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PARISH PEOPLE

James Enticknap-Green



Most people associate the job of a tree surgeon as one occupied with chopping down trees, but as I was to learn from a meeting I had with James Enticknap-Green of Liphook Tree Surgeons, reality is quite the opposite. Arboriculture has always been the focus of his work and the removal of trees is more often than not done only when, through disease or natural die back, there is no chance of saving the tree.

James, known to one and all as 'Jimmy the Tree' established his company ten years ago after seven years training as an arborist when he attained his qualifications, NPTC, & Lantra BTI. He is also Safeguarding Manager & Trustee of DART (Disaster Arborist Response Team) International UK. His team of four all fully qualified and ex Bohunt pupils, work extensively in Hampshire, Surrey and West Sussex and are retained by both the National Trust and Waverley Borough Council for their arboreal skills.

Liphook Tree Surgeons offer a full arboriculture service from advice on planting of trees suitable for the environment, right through to the care of veteran trees which may be in preservation areas or are protected by tree preservation orders (TPOs)

Their customer base includes many commercial clients, developers, landscapers and estate managers as well as domestic clients for whom they trim and reduce hedges as well as crown reducing trees and are up to date with the current British standards in tree works.

Cuttings and prunings are environmentally composted while larger limbs are chipped and recycled as green energy for wood fuelled biomass ingesters.

Size is not a problem. They were recently called in to examine a 100' high Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) that had,



over a period of years, suffered from a fungal growth to its base which left no option but to dismantle the tree from the top down and lift it out in 8 sections, the largest of which weighed 7.8 tons! The beginning of the tree's decline was instigated when the development had damaged some of its root plate during landscaping and construction of the properties. Removal of the tree called for a 160 ton mobile crane in order to lift the trunk out from the garden over the house. This was just one of over fifty difficult removals Liphook Tree Surgeons has completed, the latest of which concerned a tree on a road in Woking which is totally land locked and could not be done by hand due to its size. It had to be lifted out over three houses and unfortunately had a type of disease that makes it become brittle and it had been shedding limbs.



Ash dieback management has been a big part of their work recently, also called Chalara, it is a fungus which originated in Asia. It doesn't cause much damage on its native hosts of the Chinese ash in its native range. However, its introduction to Europe about 30 years ago has devastated the European ash because our native ash species did not evolve with the fungus and this means it has no natural defence against it. This insidious disease can devastate an otherwise handsome stand of trees and when this occurs next to roads and footpaths, have to be removed in the interests of public safety.

For help and advice on the selection and planting of trees or, in the case of removal of diseased or unwanted trees or any other tree related issues, contact James Enticknap-Green on **07920 057009** or e-mail liphooktrees@gmail.com

Paul Robinson

The Liphook Community Magazine Spring Appeal 2020

A Big Thank-You to All Who Have Contributed

This year's Spring Appeal has again been a great success with over £1,600 added to the Magazine's funds. With a quarterly cost to supply the ever-increasing number of properties in the Parish, now running at some £3,500, this is a very significant contribution.

On behalf of all the Magazine volunteers - including those who write, compile and deliver the printed copies plus those who host the online edition - can I say a big THANK-YOU for your generous donations.

In these very difficult times, additional funds are particularly welcome and enable us to plan future editions with confidence.

To everyone, we hope you stay well and continue to enjoy your Magazine throughout the next twelve months.

John Anthistle
Hon. Treasurer

NOTHING CHANGES

"On hearing ill rumour that
Londoners may soon be urged
into their lodgings by Her
Majesty's men, I looked upon
the street to see a gaggle of
striplings making fair merry, and
no doubt spreading the plague
well about. Not a care had these
rogues for the health of their elders!"

Samuel Pepys Diaries - London 1664

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www.liphook.uk - then go to Community Magazine

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

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SITUATIONS VACANT

A secretary is required for the magazine committee.

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Hazel Williams - Editor

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BLACS

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I'll tell you a tale, that's been recently written,
Of a powerful army, So Great it saved Britain,
They didn't have bombs and they didn't have planes,
They fought with their hearts and they fought with their brains.

They didn't have bullets, and armed with a mask,
We sent them to war, with one simple task,
To show us the way, to lead and inspire us,
To protect us from harm and fight off the virus.

It couldn't be stopped by our bullet proof vests,
An invisible enemy, invaded our chests,
So we called on our weapon, our soldiers in Blue,
"All Doctors, All Nurses, Your Country needs you."

We clapped on our streets, hearts bursting with pride,
As they went off to war, while we stayed inside,
They struggled at first, as they searched for supplies,
But they stared ` down the virus, in the whites of its eyes.

They leaped from the trenches and didn't think twice,
Some never came back, the ultimate price,
So tired, so weary, yet still they fought on,
As the virus was beaten and the battle was won.

The many of us, owe so much, to so few,
The brave and the bold, our heroes in Blue,
So let's line the streets and remember our debt,
We love you, our heroes, Lest we forget.

Matt Kelly - 2020

Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council

Coronavirus

As with many other organisations, the parish council has had to close both the parish office and the Liphook Millennium Centre due to government restrictions. We have continued to provide support to the community through the parish telephone which is answered every weekday and by providing information on the parish and LMC websites. We have seen an increase in the use of the Recreation Ground and Radford Park mainly for daily exercise and dog walking. The ground staff are working to ensure that bins are emptied, the grass is cut and the areas are safe to use. Unfortunately, it has been necessary to close the children's play areas in line with government requirements.

The council is helping the community by co-ordinating a volunteering service so that volunteers can be matched with those needing support in the community for shopping or prescriptions. We are working with the District and County Council as well as other organisations such as Community First. Further details can be found on the council website or by calling or emailing the council.

Parish Projects

The refurbishment of the Heather, Green and Canada Rooms at the Liphook Millennium Centre has now been completed. New furniture has been provided to ensure the rooms look at their best and are fit for purpose. We look forward to them being used by the local community once we are able to open the building to the public.

Radford Park continues to have a significant amount of restoration work carried-out to ensure paths are kept clear and trees are managed. A plan to maintain the park in the future is being developed.

With the government restrictions, new projects are currently being delayed.

Information About the Council

The council has had to cancel some meetings including the Annual Parish Meeting. Reports that would have been presented at that meeting have been placed on the council website. Depending on the length of the government restrictions on contact, the council may hold virtual meetings. Should this occur, the public will still be invited to join the meeting via a home computer or other device. Agendas will be widely published and include information on how the public can join the meetings and arrangements for any public questions.

Our website provides information about our budget, grants and how the council spends public money.

Millennium Centre Cinema

Once the government restrictions are lifted, the LMC cinema will resume.

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 (food, alcohol, hot and cold beverages and ice cream) are served from our community bar before the film and during the interval which adds to the relaxed atmosphere. Card payments are accepted. We look forward to seeing you at future screenings!

The LMC website is www.liphookmc.co.uk. We encourage you to take a look and keep up to date with what's happening with our community events and regular activities.

Community Funded Initiatives

CFIs are projects that are no longer funded by Hampshire County Council and examples include minor roadworks such as passing places, more attractive signage, and adaptations for pedestrian traffic.

The Parish Council has agreed to ring fence £5,000 in its annual Budget to help community groups who wish to undertake a project to benefit our community. There is set criterion used to assess any CFI project, and an application form is available from the Parish Office, as well as fuller details of the scheme. Again, as with our grant funding, we welcome the opportunity to support our local organisations, groups, and charities, so please come and see us for guidance and help.

Grants 2020/21

The last Community Magazine provided a list of organisations that had been awarded a grant in 2020/21. If any organisation wishes to apply for a grant, the next allocation will be considered towards the end of the year.

Get in Touch!

We look forward to hearing from our parishioners. You are welcome to reach us by the following methods.

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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) or membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk

There is lots of information on our website

www.liphooku3a.org.uk

Bats

Don't worry if you didn't notice the bats flitting around the evening sky during the winter months. Sensibly they sleep November to March; hibernating (a state of inactivity characterised by lower body temperature, slower breathing, and lower metabolic rate).

Bats can be found all over the world, with the exception of extremely cold regions. Here in the UK we have 18 species of bat. They range in size from the tiny, but often seen, Pipistrelle with a head and body size of 35mm (smaller than a man's thumb and weighing in at a hefty 5g) and a wingspan of 22cm, up to the rarer Greater horseshoe bat with a head and body size of 65mm, weighing up to 34g, and a wingspan of 34cm.

In many cultures, bats are popularly associated with darkness, malevolence, witchcraft and death but in reality they are highly sociable animals, expert fliers (more flexible than birds) and master insect hunters with some unique habits.

These fascinating creatures are mammals of the order Chiroptera (from the ancient Greek Cheir - hand, Pteron - wing) and are unique in being the UK's only mammal capable of true and sustained flight.

They detect their insect prey by means of echolocation. As they are flying they send out a series of ultrasonic signals that are mostly out of the range of human hearing. When these signals hit an object they are reflected back allowing the bat to detect what the object is and hone in on their insect prey. Although these signals are inaudible to humans they can be 'heard' using specialist bat detecting equipment. These detectors can distinguish between frequencies and, as different bats send out different frequencies, the species of bat can be established. So although you might not see them you'll know they are there.

At a recent survey in Hogmoor Inclosure five different species were recorded including Daubenton's bat - a specialist hunter of insects over water.

So how do bats spend their year?

During January bats are hibernating in their roosts.

In February bats continue to hibernate but their fat reserves are getting low. They may leave the roost on warmer nights to find food and a drink of water.

