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Thirty Seven Years at Bohunt



Margaret Nicholls

I have always been interested in education and with my friend Joyce Carroll ran the Playland Nursery Playgroup in Liphook for many years. The Liphook Area was quickly becoming more populated and badly needed a new comprehensive school. I wondered where all the children I looked after would go when they reached eleven years old. In the discussion stage it was still undecided whether to build the new school in Petersfield, Liss or Liphook. I went to

all the public meetings to make my views known and at last plans were made to build the school in Liphook, although two years' administrative work actually delayed construction. Andrew Luff's nursery garden and the local allotments disappeared and building was begun. It was due to open in September 1978 but the school was not ready. The September intake of pupils started in a temporary home in the austere buildings of the Army Camp at Longmoor. A friend had phoned to say that there was a job on offer as a technician in the Science Department of the new school and thought that it would suit me, so I persuaded myself to apply. I had not had a scientific education as such, being artistic, but I went for an interview where Dr. Alan Leech, the new Headmaster, and Roy Hawkey were two of the interviewing panel. In the waiting-room about seven candidates were airing their scientific achievements and I really thought I had no chance, so on arriving home I was surprised to receive a phone call from Dr. Alan Leech to say he wanted me for the job. He liked the fact that I was a local person who knew many people in the village.

For weeks before the term started we were working in the very basic Army surroundings. The rather ghostly black and white



photograph shows Dr. Alan Leech and Mr. David Child-Thomas outside the School's temporary home on the Army Camp at Longmoor. They are outside the former Longmoor Infants' School which they used in conjunction with the addition of two corrugated iron huts.

Preparing equipment and experiments and making worksheets was important and I was put in charge of the second-hand offset litho printer, which with its blue ink, could be a very messy carry on. This was followed by the appearance of a second-hand Roneo printer used with a spirit which made it equally messy and difficult to use. Finally the new school was ready and opened in January 1979. It was snowing but Bohunt School was officially on its way, with the Science Department fully in business.

Of course Health and Safety is all important and we put trays of leaflets in all the laboratories to remind the teachers about the rules. On laboratory benches the water taps are always placed near to the electricity sources and water and electricity do not really mix. Silly students who poke screwdrivers into sockets wonder why they get a shock. Nevertheless some explosive 'indoor firework' situations occurred, but never anything too major e.g. no classrooms were burnt down.

The smells made by chemicals in action can be interesting and sometimes overpowering. An experiment to show how bacteria grows required petrie dishes to be filled with agar (a seaweed jelly) into which each pupil had placed a fingerprint. This experiment is done to show how many germs remain on the hands, even after washing thoroughly. The dishes produce one of the worst smells of all time, especially when they have been abandoned to mature for six weeks or so. The colours of the bacteria are amazing too. During biology lessons students sometimes felt quite queasy. The sight of heart, liver, kidneys or particularly eyes being dissected can cause faintness, although light-headedness can seem to be catching when a queue of white-faced pupils leave the classroom. I always found it delightful to be able to spot pupils who showed promise and worked with such keenness that I could visualise them later on becoming doctors, researchers or scientists.

I always loved Open Days, because I could use my art background to set out the exhibits and there were special shopping expeditions to buy unlikely materials to use in the experiments taking place. Teachers asked for things like eyes, liver, kidneys, cheese, celery and sometimes half-dead flowers. The mind boggles. Where do you go to buy ageing flowers? There was the time we had to buy enough custard powder to fill a seven foot by six foot paddling pool for people to walk across and record the effects. Finding fifty worms to put in a wormery was a challenge, as was the request for one hundred wood lice. Wood lice were placed in petrie dishes which had been half covered with black material. The object of the exercise was to find out if they preferred dark or light surroundings.



I like the times the older children from the Junior School come into Bohunt for their taster sessions, when we have prepared simple experiments for them to do. They are introduced to the mysteries of the Bunsen Burner. Many of them have never been allowed to strike matches at home and so they are initiated into the art. Their visits break the ice ready for their entry to 'big school' in the following September.

Now, after thirty-seven years as part of Bohunt Science Department team I have retired from what I thought was the perfect job for me. I shall miss the hustle and bustle of my busy life there but have plenty of great memories. Bohunt School too has matured and is one of the highest achieving learning centres in the country. I am proud to have been small part of it.

Margaret Nicholls

What's on in Liphook

- 4th Sept - Film** - Suite Francaises starring Kristin Scott Thomas and Michelle Williams - Millennium Centre - 7.30pm
- 5th Sept - BLDHS** - Autumn Show
- 9th Sept - Age Concern AGM** - Peak Centre - 7.30pm
- 12th Sept - Artisan & Com Market** - Millennium Centre - 10am - 12noon
- 12th Sept - Heritage Centre @ Millennium Centre** 10am - 2pm
- 14th Sept - First public meeting of the Liphook Neighbourhood Plan** - Millennium Centre - 8pm. If you would like to attend e.mail council@bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk
- 19th Sept - Liphook Methodist Church Flower Show** - 10am - 5pm
- 19th Sept - Dog Show & Duck Race** - Radford Park - 12 noon - 3pm
- 25th Sept - MacMillan Coffee morning** - Millennium Centre - 10am to 12noon - Free Entry
- 26th Sept - Heritage Centre Open Day** - Petersfield Library
- 2nd Oct - Film** - X+Y starring Asa Butterfield - Millennium Centre - 7.30pm
- 3rd Oct - Quiz Night** - Village Hall - 7.30pm. Tickets: The Day Centre
- 6th Oct - LiDBA Presentation Evening** - Millennium Centre
- 6th Oct - Heritage Centre @ Millennium Centre** 10am - 2pm
- 10th Oct - Guide Hall Second Hand Books and Bric Brac Sale** - Millennium Centre - 10am - 2pm
- 21st Oct - Love to Sing** - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 24th Oct - VILLAGE CARNIVAL**
- 6th Nov - Film** - The Water Diviner starring Russel Crowe - Millennium Centre - 7.30pm
- 7th Nov - The General Wine Company Annual Wine Fair** - Churchers College, Petersfield - 11am - 6pm
- 20th Nov - Pilloock Conquers the World** - Millennium Centre - 7.30pm
- 21st Nov - St. Marys' Church Quiz Night** - Liphook Church Centre - 7pm
- 21st Nov - Heritage Centre @ Millennium Centre** - 10am - 2pm
- 25th Nov - Open Day Liphook & District Model Railway** - Milland Valley Memorial Hall - 10am - 4pm

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If any reader would like to find out more or join, contact Terry Pate, Chairman, on 01428 729180 (E-Mail: chairman1@liphooku3a.org.uk) or membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk

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Bramshott, Liphook & District Horticultural Society held their Summer Show on Saturday, 18th July. Entries were well up on last year and the tables were bulging with fruit, vegetables and flowers in abundance. Also the cookery section was very well supported with carrot cakes, Anzac biscuits and cheese and watercress tarts among the entries.

Ann Haussauer swept the board in the Sweet Pea classes winning two cups, one medal and one certificate. She also won the Halahan Challenge cup for being the most successful in the flower classes and the John Caesar Challenge Cup for her spectacular cut flowers.

To the Show Secretaries' surprise, Peter Rogers from Emsworth, who judged at the Spring Show, entered vegetables, fruit and flowers in many of the classes. He was delighted to win the Dudley Paul Challenge Cup, the Halahan Best Exhibit Cup and three medals.

Other cup winners included Ian Haussauer, Sally White, Sheila Williams, Margaret Ilsley and Helen Brown. The children's Hugh Coyte Trophy was won by Archie Gooding for his seaside picture, jam tarts and delightful birthday card. He beat off tough competition from Chloe and Sarah Bicknell and the Brownies.



General View



Peter Rogers



Vegetable Classes

Members of the Committee were rushed off their feet in the kitchen providing teas, coffees, soft drinks and wonderful cakes and scones including lemon drizzle cake, raspberry and cream sponge, and coffee and walnut cupcakes.

The Autumn Show will be held on Saturday, 5th September. Anyone wishing for further information about joining the Society or entering the Shows, please contact Helen Brown on Liphook 722875.

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Perfect sunny weather on Lidba bike ride day, Sunday June 7, combined with reaching the £1 million target for funds raised over the 25 years of the Lidba charity bike ride made this a really memorable occasion. The exact total amount raised is not yet known, but will be revealed at the Presentation evening on Tuesday October 6th. With the ride smoothly organised by Lidba, as ever, 800 riders enjoyed the main 25 mile ride through beautiful countryside

that looked at its best. This is the final year that Lidba organise the ride. But they are delighted that it will continue as a major feature of the Liphook events calendar, with its running being handed over to The Liphook Crankers - a local group of keen cyclists.

