not be prouder of the boys for their performance, hard work and effort throughout the day. Well done to all involved!



## "TEAMWORK IS COOL"

"Teamwork is Cool" was the main message the children took from Churcher's College Junior School's Team Building Afternoon, on Friday 6th Sept. The pupils all made a very positive start to their year in Class 3 enjoying a variety of team activities including orienteering, a team assault course and problem solving challenges. They were then joined by their parents for delicious cakes and tea.



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# The Fernhurst Centre

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In December local event florist Louise Avery is hosting two workshops demonstrating, with all materials provided, how to make either a Christmas Door Wreath or a Table Centrepiece (see back cover). Also on offer are a dry felting workshop and lacemaking, in each case to make seasonal decorations and the month is rounded off with a children's session of edible cake decorations. This is in addition to a full schedule of IT and language classes which take place all year round. 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)

If you are looking for inspiration, the Fernhurst Centre is on hand to help with reasonably priced Christmas or birthday present ideas. The winter range of pashminas and scarves are new in, with rich warm colours and a touch of luxury. Eco products on sale include beeswax wraps to replace cling film and bamboo coffee takeaway coffee mugs. Before you buy commercially produced Christmas cards, consider looking at our

2019 packs, with newly commissioned paintings of three winter views from the local area. The cards are just £2.70 for 6 cards or £7.60 for 3 packs comprising 18 cards. Ready for 2020, there is a new look wall or appointments calendar featuring beautiful paintings of the local countryside, which will give a colourful and personal touch to the next 12 months.

The Liphook and Fernhurst scouts are already looking forward to making their annual postal rounds on 21st 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. In January there will be new courses on using iPads, tablets and mobile phones as well on excel spreadsheets. The Centre has 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

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# Drive and Walk (6.5 miles)

## A WALK ACROSS LUDSHOTT COMMON, AROUND GRAYSHOTT AND BACK TO WAGGONERS WELLS

Starting at the Royal Anchor, drive up the Headley Road, over the A3 and take the next turning right into Tunbridge Lane. After the road bears left at the bottom of the hill, take the first right and drive up towards the Church. Turn left at the Church into Rectory Lane and follow this road going along the sunken lane until you reach a T junction. Turn left (still in Rectory Lane) and follow this road into the car park at the end.

1. From the car park, walk by the low metal rail and follow the footpath as it goes gradually downhill and up again ignoring a wide track on the right. Continue downhill until you see 2 information boards and a stream on your left, turn left and cross the bridge.
2. Turn left and keep to the path ahead. Eventually the path will run alongside a fence on your left, keep going forward, ignoring the footpath on the left going through the fence. Continue uphill and when the path divides take the left hand turn keeping the fence on your left. Reaching a track turn left onto it, still following the fence. After passing Fir Tree Cottage and Priors the track turns into a footpath, follow this and soon take the bridleway on the right (no finger post). Go straight over the wide cross paths that has a finger post and telegraph wires overhead and continue until you reach an open space on your right. Bearing left join the wide track, keeping the open space on your right.
3. Follow this path ignoring any side turnings until you reach a cross paths with a wooden seat on the right hand path. Do not turn right but continue straight ahead following the path downhill through trees. After a short distance the path divides, take the right hand path. Continue downhill until you reach a T junction at the bottom. Turn right and immediately left (there is a triangle of green grass by this turning), the path starts going uphill. Eventually, after some distance, reach another T Junction with a bench on the left hand side dedicated to Marian Poppy. Turn right.
4. Continue until you reach a cross paths with a car park visible through the trees on the left, a bench on the left and a notice board on the right, then walk straight over. The path winds uphill and then down, at the bottom at a junction of paths, turn left at the Way sign with a blue arrow, that is somewhat hidden under a tree.
5. Keep on this path through trees until it splits into two. Take the right hand path that has a Way sign in the middle of the path. Follow the picket fence to a road.
6. Cross this busy road and reach the pavement then turn right. Take the first turning left into Hammer Lane opposite Grayshott Medical Spa. As the road bears left take the road on the right which has a panelled fence and a line of tree stumps. Continue past the gated entrance to Boscobel, ignore the path on the left, then after going under telegraph wires, take the first right hand path (finger posted) which has a view of new houses. Follow the path behind the houses. At a small cross paths continue ahead behind older houses, initially following a panelled fence on your right. Ignore the wide tarmac path on your right. Continue past allotments and after these end, keep

left, ignoring the track on your right. Continue until you reach a house and garden immediately in front of you, turn right and quickly turn left into Beech Lane (name at further end of lane).