As temperatures gradually rise during March, bats may begin to emerge from the roost to feed and signs of restrained activity can be seen. In bad weather, they may become dormant.

When April arrives bats are mostly out of hibernation. They are hungry and active, feeding on most nights. They may move between several roost sites and can become torpid if the weather turns cold.

May is the month when bats are fully active and feeding. Females begin forming maternity colonies and assessing suitable nursery sites, such as buildings or trees. Males roost on their own or in small groups.

In June baby bats known as Pups are born, usually one, which feed on their mothers milk. Young bats are very small (less than an inch) with slightly grey, thin fur.

July sees mothers continue to suckle babies. Some bats are growing fast and are almost full-size. At around three weeks, young bats are sometimes found on the ground as they learn to fly.

Come August, at around six weeks old, the young bats begin to catch insects for themselves and no longer need their mothers'

milk. The summer maternity colonies begin to disperse and bats may move to mating roosts.

September is the beginning of the mating season. Males of most species use special calls to attract females, which can include purrs, clicks, and buzzing. Bats also concentrate on building up fat stores for the coming months sometimes catching thousands of insects in a night

During October more mating is taking place, and building up fat reserves is becoming crucial to survive the winter season. Bats are seeking suitable hibernation sites and beginning periods of torpor.

As November progresses periods of torpor are lasting longer. Some bats begin hibernation to save energy over the colder months when insects are harder to find. They are using stored fat as fuel.

December - and it's time for hibernation. They may roost on their own or in small groups, often in cool, quiet places like disused buildings, old trees or caves, where they hopefully won't be disturbed.

All bat species are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act and it is an offence to handle a bat or disturb a roost without a permit. If you find a bat or think you have a roost in your house then contact the Bat Conservation Trust and they will put you in touch with your local licenced bat worker.

In the UK, bat populations have declined considerably over the last century. Bats are still under threat from building and development work that affects roosts, loss of habitat, the severing of commuting routes by roads, use of pesticides which depletes insect populations and threats in the home including cat attacks, flypaper and some chemical treatments of building materials.



Bat maternity roost at Hogmoor Inclosure.

Deadwater Valley Trust (DVT) is a charitable organisation that has been managing conservation in the area since 1989. DVT manages three sites - Bordon Inclosure, Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve and Hogmoor Inclosure. All three areas have good bat populations. Hogmoor Inclosure has two specialist buildings - A bat hibernation roost and a bat maternity roost - constructed specifically to attract bats which are ideal spots to do a bit of bat watching. We run regular work parties that give you an opportunity to help conservation on each area, as well as community events for all ages ranging from Bat Walks to Tots Rambles and our, ever popular, Woodland Fair. If you would like more information give us a call on 01420 479070, check out our website www.deadwatervalleytrust.co.uk, email us at rangers@deadwatervalleytrust.co.uk or visit our Facebook page, [deadwatervalleytrust](https://www.facebook.com/deadwatervalleytrust), which will give details of our events and activities.

Brendan Finnegan

Who is afraid of Alzheimer

In the following analysis the French Professor Bruno Dubois Director of the Institute of Memory and Alzheimer's Disease (IMMA) at La Pitié-Salpêtrière - Paris Hospitals, addresses the subject in a rather reassuring way:

"For some time now, I have been stuck and I do not know what we were talking about... Before, I was afraid it was the beginning of Alzheimer's . . . but today, after reading this article, I am reassured." "If anyone is aware of his memory problems, he does not have Alzheimer's."

1. I forget the names of families . . .
2. I do not remember where I put some things . . .

It often happens in people 60 years and older that they complain that they lack memory. "The information is always in the brain, it is the 'processor' that is lacking." This is "Anosognosia" or temporary forgetfulness.

Half of people 60 and older have some symptoms that are due to age rather than disease.

The most common cases are:

- forgetting the name of a person,
- going to a room in the house and not remembering why we were going there,
- a blank memory for a movie title or actor, or actress,
- a waste of time searching where we left our glasses or keys.

After 60 years most people have such a difficulty, which indicates that it is not a disease but rather a characteristic due to the passage of years . . . Many people are concerned about these oversights hence the importance of the following statement:

"Those who are conscious of being forgetful have no serious problem of memory. Those who suffer from a memory illness or Alzheimer's, are not aware of what is happening."

Professor Bruno Dubois, Director of IMMA, reassures the majority of people concerned about their oversights: "The more we complain about memory loss, the less likely we are to suffer from memory sickness."

NOW FOR A LITTLE NEUROLOGICAL TEST

Only use your eyes!

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- If you pass these three tests without problem:
- you can cancel your annual visit to the neurologist.
 - your brain is in perfect shape!
 - you are far from having any relationship with Alzheimer's.
- So, share this with your over-60 friends, it can reassure them.**

Apologies to Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
Two metres from the madding crowd
When all at once my name was called
To enter Waitrose hallowed hall.

This was the pensioners' special hour.
I'd gone to get a bag of flour.
But I forgot, when through the door,
What I had gone to Waitrose for.

The Waitrose staff are extra kind.
I told them it had slipped my mind.
They asked what else I had forgot
They clearly thought I'd lost the plot.

I phoned my wife again to ask.
She reminded me of this special task:
"I need some flour to bake a cake
with all that cream you made me take."

"Ah yes, I recall" I had to lie.
I dared not ask what flower to buy
But then I saw them next the tills
a bunch of golden daffodils!

BLACS

In a perfect world, I'd be writing a glorious summary of our Annual Exhibition, we'd be congratulating the winners and patting ourselves on the back for all the art sold, and putting our feet up for another year. Of course, like everything else, nothing has gone to plan this year!



It all started so well. Ronnie Ireland gave a demonstration on painting abstract figures in Acrylic in February, we held our AGM in early March, and then LOCKDOWN!

When Ronnie Ireland gives demonstrations, he not only shows us how he achieves his painting style, but he also imparts a generous helping of Art History, giving both context to his work, and boundless ideas and options for starting our own.

Sadly we didn't get to attend his workshop on the 21st March.

Our AGM was well attended, however given the onset of Covid-19 we sadly had to take the decision to postpone the Annual Exhibition, which - virus permitting - will now take place at the Liphook Millennium Hall from Friday 30th October to Sunday 1st November. The AGM also gave us an opportunity to compete for prizes, and this year's winners were:



*Members' Choice:
Craft was won by
Harry Butler*



*Members' Choice:
Art was won by
Andy Tubbs*



*President's Choice
on the theme of 'all
things bright and
beautiful' won by
Carolynne Winchester*

We have sadly had to postpone our current demonstrations until this lockdown is over, however we haven't been idly twiddling our thumbs. Despite the challenges of the lockdown we have been holding weekly meetings on ZOOM! We started with just a general chat, getting used to the software, and working out how different devices worked, but have since held paint/craft along sessions, we've shared work in progress and given advice, and have had members demonstrate their skills.



Last week Ani Colville explained and demonstrated the art of letter cutting in Slate and this week Caroline Strong demonstrated her amazing use of colour pencils.

We're holding online meetings during lockdown on Wednesdays at 10.00am and 2.00pm, with either a demonstration or art session, if you'd like to join us, please drop us an email and we can send you the joining details: chair@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk

To keep in touch with our events later in the year, please check our website: www.liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk and our facebook page: www.facebook.com/BramshottAndLiphookArtsAndCrafts

Here are some of the works that are keeping us going.



And once this is all back to normal, don't forget to visit the Phoenix Arts Centre in Bordon to visit our ongoing exhibition that runs throughout the year.

Hope you're all keeping safe and well!!! BLACS.

Dena Tyrrell

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District Councillors' Report

In these difficult times, when so many are so badly affected by the coronavirus pandemic, EHDC is doing all that it can to support residents, the vulnerable and the businesses within the District.

The Council offices at Penns Place are closed to the public, but within its walls there are some members of staff and officers who continue to work, in some cases because the equipment necessary to fulfil the council role, is within the building, or for other logistical reasons.

The majority of officers are successfully working from home, with briefings and essential meetings taking place via Skype. It is hoped to fulfil some public meetings such as Planning Committee, remotely in future, until the present restrictions are either eased, or eventually lifted. Of course, this may be some time hence so it is important to be able to keep working, using all the technology that is available. This includes the use of virtual walking tours of application sites.

A priority of the District Council is to ensure that vulnerable individuals or families are looked after, with accommodation and support for food, health and general well-being, when some are faced with isolation, either by themselves or as a family.

Liaison between Local Government and Westminster takes place on a regular basis with daily updates. Receipt of revenue from Government for local businesses meant that EHDC was able to distribute over £20 million in grants to 72% of local eligible businesses within a very short space of time. At the time of writing, EHDC are in the process of contacting eligible businesses which have yet to make contact to ensure that these businesses receive the necessary support.

The EHDC website, www.easthants.gov.uk gives useful details of all the services and grants that are on offer at this most difficult of times, including a comprehensive list of supermarkets across the District, with their times of opening.

Inevitably, there have been District Council events that have been cancelled, including the Annual Sports Award evening. It is hoped that this can be re-scheduled for the Autumn, but this will entirely depend upon what restrictions may have been eased by then.

Any local elections that would have taken place across the country were cancelled, so all Councillors on Parish, Town, District, Borough or County Councils, remain in position until next year. This will also be the case with Mayors or Chairmen of Councils.

With County Council Refuse Recycling sites all closed, there has been an increase in fly-tipping in the area. If you see fly-tips please report this on the EHDC website. There has also been an increase in bonfires, some of which have probably been burning rubbish that would have been disposed of at the tips. Bonfires can cause severe problems for those with any form of asthma or lung disease. Please think carefully and only light a bonfire if it is absolutely necessary. It is preferable not to have one at all, especially if it contains plastic waste which releases toxins. Any large accumulations of burning rubbish, which create a visible large cloud of smoke, should be reported, and will be investigated by the Environment Agency.