The ride ran smoothly, a great credit to the hard work of Lidba members. First back, in a very creditable 1 hour 4 minutes was Ben Williams, only 17, from Liphook and riding for the Alzheimers Society. Fifth back, not far behind, was 13 year old Mathew Houlberg, who commented that he was probably held back by having to stay alongside his dad! What a fearsome



prospect for future cycling glory! Joint first ladies back, also very close behind, were Annika Gleichmann and Jackie Johnson from Guildford rowing club.



The junior ride was a smash hit success with 216 riders. This total has been trending steadily up, and is double the figure for only 3 years ago. Some astonishing performances must have cost sponsors dearly. Several young riders were rumoured to have covered up to 200 laps, equivalent to about 50 miles! Amongst the youngest riders there were great performances too, with Ezra Twidell completing a lap at just two years old. The massed start made the charge of the light brigade look tame.



After a superb day, thanks as always to all the cyclists, the marshalls, the admin assistants, Owens cycles for their lead sponsorship, and motorists for their tolerance. And congratulations to Stuart Munro, the Lidba bike ride chairman, Rick Beynon, the chief administrator and Ed Lawrence and Carol Meech for masterminding the junior ride.



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The Voluntary Care Group

As we are all very much aware, the population of Liphook has increased considerably in recent years, with a particularly large influx of retired people. In sharp contrast, public transport provision in the local area has continued to decline. It is therefore, not surprising that demand for the services of our Care Group has risen accordingly. Despite this rise we feel sure that many newcomers are probably unaware of the Group's existence and of the very valuable service that it provides for the local community. This article therefore, has two objectives:

Firstly to advise residents of our activities.

Secondly to appeal for more volunteer drivers to allow us not only to cope with the present demand, but also to ensure that we will be able to manage the expected increase and that we can continue doing this for the foreseeable future.

The Voluntary Care Group was formed as a Registered Charity in 1976, with the late Jean Jackson being very much involved in its formation. It has evolved over the years and its basic function now is to provide transport facilities (all carried out by volunteer drivers) to convey, mostly elderly clients to hospitals, doctors surgeries, opticians, dentists etc. to fulfil their appointments. The most-used hospitals include Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, Frimley Park Hospital, Haslemere Hospital, The Chase Hospital, Bordon and Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham. The decline of the State-funded Hospital Car Service, plus poor public transport, has seen a big increase in the number of trips undertaken in recent years. We should point out that this service is available to all residents living in the Parish of Bramshott and Liphook and also people resident in Milland. Please note that we recommend the appropriate fee to the client, which is based on the length of the journey and the drivers' mileage allowance. It is then up to the client as to how much he or she hands over in payment.

We also run a weekly shopping bus on Thursday mornings. This enables up to 13 elderly residents to be taken by minibus to do their shopping at the local supermarket. They then enjoy a chat and coffee in the cafe afterwards, before returning home in the bus. In addition, we also arrange to collect shopping lists from clients who are no longer mobile, buying the relevant items from

the shop and taking them back to the client's home. All this is organised and managed by volunteers.

Our biggest problem is to ensure that we have a sufficient number of drivers to meet this ever-increasing demand. All our drivers do a great job, but age and illness take their toll and we are always struggling to replace them. New drivers are urgently needed if we are to continue to run this very essential community facility in the years ahead. The prospect of an improved public transport service in the local area looks very remote, it is therefore vital that we keep this service going. Can you help us?

The system that we operate is simple but very effective and is designed to ensure that no driver is out of pocket. All drivers are entitled to a mileage allowance of 45p. per mile for each journey they undertake on behalf of the Group..

The 'system' works as follows:

We use 6 co-ordinators whose function is to man the telephone on a weekly basis, accepting calls from clients and arrange transport for medical appointments etc. They then phone around to find a driver for each call. It is entirely at the discretion of the individual driver whether he or she volunteers for any particular trip, as we all realise that everyone has other commitments. Information relating to each journey is passed on to the Group Treasurer so that he can assess the remuneration due to each driver.

An 'injection' of new drivers would enable the 'load' to be spread more evenly, ensuring that each driver is only used occasionally. We are aware that there is an increasing number of retired people now living in Liphook and feel sure that there are some who would be willing to devote a little part of their spare time to this worthwhile and satisfying role.

Anyone interested in helping us, either in a driving or co-ordinator capacity, please contact our Chief Co-ordinator, Gerd Goldsack on 01428/722292 or the Chairman, David Lush on 01428 725166 or, if neither is available, phone the duty co-ordinator on 01428 723972. Please help us to keep this very valuable community service alive.

David Lush - Chairman

NEWS FROM THE

Millennium Centre

The Millennium Centre is very pleased to announce several new regular weekly events in the diary including YogaBellies, YogaBelles, Mature Movers, Jiggy Wrighglers and a monthly story time session for the Under 5's. They also offer Pilates on a Monday and Zumba at 7.30pm every Tuesday evening. The Millennium Centre is also the venue for the monthly Liphook Village Market which now includes a fabulous Fruit and Veg Man. For details on all of our classes or events please call Karen Feeney on 01428 723889 or visit our website www.bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk or like our Facebook page.

At the heart of the Liphook Community, the Millennium Centre is the perfect venue for business meetings, conferences and parties so if you are planning an event please pop in and have a chat. Discounted packages are now available for parties (adults and children) weddings and wakes. Also keep a look out for the films to be shown at the monthly cinema plus other events including an 80's & 90's disco in November and a wonderful Family Christmas Film showing in December!

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The Clock Shop

After some 50 years in the business, you can be sure that George Ayling knows what he's doing. He started repairing clocks in his father's Haslemere workshop at the tender age of 11. George jokes that he was 'cheap labour' - but he's always been interested in clocks. He was formally trained in horology at Hackney Technical College and admits to loving anything mechanical, which includes motorcycles (see photo). He gets great pleasure in taking things apart and putting them back together again, and finds repairing and reviving a clock that's been neglected extremely satisfying.



George set up shop here in Station Road in the mid 1970s. His father owned the building and initially George lived in the basement until he married and graduated to above the shop. Now he lives just around the corner which is very convenient indeed.

Most of his clientele come via word of mouth. The mainstay of his business is still clock restoration, with clock and watch servicing. And as there are very few proper clockmakers in the area, he is kept busy with work - not only from the local area but also from London, Wales and the south of England. In years gone by, clocks were in every room of large houses. Nowadays there are still old clocks around but no longer in grand houses! People just don't have the room to accommodate the likes of grandfather clocks (6' plus in height), grandmother clocks (under 6') or even granddaughter clocks (around 4').

Over the years George has fixed clocks for a number of broadcasters, including Richard Dimbleby, Martin Muncaster and Freddy Grisewood. Actor Boris Karloff, who lived in Bramshott, owned antique clocks which his widow kept running long after his death - thanks to George.

Other famous clients have included King Hussein of Jordan, the Sultan of Brunei and King Juan Carlos of Spain. George's commission for the latter came through a local woman who was the King's translator. Juan Carlos had bought a French clock that he wanted to give King Hussein as an anniversary present. The clock was at the Spanish Embassy in London and needed to be set up in the King's house in Ascot. George was notified at 4pm that the clock had to be fully functioning by 6pm. Galvanized into action, George hopped onto his motorcycle, arrived at the house, went through security and set up the clock (hanging the pendulum, making sure the ticking was even, checking it was striking correctly then setting it to the right time) - and left the house with five minutes to spare!

A less pressurised repair was to the turret clock owned by John Baldock of the Hollycombe Estate/Hollycombe Steam Collection. The clock had been lying in the garage and was in a terrible state.

Upon examination, George realised that this clock had the same,

very rare movement as our beloved Big Ben. In all his years as a clockmaker, it is the only one of this kind that he has encountered.



George finds antique clocks made locally are particularly interesting. In the 18th century, every town had its own clockmaker. Richard Roe worked in Haslemere, William Batt in Petersfield. George owns both a Roe clock (1780) and a Batt one (1790). He thoroughly enjoyed repairing the Nicholas Bunch clock (Bramshott, 1730) which was presented to the Heritage Centre last year. Clockmakers always put their name and date of the repair on the back of the clock's dial. Repairing such clocks is like witnessing the history of clock repair. One 20th century clockmaker not only put the date of the repair, he also registered the current price of petrol and butter - all for posterity!

After chatting with George and learning all about the history of The Clock Shop, I am happy to report within these pages that everything is 'ticking over nicely' at 37 Station Road.

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Mari Wallace



POPPY APPEAL 2015-16

This year, the Appeal will begin on 24th October and continue until 7th November - the day before Remembrance Sunday.

Last year, 2013-14, the total donated was £12,633.49p and we hope for a little more this year, 2014-15. To date 24th July, the amount donated has reached £12,520.64p, with, we hope, more to come! Please accept our most grateful thanks.

Our Forces have now withdrawn from Afghanistan, but the disabled Service and Ex-Service Personnel, and bereaved families of the Dead, particularly young Widows with young Children, also those apparently suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder need your help; you may have read of those who have taken to drugs to relieve their suffering and as a result have been discharged from HM Service.