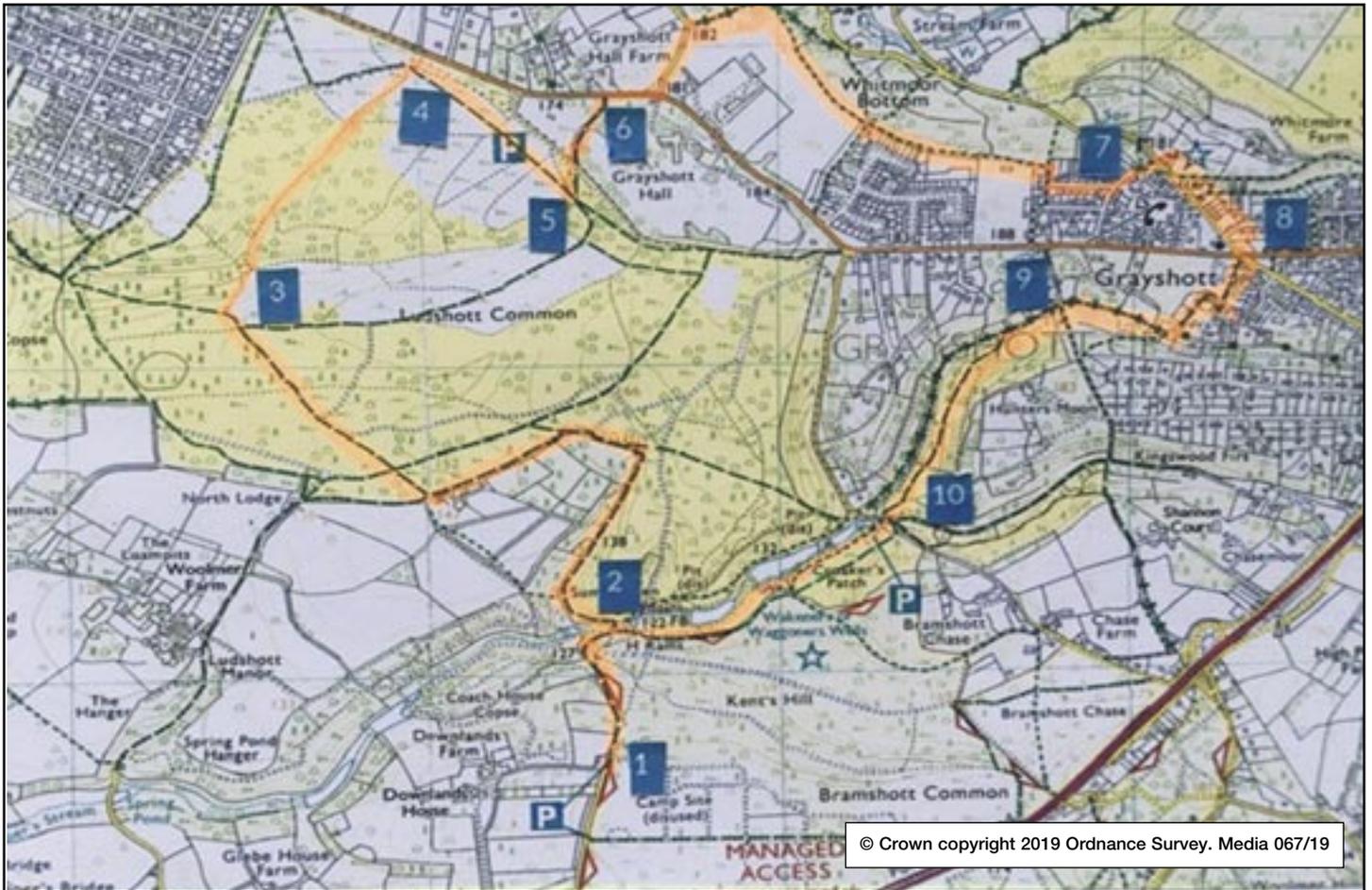
7. At the end of Beech Lane turn left into School Road. On your right you will pass Grayshott Primary School and Grayshott Pottery, which has a cafe. At the end of this road turn right (no pavement for a short distance) until you reach the main road in Grayshott, the Church will be on your right. (If you turn left now taking a short walk along the main road and passing the bus stop, you will find toilets at the back of the car park and refreshments in shops or the Fox and Pelican. Then return to the Church).
8. Cross the road and head down Hill Road. As Hill Road bears left take the right hand rough road to Stoney Bottom. Continue down this rough road until you reach on your left a white house called Old Yew Tree Cottage, take the partially hidden path opposite the house and follow it down to another rough road.
9. Turn right and continue down the rough road passing houses on your right until you reach an electricity substation on your right. Take the left hand path. When the path divides by a Bridleway signpost take the left hand path uphill. Ignoring any side paths follow this path until it reaches a T junction. Turn left. Pass a small green pond visible on your right and continue gradually going downhill on this path until it meets another path at a T Junction. Turn right onto this path and continue downhill until you reach Waggoners Wells Lane.
10. Turn left onto the lane and before it reaches a car park turn right onto a footpath. You will quickly reach a post in the middle of this path. Follow the path and walk alongside the first lake heading for but not crossing the small wooden bridge. Keeping to the left of the bridge, walk past the next two lakes. At the end of the last lake keep going forwards, ignoring the path leading to a wooden bridge on your right. When the path eventually splits take the right hand path. Continue following this path passing two information boards on your right (seen at the beginning of your walk), go forward over the cross paths and retrace your steps until you reach the car park.