Despite all the restrictions and this very different way of life for all of us, whether young, middle-aged, elderly or vulnerable, EHDC continues to provide all the essential services that we expect from a District Council.

We may not at the moment be able to hold events, or meet in groups, or indeed as families, to celebrate christenings, birthdays, weddings or retirements, or special events.

However, our District Councillor Community Grants are available for the 2020-2021 year.

Each one of us has £4,500 to support local groups. The only stipulation, newly introduced, is that £1,000 of this has to be used for "green" projects, and for this year, £1,000 will be used to support coronavirus linked matters. With three District Councillors, Bramshott and Liphook has £13,500 available in the pot. Please visit the Councillor Community Grant page on EHDC's website to see if you are eligible to apply, and we look forward to receiving your applications.

We would like to thank all the local volunteers in Bramshott and Liphook who are doing so much to help neighbours and friends with shopping, medical visits, a chat on the phone and so much more. We also extend our huge thanks to all the NHS personnel in our area who selflessly ensure that we are looked after wherever we may be. THANK YOU.

If there is anything that we can help you with, please contact us, preferably by e-mail:

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We wish you well during these very difficult times, and hope that you all stay safe, for as long as it takes to emerge from this crisis.

Cllr. Angela Glass

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Rights of Way

Shaped by our ancestors over centuries, rights of way tell the stories of our landscape, our history and our heritage, they describe how generations before us travelled to the pub, field or shops and they allow everyone to enjoy the countryside, both on our doorstep and across Britain's iconic landscapes. However, some of these rights of way are in danger of being lost forever.



Back in 1949, Government legislation required most local councils to draw up a 'definitive map' of all the footpaths, bridleways and byways in their area. In some areas the mapping was already pretty good but in others few routes were recorded. Moving forward to 2020, the Countryside and Rights of Way Act included a commitment to 'extinguish' any pre-1949 paths not included on these 'definitive maps' by 2026. So the race is on to ensure all existing routes are on the Council definitive maps before this date.

The Ramblers Association has been concerned about this and so organised a "Don't Lose Your Way" volunteer led project, with the objective of finding these missing rights of way and applying for them to be added to the 'definitive maps'. They set up a web site this spring, which included old maps and current definitive maps and they have encouraged everyone interested to compare the two to spot those missing. This project has attracted a lot of media coverage in the press and also on some television magazine programs. More information about this project can be found at:

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/dont-lose-your-way-2026.aspx>

The rights of way went unrecorded for a variety of reasons, in some cases landowners illegally closed paths without following official procedures. In others temporary wartime stopping-up orders weren't reversed. Some footpaths were forgotten when new roads or houses were built and some councils came under pressure from large estates not to record routes accurately and it also appears that some councils just weren't very good at it.



So what does this mean for us?

In Hampshire it is estimated that there are still over 700 routes/rights of way yet to be included on the definitive maps. If any path isn't recorded by 2026, it could be blocked or built over without anyone legally able to object. You might think that these 'lost' paths are overgrown and hidden under brambles and nettles but many are used regularly today by walkers, shoppers and commuters, maybe during the recent social distancing you have walked some of them yourself.

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An Easy Walk Around Liphook

This is a circular walk of 3 miles going in a clockwise direction. The walk starts at the Royal Anchor but could be joined anywhere along the route.

1. With your back to the Royal Anchor and facing the zebra crossing, turn right and head down the Portsmouth Road, passing the Royal Mail Sorting office. Cross over the road to the other pavement and continue until you reach Station Road. Cross over and continue down the Portsmouth Road. When you reach the Links Tavern on your right, stop.
2. Cross over the road and start to enter the Links Tavern car park, but immediately turn left onto a footpath that starts between the Links Tavern stand alone sign and an electricity pole. There is also a blue sign giving directions for the Shipwrights Way. Follow this footpath and then join a gravel drive with a house on the right. Where this drive meets a road, which has crossed the golf course, turn right and go through the white gate into Foley Estate. Follow this road until you reach the statue of Lord Straithnairn mounted on his horse.
3. Keep to the right of the statue and go through gate posts continuing into the Foley Estate. Follow the road as it goes through rhododendron hedges and then past a lake on the right hand side. The road then bears left and goes uphill for a short distance, at the top take the right fork which has a big white sign pointing to Keepers Cottage and several more houses. You may notice on the right hand side another small sign for the Shipwrights Way.
4. Continue down this road passing Keepers Cottage and Gardeners Cottage. The road will soon pass between fields before reaching Foley Hatch where the road will bear left into a private drive. Do not follow the road, instead keep walking forward onto a track with a white sign pointing to Woodside and the Bridleway. Keep on this track eventually passing houses on your right and Weavers Down on your left.

5. The track ends at a T junction onto a minor road, turn right and walk past The Deer's Hut. Edging the lawn in front of the pub is a row of short stakes, at the end of these, cross the Deer's Hut car park entrance and take the footpath straight ahead. Alongside the footpath is a large sign advertising the Pavilion Bar, BBQ and garden.
6. At the end of this footpath turn right onto the pavement running alongside the Longmoor Road. Continue along this road, until the pavement runs out. Cross to the pavement on the other side of the road, then cross over the roundabout and continue following the Longmoor Road. Eventually pass Bohunt School on your right and continue until you will reach the Royal Anchor again.

With thanks to Barbara and Roger who walked the walk to check that the instructions made sense.

Fay Boyett



Scouting in Liphook

Scouting has always been an activity which involves social contact, whether at our meetings in Scout HQ or out and about in Liphook and beyond. When face-to-face Scouting activities were suspended as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic many of 1st Liphook Scout Group's people realised that they would miss out on the fun social interaction they were used to, along with the chance to try new activities and develop skills for life.

The Group's leaders were determined that this would not be the case and within days of lockdown having been announced, had prepared resources for members to use, to work towards a variety of activity badges at home. Members of each section, from Beavers (aged 6-8) through to Explorers (aged 14-17) can complete different activities to gain badges in areas such as sporting, communications, the arts and social awareness. Leaders have also made good use of the Liphook Scouts' (members and parents') Facebook group to exhibit badge work and offer fun challenges such as getting a Scout scarf from the floor to around your neck using only your foot!

Many of the sections have started online meetings using video conferencing. While many of our younger members had previously engaged in video calls with friends and family, video conferencing

has been a new experience for some. Our virtual programme is providing young people with the opportunity to learn more about online safety while continuing their Scouting journey through lockdown and benefitting from vital social contact during this difficult time. Some meetings have included activities such as cooking and quiz nights.



The Coronavirus pandemic has seen all of us faced with unique challenges; 1st Liphook Scout Group has proven that they can face adversity and adapt and thrive for the good of its members.

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We were to collect money for the people of Kenya to help build sand dams to collect rain water to irrigate their

fields. With few food shops and no water for miles: life is tough elsewhere.

Depending upon the outcome of two lockdowns and social distancing, we may consider a summer fete in August or September or a breakfast event to raise funds. Meanwhile, we wait. Please keep safe

Keith Ireland - Christian Aid Liphook coordinator.

METHODIST CHURCH

We live in dark days (metaphorically). I write a week after the imposition of the 'Stay at Home' regulations. People live in uncertainty - about whether they might get, or already have, the coronavirus; about when the restrictions might be lifted; about how their friends and family are and when and whether they will see some of them again other than online. Consequently, people also live in anxiety and fear.

It is easy to dwell on the bad news in the numbers of confirmed cases, numbers of deaths and the (small?) numbers of sets of protective equipment and tests. We also hear bad news in terms of businesses and livelihoods and uncertainty about the scale of the economic consequences of COVID-19.

Where, many would ask, is the hope?

And yet, if we look there are signs that people cling to hope all the time. Rainbows chalked on the pavements or drawn and posted in windows. The rainbow is a sign of hope: sunshine through the rain, biblically the sign of God's promise not to destroy the earth.

There's also a sign of hope every day.

Every day the sun rises and a new day dawns. Dawn is a powerful metaphor for renewal, refreshment, hope and continuity. We need to see signs of all those in these 'dark' times. So, even if you don't see the dawn, remember each day that it has happened! Watch or remember that while the earth turns, the stars disappear, the sky becomes milky, then rose, then blue.

In Christian faith each dawn reminds us and points towards the dawn of dawns, the rising of the light that scatters all darkness.

To witness the dawn is to relive the resurrection - not just the rising of the sun but the rising of the Son.

It is not like that every day. Many days begin without our observation, because our attention is elsewhere: on our tasks, on our lists of things to do, on our worries, on our dread that the day will be stressful - or dull.

A spirituality of awakening and entering a new day, will have elements of both. Every day is special, and every day is ordinary too.

Rev. David Muskett

TRINITY CHURCH

If, at Christmas, you were to ask anybody in Liphook or indeed across the whole country if we would end up in a lockdown, with our civil liberties hugely restricted and possibly facing a lengthy period of social distancing all to fight a new and dangerous Coronavirus, they might have found it almost laughable. But nonetheless here we are. At the time of writing nearly all of us are stuck in our homes with perhaps only brief chances of escape. The change has happened quickly and has, I think, reminded us of some facts of life that we often don't want to reflect on.