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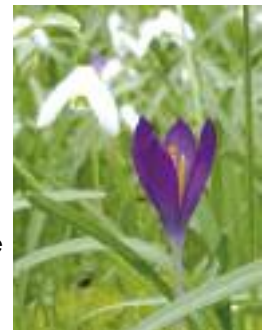
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Liphook Village Sports Day

by Jane Ives

Liphook Village Sports Day took place on Saturday 4th July. The purpose of the day was to promote sport and encourage fitness and 12 local sports clubs took part, all of them offering their time and facilities for free. A similar sports day has been held in the past organised by Tony Rudgard and it was Tony, in his position as Parish Council Sports Representative, who asked the parish council to run it again. Both the parish council and East Hampshire District Council provided grants to cover the costs of running the day such as press advertising, brochures, prizes, posters and signposting.



The idea was that participants could turn up at one of five different venues and take part in the sports offered. The day was opened at Bohunt School by local paralympian bronze medallist, Olivia Breen, who was delighted to take part and who then toured round some of the many sports on offer. Bohunt School hosted many of the sports and were very happy to throw open their doors to the community. Other sports took place at the Recreation Ground and the Millennium Centre.

The clubs that took part were Haslemere Border Athletics Club, Westgate Badminton Performance Centre, Bohunt Basketball, Liphook Bowling Club, Old Thorns Manor Hotel, Liphook United Football Club, Liphook Golf Club, Bohunt Gymnastics Club, Petersfield Hockey Club, Bugs Netball Club, Liphook Table Tennis Club and Liphook Tennis Club. They all provided, for free, taster sessions of their sports and offered tuition and tips with a view to attracting new members.

Many of the clubs were delighted to sign up new members on the day and many other participants expressed an interest to join at a later date. Liphook Tennis Club said that they had never had as many visitors in one day and they were very keen that this event is run again to perhaps coincide with their annual open day. Both the tennis club and Liphook Golf Club were still running sessions for visitors well into late afternoon. Liphook



Table Tennis Club, who usually meet at Rake Village Hall, came back to Liphook for the day and offered coaching and practise at the Millennium Centre. They had lots of visitors throughout the day who enjoyed trying their hand at the sport.

Bramshott and Liphook Parish Councillor Jane Ives said that "One of the best results on the day was that many people participated in sports that they had never tried before. We had youngsters having a go at bowls who were being taught techniques by members of the club, other youngsters tried their hand at golf which was a sport that was completely new to them, and we even had some parents trying out the air track at the gymnastics club."

Prizes of sports vouchers were handed out at the end of the day by Cllr Julie Butler from EHDC, Cabinet Member for the Community, to those who had taken part in the highest number of sports within different age categories – under 11, 11-16 years, and 16 years +. The overall winner of the day who was presented with a winners shield was 5 year old Oscar de-Rhune who racked up an impressive 11 sports! Julie Butler said that "The feedback I received from sports clubs has been great and it was clear that people really wanted this to happen."



Prize winners on the day were:

Under 11 years

Oscar de-Rhune - 11 sports

Trayton Fowler - 10 sports

Farley Fowler - 9 sports

Joe Ayres - 9 sports

Brandon Adair - 11 sports

Ethan Castle - 9 sports

Horatio Fowler - 9 sports

11-16 years

Owen Adair - 11 sports

Blair Castle - 9 sports

16 years +

Susie McAuley - 4 sports

Back Row - L to R:

Cllr. Jane Ives (Parish Council), Tony Rudgard (Parish Council Sports Representative), Olivia Breen (Paralympian Bronze Medallist 2012), Cllr. Jackie Poole (Parish Council), Cllr. Bill Moulant (EHDC), Cllr. Trevor Maroney (Parish Council).





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Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre always welcomes visits from people who want to find out more about the history of Bramshott and Liphook. A recent visitor was David Taylor from San Diego, California. He had looked at the HC's website, saw how extensive the archive collection was, and came in for a morning to research his great-uncle, William Frederick Bunse, who was with a Canadian regiment from Saskatchewan. Mr. Bunse died in 1918, one of the many victims of the influenza epidemic, and is buried in the Canadian cemetery in Bramshott churchyard. Mr. Taylor impressed the HC volunteers with information about his family's pedigree: one of his ancestors is the man who invented the Bunsen burner!

Another visitor from abroad with an interest in the archive material about the Bramshott camp and the Canadians was Joyce Dawson from Dundas, Ontario. And at the end of the Canada Day



Brigadier General Matthew Overton from the Canadian High Commission, London and Mrs. Suzanne Happe, Canadian Veterans Association Liaison Officer - with Val Gaskin of the Heritage Centre.

celebrations on 2nd July, Brigadier General Matthew Overton - after planting the symbolic maple tree for the Liphook W.I. on the lawn outside the Heritage Centre - came upstairs to see some of the treasures held here.

Upcoming events in which the Heritage Centre will be involved include 'Here's Headley', organised by the Headley Society, which will take place on 29th August from 10.30 to 4.30 in Headley Village Hall. Another date for your diary is 26th September when the HC will take part in the Local History Open Day at Petersfield Library with an exhibit to promote the HC to a wider community.

New additions to the archives include the photo records from the past 12 years of Liphook in Bloom's activities. The HC has also been made the custodian of the Liphook Golf Club archives which include documents, photos and minutes dating back to the founding of the Club in 1921.

The current exhibition continues to be memorabilia from World War I. Don't miss it!

S.O.S.! More volunteers are needed to help out at the HC. Please see the summer issue of the LCM for details. The HC would welcome people willing to 'meet and greet' visitors, especially on the Saturday openings. Knowledge of the archives is not necessary - just a friendly face and friendly manner - and a trained volunteer can take over from there. Or if you would like to help with the paper filing - going through boxes and sorting material - that would also be a useful contribution. Simply phone up and make an appointment to come in for a chat. Or come in on Saturday, 19th September between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

The Heritage Centre is located on the first floor of the Millennium Centre. Opening hours: Mondays and Friday 10.00 - 12.00am; Wednesdays 2.00 - 4.00pm. Saturday 12 September, 10th October, 14th and 28th November and 12th December 10.00am - 2.00pm. No entry fee.

Mari Wallace

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Brenda Halsey - Village Organiser



Catholic Church

"I grow old . . . I grow old . . .

I shall wear the bottoms of my trousers rolled"

These immortal words from 'The lovesong of J. Alfred Prufrock' by T. S. Elliot floated into my mind when I began to reflect on this piece for the Magazine. As a fellow, Ancient of Days observed to me recently "growing old is no joke!" I heartily concurred!

Horizons contract, variations in temperature become more noticeable, old friends die off. One of my favourite relaxations is walking in the countryside,

but I keep recalling the walks I used to be able to do... and so on. Loneliness is a growing feature of life, time can hang heavy.

How easy it is to allow such negative thoughts to dominate. And yet, how much I have to thank God for! The marbles still seem to be functioning (at least the "Telegraph" Saturday General Knowledge Crossword would seem to indicate this!) How lucky I am to live in such a beautiful part of our countryside, in some comfort. I have to take myself to task at times.

Most of us are adept enough about asking God for things, but we all too easily forget the other aspect of prayer. Thanksgiving. It is very salutary to pause and reflect at some length on all I have to be thankful for, all of which is God's free gift to me. Petition has its place in this thanksgiving: petition that the Lord who has brought me so far will lead me on trustingly and peacefully to await the final encounter with Him.

Excellent advice! Now all I have to do is follow it!

Father Cyril Murtagh

Methodist Church

INSIDE THE FISH!

The story of Jonah and the "whale" is familiar to most of us. God sends Jonah to Nineveh but he takes a boat to Tarshish (Spain) instead; he is thrown overboard and God provides a "great fish" to swallow Jonah. After three days the fish threw him up on dry land. Apart from the sequel in Nineveh our children's versions tend to forget the middle bit - what he did for three days inside the fish.

Jonah prayed. That's probably not surprising but what is more unexpected is the content of his prayer. It was not a

prayer asking God to get him out of there if at all possible or even simply acknowledging how wrong and disobedient he'd been and asking for a quick death.

Jonah's prayer acknowledges his terrible situation: overwhelmed by the sea, taken down to the depths, completely engulfed and cut off from God. It could be an expression of being psychologically overwhelmed.

But Jonah's prayer is punctuated by hope: "yet I will look again towards your holy Temple"; "But you . . . brought my life up from the pit"; - remember this is

from inside the fish, from the depths of despair where life could not get any worse - "But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. I will say, Salvation comes from the Lord."

The sign of Jonah is not just three days in a whale paralleled with three days in a tomb. The sign of Jonah is one of hope - not a vain optimism that perhaps it might all turn out OK but a sure and certain faith that in God's economy nothing is wasted and his purposes are good.