Fay and Terry Boyett would like to thank the Countryside Companions Walking Group for their considerable help in devising this walk. The Countryside Companions will complete the walk on Thursday January 30th 2020, starting at 10.00am at the Car park. We stop for coffee mid morning and some will lunch at the Fox and Pelican whilst others will bring a picnic. We would love you to join us. Just turn up at the start by 9.50am or contact [f.boyett98@btinternet.com](mailto:f.boyett98@btinternet.com) for more information.

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*Fay Boyett*





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## Highfield and Brookham Year 6 Student Climbs Snowden

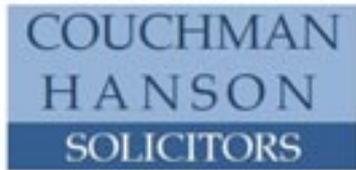
To coincide with this month's World Mental Health Day, Matilda, a Year 6 student took on the challenge of climbing Snowden as part of a Three Peaks Challenge, raising an amazing £820 for charity.

Matilda was climbing to raise money for Young Minds Trust. The charity is spearheading the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered, whatever the challenges.

Matilda loves going on long walks. She also talks non-stop and going for a walk with her parents is always an opportunity for them to find out what is going on. After reading Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls and loving the quote by Audrey Hepburn "As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others", Matilda decided to combine walking and talking and go on a challenge walk while being able to talk and talk! As her father, Luke, said when they finished the climb "3560 feet, 3560 questions - but we made it!"



Matilda said, "I believe all kids should be able to talk about their feelings and have the support there if things are not going well and life is not being kind. By climbing Snowden with my Daddy this year and then Ben Nevis and Snaefell in 2020, I want to raise money for Young Minds so all kids get the best possible mental health support and can walk and talk just like me and be happy."



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# Three Counties Association

### VISIT TO DOWN HOUSE AND TITSEY PLACE

Today we had a double treat in store: we visited two interesting homes on the borders of Surrey and Kent - Down House and Titsey Place.

#### Down House, Kent

This was the home of Charles Darwin who lived here for forty years from 1842 to his death in 1882. Set in the rural village of Downe, the house offered the peace and privacy Darwin needed to work on his revolutionary scientific theories. It is full of his works and memorabilia. Through the displays in the rooms and gardens we were able to trace the development of these theories and their publication along with those of other scientists who helped to contribute to them. A tour of the garden was also recommended as it held examples of plants that Darwin used to formulate his theories.



The house is interesting for its own sake as it was built during the early 18th Century. It was successively owned by a businessman, a property developer and a vicar before the Darwin's moved in. They further developed the house up to 1876. After Darwin died it became a girls' school. Then, recognising its importance, the Royal College of Surgeons took Down House on in 1929, finally passing it to English Heritage in 1996.

#### Titsey Place and Gardens

A buffet lunch was served to us at Down House after which we travelled the short distance back into Surrey to visit Titsey Place near Oxted. Titsey Place is one of the largest estates in Surrey. The core of the house is Tudor and was bought by John

Gresham, the famous London merchant, in 1534 and, passing through a female line of the family, it has been owned by the Leveson-Gowers until 1992 when a trust was set up to manage the estate.