The crisis reminds us that we are all finite and limited in our capacities. We are often tempted to think we are in control, we are often tempted to think that we can learn enough and do enough to solve any problem we are faced with. But the reality of the Coronavirus reminds us, as do natural disasters, that we have our limits. We are not as powerful, as clever and as in charge as we would like to think. The crisis also harshly reminds us that we are mortal, that we won't live forever. The death statistics, as they

steadily rise are a daily reminder to us that life will not go on forever.

These realities may have caused you to wonder what hope can be had in this finite and mortal life? Is this all there is, or can we hope for more? All orthodox Christians affirm what the Creed calls 'the life everlasting'. Wonderfully this is not a life that is the same as our life now, with all our pains and sorrows, but it is a life where 'he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore' (Rev 21:4). That is hope. The promise of life as we long for it to be. This is the promise of Jesus to all of us today if we will throw ourselves on God's mercy and trust in him. And if we trust in Jesus we will never be let down. As Jesus told Martha all those years ago, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die' (John 11:25-26).

Pastor Sean Clokey

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Peace

Have you ever done anything really stupid? As a teenager we were dropping water bombs on boys coming in for break. Simply marvellous until we tried to drop a party balloon instead! As it sailed through the air we realised to our collective horror that it could do our friend below a serious injury. Fortunately it broke up on the way down and only soaked his trousers! We can all do stupid things, but sometimes we can also really disappoint ourselves. I remember one of my friends who had a really hard time at school and I still wish I'd made more of an effort with him.

As I write this article the crisis that is Covid 19 is still very much with us. For some the last month has been truly painful. For others it's been scary as jobs and livelihoods are hanging in the balance or simply vanishing into thin air. It's this mixture of shame, pain and fear that clusters around the resurrection. We find the disciples huddled together in an upper room terrified of the authorities, feeling the pain of losing Jesus, and the shame of having deserted him. And it's into this place that Jesus comes,

stands amongst his friends and simply says "Peace be with you...".

Peace can be hard to find. Yet God's peace seems to have a living quality to it. Corrie Ten Boom, a Dutch Christian imprisoned by the Nazi's for smuggling Jews during World War 2 tells of her first night in Ravensbruck Concentration Camp. Stuck in a Stalag designed for 400 but housing 1,400, with 8 putrid latrines and bunks splintering under the weight of too many people, a serious argument broke out about the windows. Some were freezing and wanted them shut, others boiling and wanted them open, and in this place of horror, and fear and conflict Corrie and her sister prayed for God's peace. To their amazement the arguments began to slowly subside, good humour, compromise and finally sleep reigned. A small miracle amongst many others in a place of incredible darkness. So do you need peace today? Are pain, fear or even shame a reality in your life? If so Jesus can help. Light a candle or perhaps simply ask him. He will come.

Reverend Valentine Inglis-Jones

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saint Corona, Pray for us!

The weekend before the 'lockdown', I was waiting for the photocopier to print off the Parish Newsletter. As I sat in my office waiting, I decided to 'Google' the Patron Saint of pandemics...To my amazement I found that one of the Patron Saints of pandemics is actually Saint Corona!

This uncanny coincidence was quite a surprise to me, but ever since, I have remembered to ask St Corona to intercede for us.

One thing is for sure, that when we eventually emerge from the effects of this pandemic, life will be different. The way we live, the way we communicate, the things we value will have changed.

One of the positives to come out of this horrendous experience might be that different perspective on life. We might have a better worldview. Hopefully we will be more appreciative and less self-centered.

These will be strong sentiments here in the parish, when we are finally gathered together again.

We have spent Holy Week apart. We were isolated on the Day of the Lord's Resurrection. We haven't been able to celebrate the Sacraments; so many baptisms, weddings and Confirmations have had to be postponed. Even Our First Holy Communion Mass will need to be moved.

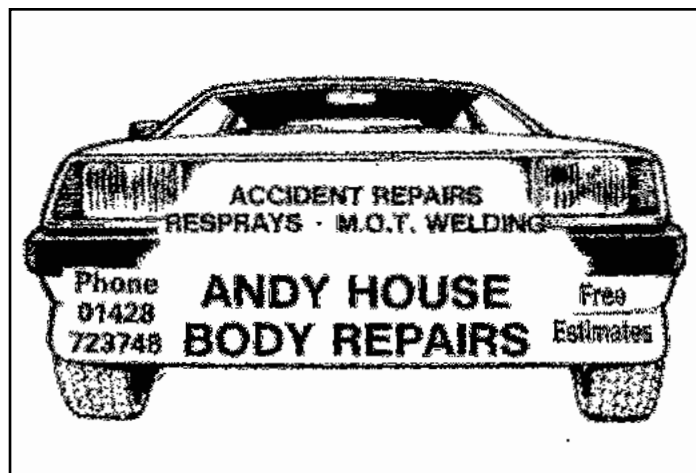
But we have been given a unique opportunity here. This is a chance for us to hit the 're-set' button and to make sure that we're focused. For us to miss this chance would be very sad indeed.

On 14th May, we will have celebrated the Feast Day of Saint Corona. Unfortunately, we won't be able to gather, but Mass will be streamed online (just as Daily Mass is every day) on the Parish Facebook Page.

Why not join us? We shall pray especially in that Mass for all the People of Liphook, Bordon and Grayshott, asking the Lord to protect us and to bring about a speedy end to this pandemic.

Saint Corona, Pray for us! God bless.

Rev. Fr. John Chandler



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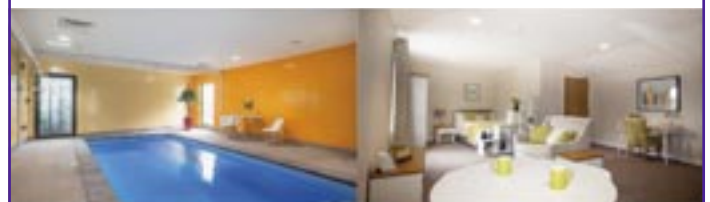
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HERITAGE CENTRE

How Did it All Begin?

The account that follows is courtesy of Valerie Gaskin and Chris Sibley, key volunteers at our Heritage Centre. Val re-wrote this 'resume' during the current lockdown. It documents the early years of the Heritage Centre - a presentation at the AGM of the Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society that she made in 2012.

"The birth of the Heritage Centre, like most things, developed from a seed planted in hope and grown in the dreams of one man: Laurence Giles.



After a long and distinguished career, Laurence Giles came to live in Liphook. His love of the area led him to become involved in local activities, in particular the Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society. During this time he was prolific in his research and his writing, and produced some 10,000 documents relating to the area, all stored in 97 boxes (called 'T boxes'), and held together with elastic cut from the tops of his wife's tights! Their contents cover all aspects of the history of the Bramshott and Liphook district, some translated from their original Latin text.

Laurence's Archive, including photographs, maps and other memorabilia was later housed in the office of architect Adrian Bird in London Road, where it remained for a number of years. However, bigger plans were afoot and after several years of fund raising and hard work by the Society and its supporters, a worthy home was found - in the empty space of the Millennium Centre.



Many hands make light work - and in 2000, with grit and determination, our intrepid team set out to fulfil Laurence's dream. You may recognise the following people in this photo

taken 20 years ago: John Carver, Barry Pope, Adrian Bird and Peter Harris.

Yes, a new venue was due to appear on the Liphook scene. A collection of second-hand (pre-loved or recycled is the modern term) furniture, the display cabinets from what had been Coytes* haberdashery department in London Road, discarded filing cabinets and cupboards, shelving and - dare I say it - computers and printers - were installed. Adrian Bird's old map drawer also found its way there plus discarded file cupboards, unwanted desks, and later a reception desk from a museum in Dorset - we took in anything that was offered.

The Bramshott and Liphook Heritage Centre was born, and an appeal was made in the Community Magazine for volunteers to man it.



Boxes, boxes and more boxes! We didn't know what we were getting ourselves into! But we made a start and discovered a treasure trove of information in every box. The range of material was simply mind-boggling! We have since become thoroughly hooked on the history of Liphook.

We realised very early that our furniture wasn't necessarily arranged in the most suitable place. Our gentlemen volunteers were more than willing to do the heavy work, especially after we promised them chocolate cake with their coffee! Plus the reassurance that they would only have to do it once!

But this proved not to be so. We reorganized the layout several times before settling on the best way of working the area. This included moving six filing cabinets and the map drawer which, incidentally, needed to be dismantled to get it through the door and then completely rebuilt on the other side! This wasn't the end of it. Since then we have installed a glass-topped cabinet which had once graced a museum, and then found its way to us via the shed of one of our volunteers.

Collaborating with Mark Pitchforth of the Hampshire Records Office, we listened and learned, and took his sound advice on archiving, cataloguing and producing displays - and attended Archivist courses at the HRO. We put Mark's advice in to practice and started working on assembling displays worthy of our Official Opening Night.

Readers, you're all invited to the opening night - to be continued in the next issue of this magazine!

Mari Wallace

*Coytes used to sell hardware and general goods.



Adrian Bird

1947 - 2020

Many in the Parish, and further afield, were sad to learn of the passing of their dear friend and associate Adrian Bird who died on

Thursday 9th April 2020. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Agy, his daughter Emma and grandson Alex.

Adrian was an inspiration and a tireless driving force for so many organisations that we now all take for granted. Bramshott Open Gardens, the Sunken Lanes, River Wey Trust, Liphook in Bloom, The Heritage Centre, the Parish Council, Liphook Carnival Committee, Liphook Preservation Society . . . the list is endless.

In this tribute to Adrian we have drawn together some memories and anecdotes from his many friends and acquaintances who were privileged to know and work with him.