David Muskett

Church of England



The tears of the Father

Elsewhere I've written about a trip to India where we saw some dramatic answers to prayer. Its amazing when people are healed, either by doctors, or by some extraordinary "co-incidence" that

not even the doctors can explain. But the sad fact is sometimes people don't get better, and when we've asked God to heal them, and nothing seems to happen that can leave us with big questions.

I know this because it happened to me. When I was 11 my mum was diagnosed with cancer. She fought it hard and we prayed so much for her, but she passed away when I was 13. My life went grey, and like many I had a lot of anger inside, but I also encountered God in some extraordinary ways.

I remember in particular when a friend of mine called Charlie prayed for me. Almost as soon as he started praying I felt this amazing warmth touching my face,

and then it was almost like God lifted a veil, and I was back outside my bedroom with my dad and brother having just heard the news. The only difference was that God was there, and for the first time in my life I had this deep sense that not only did he love me beyond my wildest dreams, but that all that pain and anger were emotions that he also felt. That he understood. It changed my life.

Its lovely seeing dramatic answers to prayer. But the most important thing is that whatever happens we learn that God loves us, furiously, passionately, that he always has, and always will.

Rev. Valentine Inglis-Jones

Trinity Church

Eternity Lost . . .

Lost Opportunities . . .

Having somehow slipped into my sixties . . . almost unnoticed yet it feels incredibly sudden; I find myself confronted with the preparations for that 'final phase' of life. Looking back (as one tends to do) I see an awry of opportunities that have presented themselves over my six plus decades, often fleetingly; some I've managed to grasp and realise but too many others have slipped through my hands like fine sand . . . I love the way FB Meyer puts it: *"The Greeks represented 'opportunity' as bald with no lock of hair by which she could be laid hold of as she turned and fled."*

Yet the truth for me as a Christian is that far from being the 'final phase' of life,

I'm standing at the threshold of eternity and the beginning of my 'eternal life'. As I look back I can see so many opportunities to grasp God and eternal life that I let slip through my grasping fingers - I was young and the faith I was raised in inhibited me 'enjoying myself' to the full; I was too caught up in establishing my career as a soldier; I was newly married and had my family to consume my every moment . . .

But then in a sobering moment of reality I realised I was not immortal; one day I would have to face God (Oh believe me I tried the atheist and agnostic approach to no avail); my wife had become a Christian and now I felt the tug of God on heart and this time I thank God I received this opportunity with both hands.....

We are all familiar with the caricature of the Christian with the billboard reading: 'The End is Nigh' parading the streets . . . and we smile somewhat embarrassed, yet we know in our hearts it is true! One thing I'm learning about my approaching retirement is that it is better to be prepared; so I would encourage you to ponder your 'Eternity' and if it is lost, take the opportunity to deal with God today . . . while you still can!

***Warmly in Christ,
Pastor Jim Downie***

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Tower Road Gospel Hall

Very much in the news recently (July) has been the escape from Altiplano prison, Mexico, of the world's most powerful drug lord, Joaquin Guzman know as El Chapo. Escaping through a hole in the floor of the shower in his "high security" cell to a specially dug, mile long tunnel, surfacing in an ordinary looking house in Santa James. Guzman no doubt, deserved his long prison sentence as head of one of the worlds' most violent drug cartel, but many people have been imprisoned, or worse, for daring to preach the Gospel.

In the Bible an account is given in The Acts of the Apostles of the escape of Peter from prison, (Acts 12). King Herod had him put in prison having already killed James brother of John. Peter was chained to two soldiers guarding him and was asleep when he was awoken by an Angel telling him to as his chains dropped off, "to get up, get dressed and follow me". Peter followed thinking it was all a dream. Passing the first and second guard they came to the iron-gate leading into the street, which opened of its own accord. Once safely away from

the prison the Angel left him and Peter made his way to the house of Mary, mother of John Mark. Gathered inside were many of the local Christians holding an all night prayer meeting, but on hearing their prayers had been answered and Peter was at the door, they wouldn't believe it, telling the girl who answered the knock that she must be mad! It's possible for us to pray without really expecting an answer. May we be encouraged to pray more expecting to be heard and answered.

R.J.M.



A Memorial Bench for Liz Thurlbeck

Liz Thurlbeck worked as a receptionist at the Village Surgery during the eighties and nineties and was particularly remembered for the part she played in the Baby Clinic, which she much enjoyed. Mothers will recall that she was often able to assist fraught Mums by calming their babies ready for the doctors' examinations. She died in 2012 and although she was a Liphook person for many years had travelled and lived in several countries. Her parents took her to Southern Africa when she was tiny, leaving the family home in Cordoba, Argentina. Her father was a travelling railway engineer who died when



Liz was nine. Her mother, together with Liz and her sister moved to Cape Town to live with their rather strict grandparents who did most of the parenting, whilst their mother was busy with her teaching and associated activities

at Cape Town University. When attending school and later Cape Town University Liz excelled and became a teacher. She lived with her doctor husband and three children in Boston in the U.S.A. before moving to Montreal in Canada. After arriving in Liphook it is no wonder that she still liked to visit Cape Town each February. She told Paul that that was when 'the figs are ripe.'

She and her friend Paul Parker met at woodwork evening classes, where they both appreciated the beauty of different woods. Paul wanted something tangible for us all to remember Liz by so he decided to have a lovely bench made. This bench has now been installed in Radford Park, inscribed with her name and decorated with a hand-carved squirrel and oak leaves.

Paul's hope is that his gift of a memorial bench for the Park will provide a focal point for remembrance as well as being a facility for Liphook residents. He thanks Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council who readily agreed to the project and especially the co-operation of the Property and Grounds Manager Scott Gavin, who oversaw the installation without a lot of bureaucracy and red tape. I find it very soothing to indulge in a few minutes sit-down on this sturdy bench, letting the World go by and watching the children and dogs playing on the green.

June Wright

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Rod Sharp

WINSTON CHURCHILL FELLOW WORKS TO BRING REAL WORLD WORKING TO THE HEART OF THE EDUCATION CURRICULUM

Philip Avery, Director of Learning & Strategy for Bohunt Education Trust, has recently returned from his third, and final, fact-finding tour, to the Netherlands; the first two visits were to the USA and Sweden.

This research opportunity was funded and supported by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, and resulted from his research proposal being selected from many others submitted across the UK. Phil wants to learn about different approaches to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) education and Project Based Learning:

"We hear a lot in the media about the need for more engineers, for our students to be more 'work ready' and for our education system to improve. I wanted to go and see what others are doing and how they are answering these challenges. In doing so I found lots of great ideas, but also I learnt that maybe we're looking for some of the wrong things."

"We are looking for more able students to go on to be engineers when we should be ensuring that every student leaves secondary school 'STEM literate'. By looking for more engineers we ignore, to an extent, that quality counts; we don't just want more, we want more British engineers who have creative, quirky minds that can come up with transformational ideas, not just superbly engineered products. Finally, schools need to be asking 'what can we do for them' not just 'what can they do for us' when linking with businesses."

Phil will write up his project over the summer but already themes are emerging.

Without a simple, clear vision for the sort of learning and learner that a school is looking to develop the best technology and the best learning environments will become distractions rather than aids; in Sweden, where the government pays for every child to have a tablet or laptop, this initiative has seen every sort of impact from hugely positive to negative.

Businesses, universities and schools need to build in-depth, long term partnerships, not interact through one off 'inspiration' events; in Ohio universities and businesses work in schools to accelerate interested students through to apprenticeships and free degrees by the age of 18 and in doing so have reduced staff turnover by 45%.

Teacher training is crucial and we need to think broadly about how we do it. Priorities could be Initial Teacher Training for engineers that qualifies them to teach multiple STEM subjects as well as 'STEM lessons' and a STEM Masters programme that challenges teachers to introduce the Design Process in to a range of subjects, encourages the introduction of 'STEM lessons' and improves the quality of tuition in the various STEM subjects.

Phil says, *"I visited some really innovative programmes and was particularly impressed by the ambition of schools like High Tech High in San Diego, the Science Leadership Academy in Philadelphia and Metameer in Boxmeer. These were schools with a clear vision for education, unafraid to follow it even if it didn't link directly to exam results. These schools were committed to innovative, yet rigorous education and the students were achieving more than you would think possible: work experience that involved training UK teachers in Project Based Learning, patents to improve wind turbines and improvements in the manufacturing processes of the petrochemical industry."*

Phil has already started trialling and implementing what he has seen. One of the schools within the Bohunt Education Trust is Bohunt School in Liphook, one of the top 20 non-selective schools nationally and TES School of the Year in 2014. The school prides itself on innovation as shown by its immersion language programme where students are taught a third of their timetable in Spanish, French or Mandarin. Phil has been working to implement a STEM curriculum within the lower school that builds sustainable partnerships with industry, uses Project Based Learning and focuses students on the process of learning, rather than just the end product:

"What British schools do really well is classroom craft; there were few places I went where the quality of explanation, the differentiation and the rigour were better. However, too often, education combining content, skills, creativity and a focus on process are confined to after school. We wanted to bring STEM, real world working and education that will inspire students about STEM subjects to the heart of the curriculum so it can be enjoyed by all, rather than those already motivated."