We had a guided tour which was well received. The gardens, which are continuously being developed, are particularly lovely and extensive. It is possible to walk to the 19th Century local church, and to the beech plantation on the hillside of the North Downs.

#### Solent Blue Funnel Boat Cruise



An enduring favourite with our membership is a trip on water, whether down a river or on the sea. So on 30th July we decided to offer another boat trip, this time a Solent Blue Funnel Boat Cruise. The coach took us to Town Quay in Southampton where we boarded our boat to go across Southampton Water to Hythe, where Tuesday is market day. On the day the weather was particularly bad which reduced the size of Hythe market and made it impossible to sit on the sea front to view traffic in the Solent. Hythe's village centre with its pretty Georgian High Street offered a range of interesting shops and services and plenty of places to eat and drink. An added attraction is an electric train that runs along Hythe's 130 year-old pier. After lunch in Hythe we re-boarded our boat to cruise round the Port of Southampton and to enjoy our cream tea together with a lively commentary. We returned to our coach for the journey home at 3.30 pm.

For those interested in joining the Association, a membership form can be found on our web site at:

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# BRAMSHOTT, LIPHOOK & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## *Bloomin' Marvellous Show*

We held our final show of the year in the Church Centre, at Liphook. There was a large increase in the number of entries, with flower entries up by 65. Judges Belinda Allen and Hazel Chant commented on the superb quality and quantity of entries.

The Show Secretaries were delighted to see several new members entering this year and being successful. One of the highlights of the show was the Basket of Vegetables class in which there were six entries. Ian Haussauer won the Certificate for the Best Vegetable Exhibit for this class as well as a Special Merit Certificate awarded by the judges. Another highlight was the increase in number in the floral art classes judged by Rosemary Lanning.



*Shades of Autumn by Marie Clare Keyser.*

Cup winners this time were John Gilbert winning the Bob Bell Trophy for being the most successful exhibitor in the vegetable classes and the Vian Cup for his shallots. Steve Amos won the Lady Skelhorn Trophy for the best exhibit in the show for his dahlias as well as the Reg Elliott Trophy. The Countess of Brecknock Cup and the Arthur Johnson Trophy were won by Society Secretary, Ann Haussauer and the W A Coyte Annual Challenge Cup was won by Show Secretary, Anne Govier, for her fuchsia, orchid and geranium exhibits. Other cup winners were Marie Claire Keyser and Helen Brown. The children's cup was won by Harrison Gooding.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who put entries in the Show this year and may they continue to do so.. For further information on the Society, please contact Mrs Ann Haussauer on **01428 723045**.

*Anne Govier*



*Admiring the exhibits.*



*Ian Haussauer's Collection of Vegetables.*



*The dahlias.*



*General view.*



*The Mixed Flowers class.*



*The magnificent parsnip entries.*



*Visitors admiring the Lilies.*

## COURSE BACKED BY THE DALAI LAMA

# Making Liphook a Happier and More Caring Place

A course called 'Exploring What Matters' has been running in Liphook to help people discover how to live a happier and more fulfilling life.

The course has been developed by Action for Happiness, a UK based movement of people taking action for a happier world, which has over 100,000 members. It is secular, science-based and open to people of all backgrounds.

The course is backed by the Dalai Lama, who said:

***"As patron of Action for Happiness . . . I wholeheartedly support the 'Exploring What Matters' course and hope that many thousands of people will benefit from it and be inspired to take their own action to help create a happier world".***

The course is delivered by community volunteers. In Liphook, the course is run by Vicky Mason, who is the Personal Performance and Life Coach at The Olive Tree in Haslemere and by Lara Kynvin, who is currently completing her counselling degree. They are both experienced facilitators and have been running the course in Liphook Infant School Community Room with a number of the course participants being parents from the Infant and Junior Schools. Course leader Vicky who is also a parent at the school, said:

***"I'm very excited to be running this course because it's a great opportunity to connect with like-minded people in the***

***Liphook community and look for ways for us all to take action to improve our own lives, the lives of our children and families and the lives of those around us".***

Analysis of the course has found that it leaves people both happier and more pro-social, with participants reporting increases in levels of life satisfaction, mental wellbeing, compassion and social trust. Many say the course is life-changing.

In 'Exploring What Matters', local groups meet for eight weeks, with each session exploring a big question. They start with "What really matters in life?" and then "What really makes us happy?" These are followed by sessions on dealing with adversity, having good relationships, caring for others, and creating happier workplaces and communities. They end with "How can we create a happier world?"