Adrian's father worked in the City and the family moved to Rectory Lane in Bramshott in 1951. Adrian attended Bramshott Chase Infants School, a private day school and later was a boarder at St Peter's Court Prep School, Broadstairs. He later attended Charterhouse School in Hurtmore, Godalming and went on to Trinity College, Cambridge where he studied for, and attained his B.A. in Architecture.

In the late 1950s he joined the newly formed Liphook Young Conservatives where he met, among others, Richard King

with whom he was to travel first to Europe and then the world tour of the Pillock, an ex Warrington Corporation Transport double decker bus. These adventures are documented in Richard's excellent book "Band on the Bus" (*The History Press 2017 ISBN 9780750970204*). Richard recalls that "I probably grew closer to Adrian than any of the others on our adventurous journey to India, and his good humour and skill as a conciliator and mediator took the heat out of many potentially fractious arguments. His easy-going personality and quirky sense of humour concealed a stubborn streak and he had a habit of doing his own thing in a laid back sort of way".

Sadly Adrian who had travelled as far as India had to curtail this journey as he was on a 'gap' year from his studies at Cambridge and needed to return to complete his finals, but not before he and his fellow travellers had performed before no less a personage than The Shah of Iran, his wife and their court. It was reported that His Serene Highness was so captivated by 'The Philanderers' performance that, at his personal instruction, had doubled their fee!

After Cambridge Adrian joined an architectural partnership in Guildford, but when he was made redundant in 1976 this gave him the impetus he needed to set up his own practice which he did from a small office in London Road, Liphook. Over the years Adrian has been involved in the construction and modification of many buildings in the parish including the Village Hall, various character houses and the large block of flats at the junction of Midhurst Road and Station Road. His knowledge of planning regulations and close relationship with the planning department at East Hants District Council enabled him to advise prospective buyers and developers, always with an eye to preservation of the conservation areas.



Adrian was for a time a member of Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council and advised on the planning committee.

Since establishing himself in Liphook he immersed himself in protecting the environment in many ways. In 1984 he established The River Wey Trust, a registered charity to co-ordinate historical and wildlife conservation and management along the southern branch of the River Wey. Typical of this work was the repair and restoration of the medieval aqueduct across the River Wey opposite Radford Park which is now a protected structure and part of the almost unique medieval irrigation system which Adrian had plans to continue to reclaim and restore.



Adrian championed the care of the Bramshott sunken lanes and once a year he would arrange for a road closure, and assisted by a loyal hard working team, fortified with tea and cake from grateful residents, he would arrange for the hedgerows to be cut back and fallen limbs to be removed.

He became a founder member and later Chairman of the Liphook Preservation Society in 1976 and, encouraged by local historian Laurence Giles, he became the custodian of a substantial archive of maps, notes, letters, diaries and artefacts. These were stored for many years in his office until the Heritage Centre, which he was instrumental in creating and designing, was established in the then new Millennium Centre.



When the Liphook Marketing Panel was founded in 1997 Adrian immediately became an enthusiastic member. His contacts with the Parish Council and East Hants District Council were very useful as was his practical approach to



getting things done. Liphook in Bloom was an initiative of the Marketing Panel and started in the same year. Paul Johnson, a fellow founding member along with Andy House and Bob Hall, recalls "Once Liphook in Bloom was established he became heavily involved in the physical work and had the chance to use one of his beloved tractors and trailer for transporting green waste. He donated chipped bark from the Bramshott Sunken Lanes project and was always ready to lend a hand when needed, especially when it involved tractor driving".



Both Adrian and his wife Agy were enthusiastic supporters of Bramshott Open Gardens. The first Bramshott Open Gardens was organised in 1987 to help raise funds for repairs to the roof of the historic St Mary's Church. Twenty five houses opened their gardens to visitors during that first summer weekend, and it proved so popular that over £1,000 was collected through ticket sales, raffles, and donations. Everyone worked very hard and enjoyed sharing the pleasure of their gardening efforts with enthusiastic and knowledgeable visitors. After that first weekend it was agreed unanimously by the villagers that the Open Gardens should feature as a regular biannual fundraising event, and it has been held, with one single exception, every two years since then. Angela Glass recalls "Adrian and Agy worked tirelessly on their garden at 'Mallards' and this was one of the most popular stops for visitors to the increasingly popular Bramshott Open Gardens".

Few people are aware of the Arts & Crafts architect and garden designer Harry Inigo Triggs despite the fact that he lived in

the handsome house, Little Boarhunt, just off the Portsmouth Road that he himself designed. He also designed the old vicarage next to the Post Office sorting office and several other houses and features in the area. Adrian certainly did know about him and, aware of the fact that although he had written two books himself, no book had been written about him. Adrian had done a considerable amount of research towards putting together a book. He discussed this proposal with Paul Robinson a friend, bookseller and ex-publisher. "Adrian was passionate about Triggs both as a man and as an architect. He was contemporary with Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll and felt strongly that he should be better recognised".

Philip Jordan, who worked with Adrian on the River Wey Trust, Liphook Preservation Society, Liphook in Bloom and latterly on the Deers Hut float says of Adrian, "He was remarkably adept in persuading people to offer support and help in the activities of which he was passionate about. He realised that a direct request for involvement would alert his 'target' and possibly create the barriers of forewarned resistance.

No, Adrian was far too subtle for such an approach. His was the appeal to the subconscious with a gentle hint here, an oblique suggestion of a minor task there and the general environment of good humour and fun. Over time you were reeled in to become an enthusiast. Once involved Adrian's own example of dedication, achievement of results and pleasure to be involved with became a long term encouragement of involvement".

Roger Miller, who knew Adrian for over forty two years, endorses Philip's comments and recalls the enthusiastic leadership of Adrian during the recovery of many fallen ashlar stones from the river bed next to the aqueduct which were subsequently re-fixed into position. The completed restored aqueduct is a lasting memorial to Adrian.

The combination of a full time job and all these extra-mural responsibilities it is a wonder that he found time for any leisure activities, however he always found time for walking. He set himself a target to walk the length and the breadth of Great Britain which he did in sections; firstly from Selsey Bill to North Cape and from Cromer in the east to St Davids in the west. He also walked the length of the River Severn, the longest river in Great Britain, from Plynlimon to the Bristol Channel. Whilst not exactly endurance walking, his precision planning was careful to take in sites of interest and, at the end of the day, a satisfactory hostelry for bed, board, book and beer.

In 1984 Adrian joined Richard King, Peter Harris and one or two others for what was to become an annual walk in Scotland. They walked across Knoydart, a beautiful remote and rugged region in the North West Highlands. Richard King recalls "we were sleeping overnight in bothies, unlocked shelters and abandoned crofts far from the beaten track. Adrian was one of my oldest and dearest friends. Together we created so many precious memories which I treasure, and I shall miss him immensely".

Peter Harris added "I recall that on one occasion Adrian and I set off towards a pub that he knew of ten miles away. We found the pub but it was closed! So we walked the ten miles back to a bothy and discovered that half the roof was missing! Adrian had bagged the roofed section but later relented and allowed me to bed down in his half". Adrian was putting the finishing touches to this year's Scottish jaunt just three weeks before he died.



No mention of Adrian would be complete without reference to his contribution to the Deers Hut float. Paul Johnson recalls "Whatever the theme, Adrian always added a bit extra. Often physically by getting us to attach a fourth trailer to our already overlong cavalcade, upon which he would make an obscure reference to the main float whilst doing completely his 'own thing'. Who could forget him lying on his back in a full body skeleton stocking, performing 'Pilates of the Caribbean', sometimes joined by his grandson Alex, whilst the rest of us were being Pirates"!



Adrian's sense of humour was as sharp as a razor. Paul Robinson recalls "an innocent remark or political statement would immediately generate one of his outrageous puns, and we would all fall about".

Thank you Adrian for all you did and all you were.

Diabetes UK Community Group

Anyone locally who lives with diabetes does not need to feel isolated as everyone is made welcome by the Liphook Diabetes UK Community Group. Come and join us for a coffee, chat and a chance to meet new people who also have diabetes.

We meet on the first or second Friday each month at The Peak Centre Day Centre next to the Midhurst Road Car Park in Liphook, although at the time of writing these meetings are not taking place owing to the present guidance on social distancing. The meetings are very informal, with tea, coffee and sugar-free biscuits available. The group discuss any news articles and new items from Diabetes UK, and any member may discuss a specific item or tell of their own experiences. We have had visits from a Community Specialist Diabetic Nurse and from our contact at Diabetes UK, and are hoping to arrange for more healthcare professionals to come and talk to us.



In June 2019 the group was given the Inspire Award for the South East region in the Local and Community Group category by Diabetes UK, a British-based patient healthcare

professional and research charity that is the leading charity for people living with diabetes in the UK. The charity campaigns for improvements in the care and treatment of people with diabetes. Their vision is a world where diabetes can do no harm. Their Inspire Awards are held each year to recognise the invaluable contribution of volunteers and groups that go above and beyond for people with diabetes.



For further information about our local group, please do contact me on 01428-725193 or sandy.maroney@hotmail.co.uk

Sandy Maroney

Liphook Hearing Clinic

For over twenty five years now Bill Atkinson and his assistants have been dispensing care, repair and replacement batteries for all ages from the office in the Liphook Day Centre next to the Midhurst Road Car Park. Bill also runs a clinic at the Haslewey Community Centre at Lion Green in Haslemere. He also visits some local care homes for those unable to attend one of his clinics.

Working in conjunction with the Audiology Department at Haslemere Hospital, hearing aids for the hard of hearing can be checked over and, if necessary, cleaned and repaired by replacing the tubing that connects the ear mould to the behind-the-ear amplifier. If electronic work is found to be necessary then a referral can be made to the audiologist at Haslemere Hospital.