The work is already starting to be noticed, with Phil speaking at the Sunday Times Education Festival and being invited to a Telegraph round table event on how businesses should interact with schools.

100 Years of the W.I.

The Women's Institute movement in Britain started in 1915. During the First World War it was formed to encourage countrywomen to get involved in growing and preserving food to help to increase the supply of food to the war-torn nation. The first WI in Britain was formed at Llanfair on Anglesey, North Wales on September 16th 1915 with the first WI in England at Singleton in Sussex.

Since then the organisation's aims have broadened and the WI is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK. The WI celebrates its centenary this year currently having 212,000 members in around 6,600 WI's. In those 100 years, whilst the

meeting venues might have changed from the local village hall to local café, the ethos and reputation of the WI remains the same, and women join now to meet new friends, learn new skills and make a difference on matters that are important to them now as fellow members did in 1915.

The WI is independent from political parties, institutes, church or chapel and has been extremely reluctant to support anything that can be constructed as 'war work'.

Archives of the National Federation of Women's Institute are held at The Women's Institute Library of the London School of Economics.

Canada Day

Every year, on or near to the 1st of July (the actual date of Canada Day,) Liphook commemorates the Canadian soldiers who were encamped on Bramshott Common and fought in the world wars. A visit to the cemetery of our parish church, St. Mary the Virgin, will take you to the section where 318 Canadian soldiers are buried, many of whom, having survived the ravages of war, lost their lives in the 'flu epidemic of 1918.

The students in Year 4 of Liphook Junior School study local history and learn about the Commonwealth war graves in Bramshott. Their summer term project is to visit the graveyard, select a soldier, research him on a special website, and write a poem to and about him. The results are hugely poignant and heart-felt. The students participate in the Canada Day church service where some of them read their poems to the congregation, and all sing the Canadian national anthem, 'O Canada!' with such verve that you'd swear they were Canadians!



Some Year 4 pupils with their cardboard maple leaves to lay on the grave of their soldier.

This year there were some special additions to the Canada Day celebrations. It was just as the British soldiers were leaving Bramshott Camp in 1915 to go off to war that the Canadians arrived. Their time here and the community they set up are well documented in 'Liphook, Bramshott and the Canadians', a hugely informative booklet available at the Heritage Centre. 2015 is also the 70th anniversary of the Canadians leaving for home after



Place mats made by the school used at the luncheon at the Church Centre.



Plaque at the old bridge (The poem - by W.B. Yeats).

World War II. And so, to commemorate these historic events, a plaque, information board, and flags have been erected on what was the bridge over the old A3, situated across from the London Road entrance to Radford Park. The plaque marks where the soldiers would have passed when travelling to and from Liphook but also their route down to Portsmouth - the embarkation place for war.

The festivities this year, held on 2nd July, began with a ceremony



W.I. plaque adjacent to the newly planted maple tree.

at the bridge, 'hosted' by Liphook resident Andy Lucas, whose grandfather crossed this same bridge with the Durham Light Infantry. It was this fact that prompted Andy to think of all the other soldiers who had come this way. Aware of Liphook Junior School's annual involvement in Canada Day, he approached the school with his idea for the plaque. As his plan gathered momentum, Andy then contacted the East Hampshire District Council and Taylor Wimpey for funding. With their donation and money raised from a non-uniform day at the Federation (both the Infants and Junior Schools), Andy was able to raise enough money to further his idea - which has resulted in the wonderful memorial now erected on this site.

The timing of Liphook's Canada Day celebrations coincided with a visit from the North Lakeshore Chorus, a 70-member Canadian choir touring England. They sang hymns and, of course, 'O Canada' - joined by Liphook's Year 4 pupils. After the church service, the congregation then proceeded to the Canadian graves where wreaths were laid and the choir sang once again in this eloquent



Part of the Canadian choir (The North Lakeshore Chorus) singing at the ceremony by the Canadian war graves, after the church service.

setting, among the Canadian maple trees. Each pupil placed a hand-crafted cardboard maple leaf on the grave of his or her soldier. A lone bugler sounded the Last Post.



Ceremony at the bridge.

Attendees included Brigadier General Matthew Overton of the Canadian High Commission; the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire; the National President, the Vice President and the Liaison Officer of the Canadian Veterans Association; representatives from the Royal British Legion and the Liphook and Bramshott Preservation Society, as well as the only two Canadian Chelsea Pensioners of the 300 residents at the Royal Hospital in Chelsea.

Michele Frost, Executive Headteacher of the Federation of Liphook C of E Junior School and Liphook Infant School, hosted a lovely lunch for over 100 people at the Church Centre where several presentations were made. These included a five-dollar Canadian coin to pupil Alfie Locke, in recognition of his outstanding effort in the Year 4 research project, and a birthday cake to one of the Canadian veterans who was celebrating his 90th birthday. To finish off the celebration, the Year 4 pupils returned to sing a medley of wartime songs, as well as a hearty reprise of 'O Canada'.

Later that afternoon Brigadier General Matthew Overton planted a symbolic Canadian maple tree in the grounds adjacent to the Millennium Centre on behalf of the Liphook Women's Institute.



Piper at the ceremony in the Canadian cemetery.

The national body is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year - and the Liphook branch, at 95, is not far behind! I have since learned that the Women's Institute actually originated in Ontario, Canada, in 1897. How perfect to end Canada Day with this special W.I. planting!

Back in 1942, a journalist in a Canadian magazine wrote: "For 25 years the kindly people of Liphook have remembered and honoured the Canadians. Each year each [Canadian] grave is decorated with flowers and a Memorial Service is held. This year was no exception, war or no war, and such is the

constancy of the British character, we may be sure that 100 years ahead, Liphook will still remember."

It is now indeed 100 years on - and Liphook does remember!

Mari Wallace



The two Chelsea pensioners with Terry Burns are the only Canadians left living in the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

The Deer's Hut Charity

Good weather again blessed the 2015 classic car gathering at the Deer's Hut. The event must rank as the most successful yet, with a huge diversity of vehicles from Motor Cycles to a Steam Traction Engine from the Hollycombe collection. Some £10,000 was raised for Liphook Charities including Peak Centre, Fire Service, Carnival, Scouts and Guides. None of this would have been possible without the unstinting help from the huge number of Volunteers involved and special mention must also be made of The Northcott Trust, sponsors Clarke Gammon Wellers and the Robert Lewis Collection who brought along some very special cars. Thank you to one and all.

Here are just a few of the more unusual cars at the event.

Jowett Jupiter



Rare Jowett Jupiter

Jowett was one of the many smaller British makes to emerge for WWII with initial optimism, only to stutter and disappear. The company could trace its car-making history back to the early 1900's and by the 1930's had built a reputation for making strong, straight-forward, workman-like vehicles which perhaps reflected the Yorkshire roots of the marque.

Their post-war car was to be very different - the all new Javelin, an advanced mid-market car with stylish unitary body/chassis, torsion bar springing and 1.5 litre, water-cooled flat-four - with the radiator behind the engine. The new car was received to very enthusiastic reviews and additionally proved itself to be a very able rally and saloon-car racing machine.

The competition success of the Javelin was, in part, influential in the creation of the sports two-seater Jupiter. The main Javelin mechanical components were housed in a completely new tubular chassis drawn by pre-war Auto Union designer Eberan von Eberhorst, plus a Jowett designed body frame with aluminium panels. Although the car was a comfortable and well equipped sporting model, in stripped-out trim it proved a very successful race and rally machine with many major successes to its name, including a class victory in the 1951 Le Mans 24 hours. Approx 900 Jupiter chassis were built, some being finished with special, usually enclosed, coachwork.

Despite the success of the cars, Jowett were not financially stable, a situation exasperated by warranty claims relating to head-gasket failures and an initially disastrous move into making their own gearboxes. Sales of the Javelin fell away, yet bodies still arrived (Jowett bought-in their body shells) and with the bankers in control the writing was on the wall. Although new models were under development they came to nothing and things were really over by late 1953.

TVR Vixen



Superb TVR Vixen S2

TVR are one of those firms that refuse to die! Since their foundation in the late 1940's they have been through so many financial crises - and different owners - it is difficult to count. One thing that has stayed constant throughout however, is the production of quick sports cars. Initially models were only produced in penny numbers but the short, stubby Grantura of the late 1950's marked a move to more serious manufacture. The basic design was then progressively developed over the next 20 years and took production through one of the more stable periods in the history of the company.

The first Vixens were produced in 1967 and marked a further step-up in product quality and production numbers. With their fully independent coil spring suspension, Ford Cortina GT engines, low weight and compact size, they were real sports cars. The S2 Vixen was further improved with a longer wheelbase chassis making it much more habitable. The lineage of the Vixen was carried through until the end of the 1970's with the last of the 'M' series cars before replacement by the very different-to-look-at, angular, Tasmin models.