Director of Action for Happiness, Dr Mark Williamson said:

***"In the modern world we are bombarded with false messages about what makes for a happy life. The Exploring What Matters course helps people discover for themselves that real success has much less to do with what we earn or consume - and much more to do with our inner attitudes, our relationships with others and our contribution to society".***

*Victoria Mason*

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## HASLEMERE HOSPITAL MINOR INJURIES UNIT

# Proposed Closure

## OR UPGRADE TO AN URGENT TREATMENT CENTRE

The Member of Parliament for South West Surrey, The Rt. Hon. Jeremy Hunt MP, has expressed strong concerns about the proposed closure of the Minor Injuries Unit at Haslemere Hospital.

He says it is a much needed local facility and closing it will only heap further pressure on the Royal Surrey's busy A & E. He is working very hard with the local NHS Clinical Commissioning Group, as well as all the other relevant people involved.

He says "the fight is on", and he is discussing how to safe guard its future! An Urgent Treatment Centre would be open 7 days a week and properly staffed. (The Minor Injuries Unit is only 5 days a week, daytime hours only).

(The current Minor Injuries department at Haslemere Hospital, has already been greatly reduced over the years and does not meet the new requirement for a 12 hour day, nor has it been commissioned to provide the treatment of Minor Ailments/illnesses).

**The new centre is to be referred to as an Urgent Care Centre and will provide twelve hour cover seven days a week under the leadership of a GP.**

Jeremy Hunt says we could ALL help him by coming to a public meeting to show the NHS just how strong the local support is in and around Haslemere for the new facility.

He has booked the Haslemere Hall for a public meeting on Friday 6th December at 19.00.

**PLEASE put the date in your diaries now!**

He has asked the NHS to make sure any decision is not taken before then.

He will also be sending out a survey on the issue which he hopes you will participate in.

# Poets' Corner

## Winter Miracle

The icy claws of winter winds  
Have torn the last late-clinging leaves  
From stubborn grasp of trees  
And showered them down  
Upon the hardened soil.

The trees thrust out stark branches  
That cross-weave the frozen air  
And bow and bend, cringe and cower  
Before the cruel, cutting blasts.

Freezing fronds of glittering ice  
Transform the naked limbs  
With crystal-clusters, shooting sparks of light.

Trees of myth and legend now  
With wizard-carved branched-wands  
Ablaze with foliage of cut-glass lustres  
A miracle of flame and fire.

*Ruth Howes*

## Turn Round

Turn round, young man, see where you've been,  
Your footprints on the sands of time.  
Now on the threshold of your life,  
An adult, as you reach eighteen.

Those early years of play and fun,  
And then the doubts, anxieties,  
But in between, those special times  
That made the man that you've become.

Look forward now, horizons far,  
The world awaits you to explore,  
There's room a plenty for us all,  
It's up to you to set the bar.

So you'll decide the way you're led,  
You'll find your path, your special route.  
With twists and turns, embrace your life,  
And forge your future way ahead.

We are not all a rising star,  
Ascending quickly to the heights,  
Experience counts for so much more,  
And those with that, will travel far.

And now you know this is your chance  
To seize the strands of life, so strong.  
You weave the cloth that makes the coat  
You wear in life, as you advance.

We've watched you grow, with love and pride,  
Your footprints etched upon the sand,  
And from the touchline, cheer you on;  
You'll take the future in your stride.

*Angela Glass*

## Pilgrimage (23rd March 2018)

Hands that lifted the sky  
Feathered by the winds  
Holding the clouds aloft  
Put their trust in their faith

There are those that have trod  
These steps and stones before  
There are those yet to pass  
Across that threshold

Ring those bells from ancient  
Towers of stone – let their peals  
Echo round the hills and valleys  
For the pilgrims to rejoice

Are there spirits on these winds  
Are there tears of their souls in the rain  
What is it that we can sense but not see  
As we trace our steps along the way

As their weary feet step forward  
They know they are never alone  
In the depths of such solitude  
There is a fellowship close at hand  
With and among your fellow pilgrims  
Who find themselves sharing  
Their innermost thoughts  
Their experiences of life

All set to face each dawn  
Until they arrive at their destination  
Pilgrims – each drawn by a purpose  
They don't truly understand  
Yet are openly willing to embrace  
Maybe to experience  
How it must have felt to have  
Been among those first disciples

Pilgrims – not all of whom  
Have a faith to test  
Just a need to explore  
What it is that others feel  
What others say they see  
Their questioning souls  
Will be made as welcome  
As the next for being brave

*Richard Gould*

## Remember

Remember people who fought for our country  
Everyone scared, anxious and worried  
Mothers fathers daughters and sons  
thinking of what will come

Evenings, days, the whole night through,  
everyone thinking of what to do  
Moving around for a safe place to hide  
with no belongings by their side

Bombing and fighting they watched it all  
Evacuating running crying and more  
Remember those who fought during this war  
Thank you is what we all should do  
for those who gave us today.