Packs of batteries can be supplied for Health Service hearing aids thus saving travel time either to Haslemere or the Royal Surrey Hospitals and queuing up for replacements. Visitors are requested to bring along their National Health Service Hearing Aid and Battery Issuing Record Book.

Of late Bill has been asked about the possibility of ear syringing and wax removal treatment. Unfortunately this service is no longer available from G.P. surgeries but Bill can recommend private agencies who can undertake this service.



Please make a note that forthcoming Liphook Hearing Clinics will be held in the Liphook Day Centre on:

June 2nd & 3rd 2020 - 11.00 am to 12.00 noon

July 7th & 8th 2020 - 11.00 am to 12.00 noon

August 4th & 5th 2020 - 11.00 am to 12.00 noon

September 1st & 2nd 2020 - 11.00 am to 12.00 noon

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Bohunt School, The Petersfield School and Bohunt Education Trust (BET) are helping children get online during this unprecedented time by asking anyone with unused computers at home to donate their old iPads, Chromebooks and laptops to one of our schools, using the drop points of either the main Tesco in Petersfield or Sainsbury's in Liphook.

Remote learning is vitally important to enable children to continue with their education, and BET schools including TPS and Bohunt School are working with partner organisations to provide extensive and first-class online resources to support our students. However, there are hundreds of children across these schools who are unable to access online learning because they do not have access to computers at home.

The devices you donate will be provided to families with children within school communities, so that they are able to access our best resources and get immediate support and feedback from teachers.

We are specifically asking for:

- iPad 3s or higher
- Chromebooks
- Laptops capable of running Windows 7 or higher

It is important that any donated devices are:

- Cleaned/disinfected, using ethyl or isopropyl alcohol on a soft cloth (follow manufacturers' recommendations)
- In full working order, with working leads and power adapters for laptops and Chromebooks (not essential for iPads), and completely reset.
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- Instructions for resetting ("power-washing") a Chromebook can be found at <https://support.google.com/chromebook/answer/183084?hl=en-GB>
- Instructions for resetting a Windows PC can be found at <https://www.popularmechanics.com/technology/gadgets/a29396384/how-to-wipe-computer/>

Please drop your old devices to:

- Sainsburys, Midhurst Rd, Liphook GU30 7TW - donation 'bin' by Customer Services.
- Tesco, The Causeway, Petersfield GU31 4JR - donation 'bin' by Customer Services.



Please follow Government advice and observe self-isolation, lockdown and social distancing guidance - please only drop devices as part of an essential shopping visit: #enjoyrespectachieve

WORLD BOOK DAY 2020

Students dressed up as their favourite characters from books, comics and non-fiction publications, raising money for their chosen charity The National Literacy Trust, celebrating their love of literature last term.



Other events during the day included The Tutor Time House Competitions, literacy themed lessons in English KS3 classes and the 'Drop Everything And Read' challenge where the students had to stop what they were doing and read on the spot!

All students who took part received a book token to put towards a book of their choice.

SIXTH FORM 'FUTURES' MORNINGS

Last term Bohunt Sixth Form held the first of two planned 'Futures' Mornings, where students could meet representatives from some of industry's leading companies.

Students spent the morning with the guests who gave talks about their industry plus hints and tips on how to get into their chosen career paths. Representatives from many specialist subject areas visited the Sixth Form on the morning including BBC news, financial management services, Law, Science, Research and Medicine, Air Traffic Control and an NGO organisation.

The Futures Morning is held every spring term and compliments an already varied enrichment programme at the Sixth Form. Students gain individual insight into the world beyond college and have the chance to ask questions about possible careers plus gain a real sense of what a particular career is like in reality.



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NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION OF

Liphook Infant & Junior School

Learning Carried on as the Country Entered Lockdown!

We are, of course, all affected by this terrible pandemic. At the Liphook Federation we watched from afar the situation that was emerging in China and across Europe and quickly realised that it was heading our way. We met with staff daily to discuss ways to protect our children and staff. Sanitiser was placed in every classroom and all public school areas and children started washing their hands much more vigilantly. All teachers explained to their classes in 'child speak' what the corona virus is and how we had to all take care to keep ourselves safe from this virus without trying to panic the children. Very early on we stopped all assemblies and large gatherings to minimise the impact. It became apparent that schools were likely to close so staff started preparing 'home learning packs' for every child. The photocopiers churned out thousands of sheets so that all 630 children had their own pack to take home the day the school closed its doors. It was a sombre day for everyone. There wasn't the usual joy of breaking up from school but instead a general feeling of 'we will miss you,' from children, staff and parents alike.



We arranged for families to have a school laptop or iPad so that they could access learning on line. We quickly established our children whose parents were key workers and needed their children to come to school and if any vulnerable child would also benefit from being at school. These children have been remarkable, they have brought their daily packs into school and settled to work. Their ages have ranged from 4 years old to 11 year olds. They all spent their days together in the Infant hall with a rota of staff across both schools. Like, at home we have been flexible in our approach to teaching. The day starting off with Joe Wickes, a little bit of learning, a play out on the field and play equipment, followed by David Walliams stories at 11 and then different activities throughout the day. We have been so proud of their attitudes as they even came in all over the Easter Holidays—no moaning, no whining just acceptance that their parents are doing a key job to keep the rest of us safe.



We were thrilled that we had a remote learning platform already set up, where staff could contact children and their families daily through videos, reading stories and setting learning activities. Children and families sent through work and comments also videos via this system so that we could all keep in touch. Parents have been amazing in supporting their children and supporting the school in encouraging their children to do all the different activities that we set. One of our governors, organised a family quiz via zoom on Easter Friday which was great fun. But throughout this time we have recognised that some parents have had to navigate their way through teaching their children, working from home and trying to continue to run their home life. This has been no easy venture for anyone and there have been many ups and downs but together everyone has been remarkable. Staff at the school have been incredible, working so hard to support families. We have had so many lovely comments from families which has meant the world to us. Whilst writing this we are still in Lockdown and we are praying for everyone to keep safe and for us to return back to school as soon as it is safe for everyone. A message from the school - Thank you to all of our parents for your support and remarkable resilience during this unprecedented time.



Churcher's College

The children have been amazing in their approach to home learning and the reports from the teachers are incredibly positive. All the children are getting on with the tasks wholeheartedly.



The teachers spent the Easter holidays upskilling in remote learning tools and from voice overs to live storytimes, they have all been innovative and willing to try out the exciting range of interactive learning tools available. They have been amazing! We are also providing care in school for a couple of key worker children.



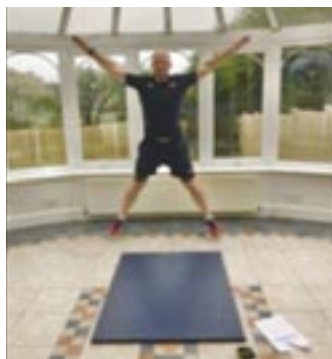
In Class 2 Topic, everyone was exploring maps to find a range of towns, rivers in Kenya and neighbouring countries, as well as completing a Kahoot quiz. We have then turned our attention to electricity, where the children's mind maps and news reports have shown off a great understanding of the different sources of our main energy supply.

Year 6 highlights have been hearing some Harry Potter Howlers on Seesaw amongst lots of other fantastic maths and English work. Aside from the academics, Mrs Hounsome has loved seeing some of 6H taking on the Lego daily challenges. Here's a day 5 entry: "You enter a contest to build the world's tallest tower. Will you win?" We think this one does!



CHURCHER'S FITNESS CHALLENGE

Unprecedented times call for new ways of working and that's exactly what the children at Churcher's College Junior School have been doing to stay fit and healthy during the lock down. The Churcher's Fitness Challenge sees Mr Forbes streaming a weekly fitness



'check-in' from home where the children are able to do a series of exercises and record their results each week to see how they're getting on. Encouraged to do their own activities at home to stay active, the fitness test is used as something to aim for each week and to help maintain the motivation to be active every day. The results the children have been sending through to Mr Forbes have shown it's definitely working and the staff taking part are also seeing the benefits.

WELLBEING

Supporting our children pastorally continues to be high priority. Pippin the Pastoral Therapy dog is now available on line to talk to the children with the Deputy Head as they need support or a chat through the week.



The children are also being encouraged to continue with the Guild Scheme (a bit like a younger D of E scheme) however the charity is now focused on what can be done from home or on supporting their parents in the house! This lovely photo is of a "Stay at Home" Residential trip undertaken by one of the pupils.

Coronavirus may have put a stop to the 2020 Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race, but that has not stopped Churcher's College Sixth Former, Luca Phillips Mateo from completing the 200km/125m challenge and raising over £3,000 for NHS Charities 'Together'.

Having spent every Sunday morning for the last six months training, Luca wanted to still complete the challenge virtually in a combination of rowing, running and cycling throughout the Easter holidays.

Luca explains: "The Devizes-Westminster International Canoe Marathon is not a continuous paddle, since it takes part in a canal, competitors must lift their boat out of the water at a lock, run around and place their boat back in, thus explaining the running/cycling part of my challenge."

Luca is using this challenge to raise money for NHS Charities 'Together'. He said, "Our NHS is under a lot of stress and needs as much help as they can get. Which is why I am asking you to donate to this cause."

If you would like to support Luca and NHS Charities 'Together' you can donate on his Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dwluca>

Liphook in Bloom



ON HOLD!