From the early 1960's TVR had also produced some ultra high performance models by inserting much more powerful V8 engines into mildly reworked versions of their 4 cylinder cars and this perhaps influenced the line the company was to follow in later years, when once again under new ownership. More headline-grabbing models followed before further management upheaval and the sad disappearance of new cars from sale. That is not however the end: the intention to relaunch the marque

Classic Car Day - 2015

has just been announced with involvement of big names Cosworth and Gordon Murray Design!

Mitsuoka Le-Seyde



Startling Mitsuoka Le-Seyde

Perhaps the most way-out car at the show! Although you would not guess it, under the skin is an early 1990's Nissan Silvia (200SX) sports coupe but nothing remains externally to give you a clue.

Established in 1979, Mitsuoka are a small Japanese company specialising in hand-built re-bodying of main-stream models and they now export to many parts of the world. Some models ape the style of older European designs such as the Jaguar Mk2 but others are less derivative. The first series of Le-Seyde models was limited to just 500 units and they were apparently all sold within 72 hours!

Their latest offering is now available in the UK as an attractive, completely re-bodied, Mazda MX5-based roadster - cars for the individualist.

Alfa Romeo 2600 Sprint



Stylish Alfa 2600 Sprint Coupe

We tend to think of 1950's and 1960's Alfas as fairly small-engined cars in the 1300 to 1600cc classes. They did however

produce small numbers of larger engined, flagship models; the '2600' range which included a slow selling Berlina (saloon), Sprint (coupe) and Spider (convertible). Of these the Bertone-styled Sprint was one of the most attractive coupes of the period and an excellent high-performance touring car.

Based on the preceding four cylinder '2000' models, the range featured a new all-alloy, twin-cam, 2.6 litre engine with - for the Sprint and Spider - triple carburettors, giving 120mph performance. The specification included 5-speed gearbox and all-disc braking - advanced features for the period - but prices were high and this limited sales. Right-hand-drive models were particularly rare with only around 600 Sprints being produced in this format.

The '2600s' were eventually replaced by 'upmarket' four-cylinder cars and thus proved to be the last of the legendary in-line six-cylinder, twin-cam models that, pre-war, had done so much to establish the Alfa Romeo marque.

As ever, I would be very pleased to hear further histories from the owners of the cars featured - email mag@liphook.myzen.co.uk

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

Edited by Mari Wallace



Year 6's performance of 'Aladdin trouble' had all the ingredients of a wonderful family pantomime. The audience was dazzled by lots of tremendous singing, dancing and acting as Aladdin battled the odds to marry his sweetheart, Jasmine. It was wonderful to see how the children have grown in confidence during their journey through the Federation.



Fun was had by all as pupils from Liphook Infant and Liphook Junior Schools enjoyed competing against each other in a range of races and sporting activities.



Year 4 children from Liphook C of E Junior School performed a medley of wartime songs to a packed audience in The Church Centre as part of the Canada Day.

Year 2's performance of 'The Porridge Pot' saw a crime wave sweeping through Happy Valley, the home of Nursery rhyme residents such as Humpty Dumpty and the Three Bears. With rousing songs and fast paced dialogue the children had great fun telling the story of how Papa Bear and the Billy Goats got their comeuppance and Happy Valley was saved from deforestation! The children were all absolute stars and proved to us all that they have the confidence to make the next step on their journey through the Federation.



Years 2 and 6 have enjoyed taking part in the 'Young Citizen Award'. Each pupil was required to spend time helping others and contributing to the life of their family, school and community.

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Churcher's College

YEAR 4 VISIT THE WINCHESTER SCIENCE CENTRE

Children enjoy field days as part of the science curriculum and great fun was had by all at the Winchester Science Centre.

On Tuesday 9th June, children from Year 4 at Churcher's College Junior school ventured to Winchester for a day of scientific exploration at the Winchester Science Centre. The centre, which features over 100 hands on exhibits, was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children. The stand out exhibit by far was the 10 metre sprint track where some very competitive children (and teachers!) kept returning time and time again to try to beat the record for fastest time. Those that weren't as taken with the Science of Sport were drawn towards Mindball, a game where your powers of relaxation and concentration could lead to scoring goals by monitoring your brain activity. Overall the children had a fantastic day with lots of valuable experience gained. Thoroughly recommended for all!



'PIRATES!' ARRIVE AT CHURCHER'S COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL!



Year 3 performed to an enthralled audience at the annual Churcher's College Junior School Open Day.

On Open Day the Year Three's production called 'Pirates! With Molly on Board' went down a storm!

The play was about Captain Blackbeard and his fearless pirates who have to clean their ship as Molly; Blackbeard's cleaning fanatic wife comes on a voyage to oversee them. Thus breaking the age-old sea law "No women on board – they bring bad luck".

On the day the cast were word perfect, acting and singing in character with the audience showing their appreciation by asking for an encore. Our lead roles went to Isaac Wetzel who was a fantastic Blackbeard and Annabelle King as his very bossy wife who eventually got her diamonds from some friendly islanders. The other key role was played by Eddie Lewis as the chief of the peace- loving island dwellers.

Class teacher Sarah- Jane Moore said she was very proud of everyone for really giving their all and producing a play of such quality. " Not only did they act amazingly but they looked fantastic too. We were all transported to that amazing topical island. Thank you year 3".

PUPILS GO "WILD" FOR CHARITY

Children at Churcher's College Junior School went "wild" last week as part of a fundraising event for charity WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature). The pupils donned animal onesies, painted their faces and wore an array of animal print clothing to raise funds in support of the charity's national "wear it wild" campaign.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the day was the opportunity to throw wet sponges at teachers, including headmaster Ian Adams, who had bravely volunteered to take their turn in the stocks. A thoroughly enjoyable and successful fundraising event organised by the school council saw them raise £481.65.



Head master Ian Adams with some of the "Wild" children

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Liphook Carnival

Dear Residents

Not long now until Carnival night, which this year takes place on Saturday 24th October, the night the clocks go back! We hope that you will come along and join in the festivities and of course, donate generously in the collecting tins which will be rattled by all our float riders, push and pullers and the walkers!

The whole purpose of the Carnival is to raise money for others within the village, and we know how grateful members of the clubs, groups and societies that benefit from the funds are for your donations.

Why not take part this year, we need more floats, walkers, pushers and pullers, it is free to join the procession and is a great way of advertising your business . . . check out our website for details of the categories or call me on 01428 723971 if you want to find out more!

So we look forward to welcoming you on Carnival night and hope you have a fabulous evening, this year we will be holding the Children's Fancy Dress competition at Liphook Junior School! So we hope to see lots of you there!

Our Carnival Queen this year is Jodie Molesworth and our Princess is Megan Shepherd and her attendants are Mamta Tamang and Lily Windle.

CARNIVAL CLASSES

FANCY DRESS, EVENING AND FLOAT CLASSES

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS: To be judged at Liphook Infant School.

CHILDREN'S FLOATS: Decorated vehicles featuring mainly children.

1. Under 50 children
2. Over 50 children

ADULT'S FANCY DRESS: Judged in the evening, open to all ages and without a theme. Just come along and have fun, get a collecting tin and get in amongst the crowd!

PUSH AND PULL: A class for non-motorised vehicles (bikes, carts, wheelie bins etc.) decorated as you choose.

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WHAT'S ON IN THE DAY

The fun kicks off at 11.00 am at Liphook Junior School, where there will be lots of fun entertainment and things to do, the children's fancy dress competition and delicious home-made refreshments for all to enjoy.

Judging will begin at 11.30am, with the traditional parade around the stage and results being announced at 11.45am. The Children's entertainer will then start at 12 noon.