*Maya Jewell (Aged 9)*

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- 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 DIABETES UK COMMUNITY GROUP** - Sandy Maroney, 01428-725193. Email: sandy.maroney@hotmail.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 MILLENNIUM CENTRE** - 01428 723889.  
Web: www.liphookmc.co.uk
- 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 Oxton, Email: chairman17@liphook-united.org  
John Raeyen, Email: media-contact17@liphook-united.org
- LIPHOOK VILLAGE HALL** - Bookings: Mrs L. Miller, 07751 832983.
- LIPHOOK VILLAGE SURGERY PPG** - 01428 728270.
- LIPHOOK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** - Secretary, Pam Robson, 01428 723732.
- LISS IN STITCHES** - Deirdre Mitchell, 01730 267214.
- LOVE TO SING CHOIR** - Liphook Methodist Church Hall.  
Contact Vanessa K. Breach, 07766 083862 .
- LUDSHOTT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB** - Diana Grant, 01428 713706.
- M.A.D. COMPANY** - (Methodist Amateur Dramatics), 07766 083862.
- MEALS ON WHEELS** - Apetito, 0808 271 6600.
- 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.
- THE ARTS SOCIETY HASLEMERE** - Chairman: Alison Marston, 01428 652000.
- THE LYNCHMERE SOCIETY** - Conservation and Natural History. Membership enquiries: Louise Searight, 01428 723715.  
Web: www.thelynchmeresociety.org
- THREE BORDERS KNITTING CLUB** - 01428 606957, 01428 712055.
- U3A LIPHOOK** - Email: membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk
- 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 2½ 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  
2½ 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 Lrcyyouthcricket@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 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. In Liphook we have one of the largest and most active Scout Groups in Hampshire. 1st Liphook Scout Group has over 200 members and runs 3 Beaver Colonies (for those aged 6-8), 3 Cub Packs (9-11), 2 Scout Groups (11-14) an Explorer Scout Unit (14-18) and has strong links to our District Scout 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, Vic Pires, to find out more about joining:

[membership@liphookscouts.org.uk](mailto:membership@liphookscouts.org.uk)

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: [gsl@liphookscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@liphookscouts.org.uk) for all enquiries about Scouting and our sections.

• **Stuart Clark** (Group Chairman) on **07900 463482** or by email: [chair@liphookscouts.org.uk](mailto:chair@liphookscouts.org.uk) for all volunteer and fundraising enquiries as well as for general enquiries.

• **Sarah-Jane Anslow** (Treasurer) by email at: [treasurer@liphookscouts.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@liphookscouts.org.uk) for subs enquiries.

• **Alison Jackson** (Scout Shop) on **01428 723248** or by email: [atalisonjackson@btopenworld.com](mailto:atalisonjackson@btopenworld.com) for all uniform or equipment enquiries.

The sections and their leaders are as follows:-

- Willow Beavers – Mark Boosey
- Ashdown Beavers – Mark Stocker
- Maple Beavers – Sheila Woods
- Downlands Cub Pack – Kevin Carrig
- Oakhanger Cub Pack – Trevor Holden
- Wheatsheaf Cub Pack – Jez Turner
- Shackleton Scout Troop – Nigel Woods
- Scott Scout Troop – Neil Caie
- Stirling Explorer Unit – Stuart West

*Any changes please notify Hazel  
Williams on 01428 722084*

**TWO CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS**  
with local event florist  
**LOUISE AVERY**

# **Table Centrepiece**

**Wednesday 11 December**

**11 am - 1pm**

# **Door Wreath**

**Wednesday 11 December**

**2 - 4 pm**

**£35 each workshop**

**including materials**

To book Tel 01428 641931 or email:  
[ferncent@gmail.com](mailto:ferncent@gmail.com)

[www.fernurstcentre.org.uk](http://www.fernurstcentre.org.uk)