At the time of writing, we are all in 'Lockdown'. The world as we know it seems a very strange place at the moment and yet some things go on regardless. How lucky we were that after all those weeks of dismal wet weather, suddenly spring arrived and seemed to coincide with the lockdown. Observing all the social distancing, walking through Liphook it has been an absolute joy to see all the bulbs, planted in the autumn by Liphook in Bloom, in full flower.

As with all other organisations and events, Liphook in Bloom has had to place everything on hold. We hope the restrictions will be lifted before too long as we have great plans for the summer: the bedding plants and hanging baskets are all organised. Perhaps you will be able to come and help with it all as soon as we get the green light!

In the meantime I do hope you saw the spring flowers and can now enjoy these photographs as a reminder of something good that happened this spring.

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Brave New World of Engineering

The Covid 19 pandemic lockdown has at least given me a chance to catch up on some reading. Tony Rudgard kindly lent me a recent issue of Professional Engineering, published on behalf of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE), which is packed full of fascinating and sometimes almost unbelievable stories.

The traffic on our roads in Liphook may seem to have returned to the 1960s level and there is a distinct lack of the aircraft frequently over our heads, but the ongoing research into solutions to problems caused by pollution is ongoing. There is a lead article arising from the announcement by Boris Johnson in early February that the ban on the sale of vehicles that use an internal combustion engine as the sole source of propulsion would be brought forward from 2040 to 2035 and would now include hybrid vehicles. Currently there are over 300m cars on European roads and 99% are still powered by petrol or diesel. IMechE urges investment in renewable and low-carbon fuels made from sustainable and net-zero sources, with a new IMechE report suggesting the quickest way to cut emissions is to improve the efficiency of internal combustion engines and switch to low-carbon fuels by adding biofuels and synthetic fuels.

Recent technical advances include Energy Observer, the world's first hydrogen-powered ship, which is currently on a six-year zero-emissions voyage around the world and is to be fitted with a new technology that's been adapted from the fuel cell used in Toyota's hydrogen-powered Mirai line of vehicles. It is designed to be able to produce hydrogen on board, from seawater, without releasing greenhouse gas emissions. It uses three types of solar panels spread over 202m², along with two OceanWings[®] and a traction kite to generate the power, which is then stored as hydrogen.

Future geoengineering on a huge scale may result if proposals to use dust from an asteroid blast could be used to shield Earth from heat from the sun, a massive cause of global warming.

And if that seems too much like the subject of a Hollywood movie, there is an article about inventor Richard Browning who made headlines when he crossed the Solent in July 2019 in the

world's first patented Jet Suit, but looking as if he had stepped out of the world of James Bond. His company, Gravity Industries, has gone from a one-man inventor to a 30-person team around the world. Katy from Gravity Industries helpfully provided us with images (one shown here) and told me that "since launch in 2017 Gravity has executed over 100 live events across 30 countries including 5 Ted talks, and we are also working remotely by doing virtual keynotes". I recommend that, like me, you look up what Ted talks and virtual keynotes are!



Less eye-catching but nevertheless important advances are reported in fields such as industrial 3D printing and technology developed in the space sector that could be used to improve patients' lives.

Yet despite all the world's current technological, environmental and social problems needing massive engineering input and solutions the role of engineers continues to be undervalued. Schools such as our own Bohunt stress the importance of the STEM subjects of science, technology, engineering and mathematics and their annual STEM Festival attracts over 3,000 visitors with more than 60 exhibitors and guest speakers.

Rod Sharp



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A Slow Boat to China

In 1965, aged 21, I was posted to Hong Kong. I travelled there on an elderly cargo boat, with twelve other passengers. The boat was the m.v. Glenartney built in 1915 and weighing in at 9,795 tons. When you consider that today's cross-channel ferries are anything up to 47,000 tons, you will realise how small this was. But as I had never been anywhere before I knew nothing else so this wasn't a surprise.



We sailed from the King George Dock (now London City Airport) and as you will see, sent off by my parents, I dressed for the occasion, complete with pearls! The Glenartney was a proper old cargo boat and it was fascinating to watch proper cargo being loaded. None of your modern shipping containers in those days. We could see trunks and (in our case) two cars in amongst the packages and crates being craned in. Later, when everything was stowed, a canvas swimming pool was put up on the foredeck. This was filled with sea water and was our pool in between ports when it had to be dismantled and emptied so that the cranes could get to work.

The voyage started badly when we were anchored in the mouth of the Thames for 24 hours due to fog - made worse by the fact that we were still within territorial waters and couldn't break into the bonded stock of alcohol. Those days are thankfully gone.



The Bay of Biscay passed uneventfully but the journey through the Mediterranean was quite interesting as we kept getting scavenger engine room fires, all thankfully minor but nonetheless a little alarming. As a result of these fires, we were late arriving at Port Said, where we were due to refuel, so refuelling was done rather in haste in order to catch the Suez Canal convoy. Shipping going south had to travel in convoy in order to be able to pass that travelling north at the half-way mark in the Bitter Lakes as the canal itself wasn't wide enough for two way traffic. Whilst in the canal, we were told to keep our cabin windows and doors locked as men selling everything from scarves and stew pots to camel saddles and plaster models of the Sphinx arrived on board and swarmed all over the ship and weren't averse to a bit of helping themselves to anything they could find on board. The hasty refuelling meant a tank on one side of the ship was loaded with more fuel than the other, and there was something of a leak from a pipe when it was removed before the fuel supply had been switched off. This led to a rather alarming list, which we had until we got to Singapore. We were due to call at Aden but due to the problems there at the time, we missed it out. The Indian Ocean saw more scavenger fires, one quite alarming, and reduced our speed considerably. So slowly, and with a list we continued on our way.

By the time we got to Singapore we were running about a week late and my office-to-be in Hong Kong thought it might be an idea to disembark me in Singapore and fly me on. However, the captain said "Not to worry - we'll be on our way very shortly". "Very shortly" turned out to be about four days, whilst repairs were made and gave a very naive me a look at a very foreign city. Boogis Street might ring a bell with some readers and was definitely an experience!

On our way again - but NOT to Hong Kong. We went back up the coast to Port Klang for Kuala Lumpur and then on to Penang. I had a wonderful time, having made friends with a lady who was heading for Japan (the final destination) to join her husband who worked for the British Embassy in Tokyo, and we did a lot of touring together. My abiding memory of Penang was being driven around by a taxi driver who handed out boiled sweets to stop our ears popping as we drove up hills and kept leaping out of the cab to pick leaves to get us to identify the spices.

To sea again - back to Singapore for another three days. More repairs. And finally we were on the last leg. Forty-eight hours out of Hong Kong we met a pretty fierce typhoon which we had to ride out. I was too frightened to be sea sick as we lurched around the ocean like a cork and watched that dial that tells you how far to the right or left or centre you are listing. This is not a happy pastime and often you wondered whether you would become upright again. All the tables and chairs were tied down and food was provided now and then - and it wasn't hot. At least the bar was open for the hardy souls who made it there. There were a lot of moments when I wished that I had been allowed to disembark in Singapore and fly up to Hong Kong, although having (only once) flown into Kai Tak Airport, it might have been debateable. The approach flight path was between the skyscrapers at the end of the runway (surrounded on three sides by water) and you practically removed the laundry hanging on the washing lines from the windows as well as being able to see what the residents were having for supper.

Well, as you can see, it was all right in the end and we sailed into the magic of Hong Kong harbour on a misty morning a mere

two weeks late. Hong Kong was all that I imagined it would be, although nothing like it is today. I had a wonderful nearly three years, where work was an unfortunate interruption to a social life. I lived in an apartment in Tregunter Mansions in Mid Levels, about two-thirds of the way up the Peak, the last before you went into scrub to climb up to the top of the Peak. It was a small building in those days - now it is three huge towers, such is the demand for accommodation.

In those years, we had a Star Ferry strike, Confrontation (I had a curfew pass), drought (four hours of water every four days for



three months) and floods, when 6 inches of rain fell in the first hour and 4 inches in the second and our driveway disappeared down the hillside. I also met the man who was to become my husband so it wasn't all bad!

Some two and a half years later I returned to the UK, again on a 12 passenger cargo boat though a much superior one at 11,000 tons, with air conditioning and an inbuilt pool. It still had to be emptied in stormy weather because of the danger of the water swilling around and upsetting the trim. Because the Suez Canal was closed, we sailed round the Cape and up the west coast of Africa, spending a memorable Christmas Eve in a Senegal sandstorm whilst listening to the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge.

London was very dreary after all this but 18 months later, I was posted to Washington DC, but that's another story.

Oh, and the poor old m.v. Glenartney ended her life being broken up in Taiwan on her next journey east.



Wendy Moore

DEALING WITH LOCKDOWN LONELINESS



Liphook Day Centre

Liphook Day Centre has for over thirty years provided a place of comfort, sociability and safety to elderly members of the community. A place where hot food is served and clients are entertained and stimulated with games and communal activities.

With the increasing risk of coronavirus epidemic the managers met on the sixteenth of March to discuss what best should be done in the interests of our clients, their carers and our loyal band of volunteers and drivers who, in most cases, are in the same age group.

It was unanimously decided that after giving the Centre a thorough sanitized deep clean we would open on the following day. Security would be stepped up and access to the Centre would be denied to all but the essential staff and volunteers. Fresh food was purchased from Sainsbury's, in those glorious pre-queuing days, and all was set to welcome our guests the next day.

Sad to say that Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, announced in the afternoon that, in the interests of public safety, citizens of over seventy years of age, especially those with pre existing illnesses, should stay home and stay safe.