Fancy dress categories are:

Age 2 and under

Age 3 – 5

Age 6 and over

Groups of 2 or more children (any age)

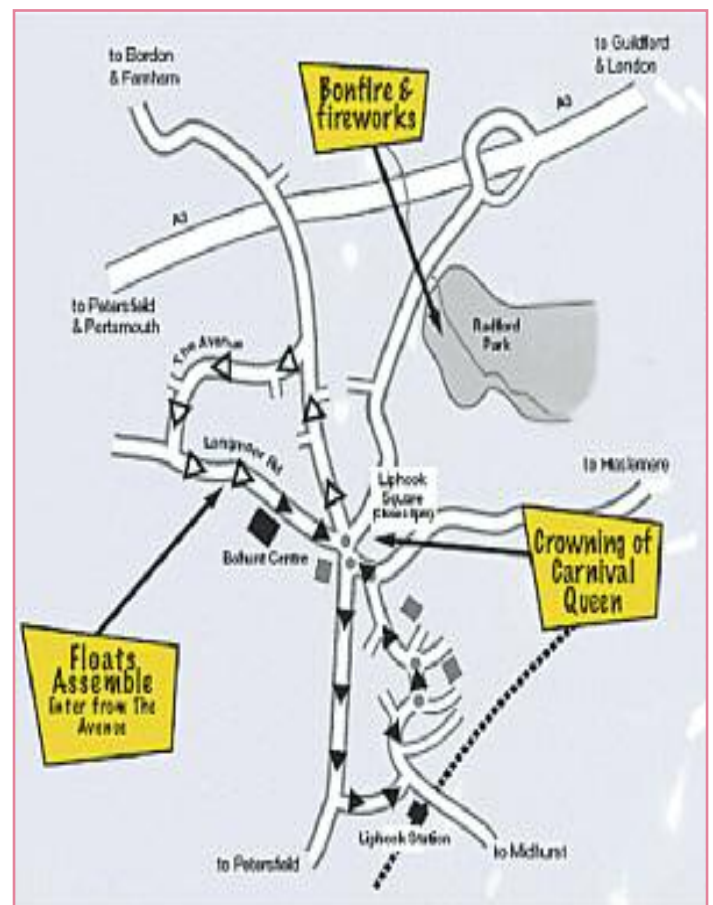
There will be an award for Best Overall and a special Carnival Committee Award.

The Carnival procession begins from Longmoor Road at 7pm when the Queen will be crowned in The Square. Entertainment in The Square by Bournemouth Carnival Band will begin from approximately 6.30pm.

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Anne was a creative and devoted member of Liphook society who could not live without flowers. She was a superb flower arranger and was one of the longest serving members of Liphook Floral Decoration Society. She provided beautiful flower arrangements for Bramshott Church when the Open Gardens events took place, herself obtaining all the flowers needed. Her garden always looked a picture. She wrote a book about hellebores

while completing a course on flower arranging. Her love of reading was paramount and her husband has a memory of Anne, with a book in one hand while feeding a baby with the other.

She was the Secretary of the Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society for twenty-five years and showed her prowess as a historian by producing a book called Chiltley Place and Goldenfields, the story of these houses and estates as they were before the development of new houses built by the Berg Brothers in the 1960s. Her talent as a writer also came into play when she

worked to make the early issues of the Liphook Community Magazine a success, a success which we are still building on today.

She was one of the first members of the Liphook in Bloom team and took a large part in designing and planting the gardens at Fletcher's Field. She gave a trophy to be presented to the 'Best Decorated Shop Window' at the Liphook in Bloom's Presentation Evening.



She was a needlewoman who made costumes for productions by Haslemere Performing Arts of which her granddaughter is a member.

Anne will be remembered particularly for the work she did to make Liphook an interesting and beautiful place to live in, but her family will treasure the love and support she gave to her husband, James and her three children, Charlotte, Eleanor and Iain and their families.

June Wright



Kay McGregor

***Kay is many things to me
I say "is", not "was" for
it will always be:***

*Her lemon mousse, the WI, her early morning swims,
Her drama roles, her garden and her church for Sunday hymns,
Her bubbly laughter from the garden and all around at boules,
Her folded serviettes around the knife and fork, and all her jewels,*

*The holidays she loved to take, albeit not by plane,
Why she'd prefer by her beloved Mexican Train.*

*But most of all her parties, her rubber gloves and kitchen mop,
Her summerhouse, oh and jig saws from the Charity Shop.*

*She now shines bright above, the brightest star
And I can hear her raucous laughter from afar.*

Diana Davis

This lovely poem by Kay's friend and neighbour, tells us of someone who touched so many lives in Liphook.

Kay's father worked in the Royal Navy dockyards in Plymouth and was born at her grandparents' house in Truro where her mother had been evacuated to escape the Luftwaffe bombing raids. Kay became a Civil Servant in the same dockyards and caught the eye of John, a young naval rating at a dance at Plymouth Guildhall. Married in 1964, they had two children, Andrew and Jacqui, who both in turn joined the Navy, Kay having served in the WRNS reserves.

Those who were fortunate enough to know Kay will be aware that she was a very active member of whatever she involved herself in.

Moving to Lindford in 1990, Kay became an enthusiastic member of Headley Theatre Club and involved herself whole-heartedly in productions and events, whether on stage, back stage or as the Club Membership Secretary, and an active member of the congregation of All Saints Church, Headley. She joined local choir, Singing for Joy, and took part in their winter concerts and open-air summer concerts.

After moving to Liphook in 2001, Kay joined the Liphook Women's Institute where she later served as Secretary and the local Singing for Joy choir, taking an active part in both organisations.

Retiring from Badgerswood Surgery, Headley in 2004, where she had worked as a receptionist and medical secretary, Kay had time to become involved in many activities where she was equally happy to be in a leading or a supporting role. She became a volunteer at the Cancer Research UK charity shop in Liphook and at Liphook Voluntary Care. She performed onstage for LAMPS and became an enthusiastic member of Liphook U3A, including membership of the boule, table tennis, walking, theatre, history and antiques and collectable groups.

Kay had a bubbly and outgoing personality which touched the hearts of many in Liphook and beyond.

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On Tuesday 2 June, teams of Year 1 children from Camelsdale Primary, Petersfield Infants, All Saints Tilford, Grayshott Primary and Fernhurst Primary joined Prep 1 pupils at The Royal School for Thinking Skills Day 2015. The theme for this year's event was Questioning; inspired by Albert Einstein's quote, Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.

The children broke the ice over a marvellous musical medley. Mrs Davy, the Head of Junior Music, led the children in singing a range of songs which had everyone tapping away and following the actions.

Over the day each group completed four challenges designed to promote different thinking skills characteristics.

In the Maths Challenge the children used their reasoning and creative thinking to rearrange and rotate 2D shapes in order to recreate different animals. The Lateral Thinking Challenge was an investigation, where the children used questioning and making links to identify the perpetrator of a terrible crime - someone had

eaten all of the Head's biscuits! The Literacy Outdoor Challenge required teamwork and perseverance as the children had to complete a treasure hunt and solve a puzzle outside in stormy weather. Finally, the Creative Design Challenge required clever use of resources and problem solving to design and build a house for a homeless mouse.



ADVENTURE CHALLENGES OF OSMINGTON BAY

As pupils in Year 6 at The Royal School ready themselves for their transition to the senior school, a residential trip to PGL at Osmington Bay proved to be a great way to prepare them for change while having fun and acquiring new skills. Pupils took part in adventure activities designed to emotionally and physically challenge. Over the week the children's confidence grew as did the support and encouragement they gave to each other. Fearful faces were replaced with triumphant grins as they overcame fears and stepped out of their comfort zones to zip wire, trapeze, abseil and plummet in the giant swing. Their brains were tested too - completing a problem solving course and a Sensory Trail wearing blackout goggles as well as two field studies on rock pools and fossils.

Spending a week away from home also helped the children to be more independent and organised. It wasn't all hard work though as time was taken to walk to the local village and sample some ice cream from a local dairy!

TELLING TALES AT THE ROYAL SCHOOL

The benefits of reading and being read to are multiple. As well as improving literacy, it can improve listening skills and concentration, allow children to stretch their imaginations, bring emotions to life and increase empathy and help with effective communication. The list goes on . . .

At The Royal Junior School rather than celebrating World Book Day in March, a week in May is dedicated to promoting the pleasure of reading, usually with a theme around which activities are based. This year the theme was Telling Tales. Whilst the children are read to regularly, last week's event provided staff with an opportunity to really boost pupils' love of books.

Every day during the week classes had a surprise visitor; a member of staff who the children don't normally see in the classroom came to tell them a story (from the grounds team and support staff to lots of teachers being seen with classes other than their own). Some chose to go down memory lane and shared childhood favourites, others chose newer stories. Getting in the spirit, many dressed up to help bring stories to life or brought in props such as a real dog!

In addition, older children had the opportunity to read some favourites to the younger children, our Prep 2s treated the school to a story told in British Sign Language and Nursery children enjoyed a musical storytelling session. Every child learned to tell the story of The Little Red Hen, with some actions thrown in the mix.





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Flowers for Water Aid



It is that time again. A Flower Festival will be held this September at the Methodist Church in Liphook with the theme "The Fruit of the Spirit". All profits will go Water Aid.

Many groups will be involved in creating floral arrangements including Liphook Floral Decoration Society, St Mary's Church Bramshott, Little Cherubs Pre-School, Liphook Guides and the Methodist Amateur Dramatic Company. Groups which meet on Methodist Church premises during the week.

The Church will be open on Saturday 19th September from 10am until 5pm. Refreshments, light lunches and cream teas will be available during the day.

On Sunday 20th the church will be open from 2pm to 5pm. Cream teas will be served during the afternoon. It is well worth a

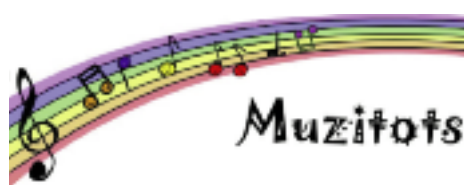
visit. Visitors will be most welcome. There is no entry fee but donations to Water Aid will be gratefully received.