So the Day Centre, with great reluctance, closed its doors and immediately embarked on its plan 'B' in order to maintain, as far as possible, contact and care towards its clients. The manager's salaries were secured, they have been furloughed under the H. M. Government Job Retention Scheme.

From the day the Centre closed managers Zita Stones and Charlotte Lawrence have voluntarily maintained contact with the clients in their home by telephone and, if they require any items of shopping, or need their prescriptions collected. This is done by Penny Leigh who, with her family, had, in the early days,

contracted the virus and was self isolated before their full recovery. Shopping and a few extra bits have been delivered by Penny to their doorsteps thus maintaining social distancing.

John Novell, one of our volunteer drivers, also does a weekly distribution of shopping and at the same time gives the Age Concern minibus a run out keeping its battery charged.

The extension to the lockdown announced on 17th April has made these telephone calls even more vital to many who are missing social interaction and the calls are lasting even longer.

The Day Centre without client fees and revenue from lettings has been going backwards financially. Several important fundraising events have had to be cancelled. We are grateful for an immediate grant of £10,000 from East Hants District Council which was given as a Small Business Grant to those organisations that pay little or no business rates.

The Centre has for almost ten years now been selling farm fresh eggs each week. Eggs, along with flour, pasta and other items have been difficult to find in the supermarkets and so the Tuesday sale of eggs at the door of the Centre has become very important to many in the village and further. We are now selling almost a hundred dozen per week and in so doing raised some useful revenue for the Centre.

We live in unprecedented times. At the Liphook Day Centre we believe we are doing all that is possible within strict Government guidelines to support the elderly of the village. We owe a debt of gratitude to our managers and the volunteers who will be there when once again we welcome clients and friends back to the Centre.

Paul Robinson

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A HAVEN, DURING SPRING LOCKDOWN. 2020

Bramshott Churchyard

When the Government decided that we were not to drive too far for our dog walks I decided that as my feet were being troublesome I would attempt to take Brio on little hikes around Bramshott Churchyard, a place I have always loved. Firstly there are usually no people there and the folk underground do not accost me, so life is peaceful. Self distancing would be quite easy. Sometimes however there may be interesting people to talk to. This sad week, in which Adrian Bird died I am reminded of the time I met him in the Churchyard, striding along with a forked stick in his hand.

"Are you expecting to meet some snakes?", I asked.
"Oh no", said he. "I use it to fend off marauding ladies".
He always made me smile.

Another thing that makes me smile are the many bright flowers on graves, roses alongside daffodils, anemones and lavender, flowers for all seasons mixing together. I think that the plastic flower making industry must be burgeoning. I am not surprised people use them because I remember my daughter, Helen, buying yellow roses to put on her father's grave, only to find next day that a thief had stolen them, leaving just an array of stalks. It does not take a brilliant detective to deduce that the culprit was a deer. Churchyard wild life is alive and well and tripping over hidden lumps in the grass tell me that there are moles at work. Squirrels swish up trees taunting the spaniel. There is a wonderful view of red kites as they glide over the trees and their underwings really have a pattern reminiscent of spitfire markings seen in the war. Their sharp call reminds me of someone whistling to their dog. The little birds move amazingly quickly as they dive for cover, although the rooks have a go at ganging up to see the intruder off. Next to the Church Yard is a field where can be seen brown and white Jacob heritage sheep, each sporting four resplendent horns.



The Churchyard has its full complement of wild flowers to enrich my Spring walks. Several varieties of snowdrop spill over graves and grass, followed by daffodils, primroses, violets, and blue bells both pink and white (can we really call them pink bluebells?). The daffodils are bright heralds but nothing looks more mournful than their dead heads.

The yard contains a miniature arboretum, mainly planted there by people honouring their dead. In the Spring the mature magnolia displays its chalice shaped pink and white flowers, along with a purple lilac and weeping cherries. Two camellias, pink and red are flowering beautifully now. The massive oak at the far end is a little scary in a strong wind as it is apt to suddenly cast off a dead branch. There is a flowering tree which I call Lawrence's tree. It

shelters memories of lost babies, with toys and windmills. In the dark, pretty fairy lights glisten.



Plenty of maples honour the Canadian soldiers. There is a Commonwealth War Graves Commission sign by the pathway, showing a picture of Canadian soldiers, who enlisted to fight in the first world war. They are enjoying refreshment in a corrugated iron hut on the hastily constructed camp, at Bramshott, nicknamed 'Mudsplosh Camp'. I am pleased to see that all the serving ladies are respectable and wearing fancy hats. It is sad to read the inscriptions on the soldier's gravestones. The youngest Canadian soldier to die of the Spanish 'flu was sixteen years old. In lockdown today I cannot help but think about the spread of plagues throughout history and realise that even in our modern age they are difficult to deal with. The imposing white stone cross remembers the Canadians. The smaller cross, the war memorial, nearer the Church was designed by Inigo Triggs, an architect who came to live in Liphook around 1910, and displays the names of local dead soldiers of both World Wars.

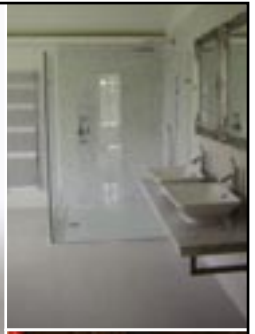
The slate roofed stone shed was built to accommodate watchers who stayed there overnight to guard newly buried bodies. There was a danger that body snatchers would seize the corpses and take them to London to sell to surgeons who needed them for their studies. This gruesome crime was still taking place as late as the 1840s. Oh dear. My gloomy nature surfaces again.



beautifully done. It usually looks its best when decorated with wedding flowers.

The lockdown has now been extended by another three weeks, so Brio and I will be continuing our sauntering. The footpath which leads down to the village, passing underneath the A3, is now being used continually by walkers and cyclists. Our well kept Churchyard has never been so busy.

June Wright



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Poets' Corner

The Garden of the Heart

"You're still here aren't you,
In fact, You and all the others,
Have never left - Have You ?"

Never left me, though, at times
I turned my back and chose
To close my eyes and ears.

To the concerns you all held
Held for me and my well-being
And now today I have returned.

I pushed open the rusted gate
That you had left ajar after I left.

Please allow me to walk once more
Among this garden of the heart
Oh let me see those flowers
Oh let me pause by the pool
To see if my reflection
Lacks the strength to be found.

And these luscious lawns
Beneath my weary feet
Seem to caress them as if
Being biblically bathed
Are you intent on bringing
A tide of tears to my eyes

And as I walk further among
The swaying trees I half expect
To see you waiting with your
Arms outstretched with no
Signs of judgement being
Considered as being required
I am home once more, here
In the garden of the heart.

Richard Gould

Bee Frightened

I think that I will never see
A sight more irksome than a bee,
Her fluffy black and yellow stripes
Fill me with dread, oh lor', oh cripes!
With sight of her fast moving wing
She warns me that she well might sting
If I intend to pick her flower;
I'm off to find some other bower.

Carol Watson

In Celebration of 70 Years of House and Garden

It means so much to us mere mortals
To read within these glossy portals
A glimpse into a world of taste
Which one can hopefully imitate

When I read it through from cover to cover
I know there's so much more to discover
I painted my staircase a wonderful pink
I bought a new bed with a headboard in mink
I positioned box balls either side of my drive
And my front door's gloss black for when you arrive

This evening I'm making your Leek Quiche for supper
I've made it before and it's absolutely super
My garden is full of old roses
My Japanese plants are superb
The camellias this year are wonderful
And the wisteria has grown by a third
So thank you again House and Garden
Your 70th Anniversary is so deserved.

Linda Foster - lbmather@gmail.com

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If I Were You

If I were you, which I am not,
With all the world in disarray,
I'd look around my tiny plot,
And say a thank you every day.

With silent skies an azure blue,
Our lanes and roads congestion free,
The birds are singing, sweet and true,
A-top their perch, in every tree.

And now we have the time to pause,
The chaos of our lives on hold.
Unique, our Thursday night applause
Salutes the fearless, brave and bold.

Though we will walk our daily walk,
Four legged friends, our comfort still,
We Zoom and e-mail, 'phone and talk,
'Till friends and family have their fill.

But we are not immune to grief,
And we have lost dear friends and true.
So, steadfast in each lab's belief,
The search for vaccine, each day anew.

And so, until this lockdown ends,
We social distance, isolate,
Catch up with neighbours, social trends,
Our world, across our garden gate.

Angela Glass

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- 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.

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 and clicking the 'Parents' link or 'Get involved'. You will then be contacted by a unit leader.

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Barbara Ellis via liphook-guides@outlook.com

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

SCOUTS

1st Liphook Scout Group - Scouting offers young people, aged between 6 and 25, a fantastic range of fun, exciting, challenging and adventurous activities. 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

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 for all enquiries about Scouting and our sections.

• **Stuart Clark** (Group Chairman) on **07900 463482** or by email: 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 for subs enquiries.

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

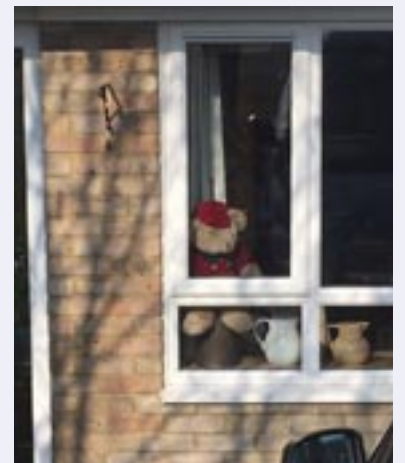
The sections and their leaders are as follows:-

- 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*



Liphook in Lockdown



Fay Boyett