Some of the ladies are getting ready for the Festival. Mary Drysdale is in her garden, inspecting the flowers. Wendy Evans is looking at the flowerbed in the church garden.

Sue Calvert, Jo Banbury and Judith Brandon are putting in the finishing touches in floral arrangements leading up to the event (photos above).

For more information contact: secretary@liphookmethodist.org or visit us in September at Liphook Methodist Church, London Road, Liphook GU30 7AN.

Vera Frank-Schultz



Vera has worked in Early Years Education for many years and has utilised music and movement, rhythm and rhyme and a range of phys-

ical skills on a daily basis. Vera is fully qualified as an Infant Massage Instructor and a Baby Yoga Instructor and is keen to share her knowledge and experience of the benefits of touch with movement and stretching with you and your baby.

Infant Massage

Infant massage is a course that teaches parents how to massage their baby in a gentle and nurturing way. Baby massage: relaxes babies, promotes deeper sleep helps with wind, colic and digestion, and aids muscle development and growth, and supports baby's physical, emotional and social development.

Post-Natal Mum and Baby Yoga

During pregnancy babies experience the constant movement of their mothers. There is no reason why this should stop once the baby is born. Gentle movement and touch are the basis of synaesthesia (the joining of senses between the baby and the carer). It is a great way to get back into shape and re-align the body after giving birth. The gentle stretches are a wonderful way to gently strengthen your core and regain your overall fitness. It also finds ways to ease the tightness and aids relaxation. Breathing techniques help as you reconnect with your body and gradually build long lasting health and well-being. The classes are designed to aid your postnatal recovery whilst engaging, bonding and relaxing with your baby.

The Mum and Baby yoga classes are not only of huge benefit to both mums and babies but are fun too. The sessions are made up of some over-clothing baby massage and give you an introduction

to the principles of baby yoga, coordination sequences for your baby and gentle stretches for you.

Music and Movement and Song and Action

On Wednesdays, it is time for music and movement for the under 5s. Here the emphasis is on developing vital skills which are needed in early speaking, reading and writing. Above all, children should have fun while they learn. Vera continues to develop the programme to ensure that the sessions are enjoyable for all. In June, a music group for babies and crawlers started. The sessions are put together with early communication and bonding time in mind, usually with one of the baby's main carers, and includes gentle movements. This allows babies and a main carer to socialise in a relaxed atmosphere. Lots of singing, with instruments, scarves, bubbles and much, much more. There will be a chance to explore soft toys, musical instruments and play peeka-boo games with colourful scarves. We encourage eye-tracking and gentle stretches.

On 1 October Muzitots Baby Explorer will start with the focus on babies, crawlers and early walkers. The first two years are vital in a child's education as they absorb so much information while they explore and make sense of the world around them.

The children can explore textures, smells, bubbles, parachutes, textured balls, sensory treasure baskets, colourful ribbons and feathers, mirrors, musical instruments, brightly coloured scarves, and much more...

Muzitots Baby Explorer is great opportunities for your baby to learn about their world through touch, sound, vision, smell and taste in a relaxed, safe, fun and friendly environment.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH BRAMSHOTT

Update

Friends of St Mary's (FOSM) are continuing to fundraise for the upkeep of this ancient and beautiful local church. A concert by The Rotherhurst Ensemble recently raised £625. Their next event will be a Quiz night at Liphook Church Centre on Saturday 21st November at 7 for 7.30pm. Teams of 6 are required but smaller numbers can be put into teams by the committee.

A 2 course home cooked supper will be served, there will be a wine and juice bar and a raffle.

Tickets are £12.50 which include supper and can be obtained from Liphook Church Office:

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Numbers are limited so early booking is advised.

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Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it Superman flying by?
No, it's the chugging and the whooshing of my massive MRI
Is it a train? Is it the wind? Unicorns dancing on my bed?
No, it's my MRI's weird sounds when it's whirring round my head

Is it meerkats doing tap dances when I'm lying still and quiet?
It sometimes sounds like crazy dogs are trying to start a riot
Can it see that I have eaten two burgers and some chips
An apple pie, some jelly beans and 20 Walnut Whips?

I'm lying on this bed so still it's just like I am frozen
And through my headphones I can hear the music I have chosen
Can it see that I have homework? I hate it - what a pain
Can it tell that I've forgotten to walk the dog again?

Sometimes I think the noises sound just like a monster roaring
And sometimes when it's clanging it's like an alligator's snoring
Sometimes it sounds so like a train (I can hear it chugging through)
And sometimes it's just dinosaurs passing - honestly, it's true

I'm strapped onto to a bed inside a giant whirring Polo
Sometimes I am nervous but I don't want it to show though
With radio waves beamed through my head I somehow get the feeling
I might get so magnetic that I'll start sticking to the ceiling.

Kate Snow

Kate is a writer, poet and portrait painter who lives in Liphook with her husband and children Luke and Lily. Illustration by Sarah-Marie Flint.

More Street and Place Names

Off the Midhurst Road are both **Field Place** and **Fletchers Field**. Field Place is built on part of the grounds where a large house of the same name once stood. It was formerly owned by John Coles who was the chairman of the parish council from 1902 to 1904. Coles' distinguished career included serving as Map Curator and Scientific Instructor of the Royal Geographical Society. He wrote 'Hints for Travellers' and coached many famous Victorian explorers in mapping techniques. In 1902, the owners of Ludshott Manor and Downlands tried to close the footpaths on each side of the Waggoners Wells lakes, an area that local walkers know very well. Coles rallied his fellow councillors in a successful counter-movement - for which we all can be eternally grateful. The last owner of Field Place house was a Mrs. Fletcher - hence the street name, Fletchers Field.



Tower Close and **Tower Road** - are thus called because of the 'water tower' that is still part of No. 14, Tower Close. Dennis Clinker, whose father built the tower, still lives there. Water was pumped up from a well into a tank in the 'tower' by a wind-pump and then piped to the Clinker house as well as to several houses nearby, as there was no mains water in Liphook until 1926. Tower Road, which now runs from Headley Road to the London Road, actually finished at Tower Close in the 1920s. At that time, the lower end of Tower Road was a poultry farm (Greenfields).

The street name, The Mead, which is off Tower Road, derives its name from Ratford Mead (i.e. Radford Meadow) which was the 19th century name for the meadow alongside the River Wey between Radford Bridge and Tunbridge Lane.



The Avenue is rather a misnomer. Its name suggests an avenue of trees but where are they? According to Laurence Giles' research, maps from 1845 to 1910 show no trees on what was just an access road to Lowsley Farm. It was thought that the name was given in the hopes that one day trees would actually be planted there! The Liphook and Bramshott Preservation Society made an effort to do just this - and planted some trees at the edge of the school playing fields but not all have survived.

If you travel along Headley Road and turn into Hunters Chase (just before the bridge over the A3), you'll come to **Allee Drive**. This street is named after W.R. Allee who many long-time Liphook residents will remember as having had a slaughterhouse situated across from Radford Park. In 1977 the parish council bought 10 acres of land adjacent to what is now the A3 from Mr. Allee for £6,000. Some years later, they subsequently bought land from the Allee Trust which is now the allotments off Tunbridge Lane in Bramshott.

Mari Wallace

I Love India

We've just started a "healing hour". It probably sounds a bit weird to most! But this is an hour during the week when anyone, whether they have faith, or not is able to come and receive very simple prayer for healing. We've had all sorts through the door, the old, the young, those who are really unwell, some who are less so. I don't know anyone who has regretted it, and we've seen some incredible "coincidences" afterwards.



It all started, really in India. I found myself there a few months ago supporting a church based in Andra Pradesh. The church runs some amazing projects - an orphanage, a free health clinic, bore well drilling, but we weren't there to help with any of that. We were there to help pastors in the Indian countryside.

Before I went out, I had to take my wife to the Osteopath, she was in such acute pain from her back and neck. But there are no osteopaths in the remote villages of India. So when people come to the pastors in acute pain from their back braking work in the rice fields, all the pastors can do is pray for them. It sounds desperate doesn't it! The odd thing is that it works. Call it the placebo effect, or group psychosis or anything that we care to mention from our materialistic western standpoint. When these pastors pray for their flock, they have a habit of getting better.

Take Pastor Benjamin for example. Pastor Benjamin is immaculately groomed and looks like a Bollywood star. Almost as soon as we got there we went to his church, which was a large square of tarpaulin in the middle of a village. This church started when a family came to Benjamin in despair for their son, who was 10, who had a really bloated abdomen and who wasn't going to live according to all the doctors. Pastor Benjamin prayed for him, and

ever since he's been so much better, the swelling in his stomach has gone down significantly and he looks happy and relatively healthy. The family needless to say joined the church!



I saw this myself, time and again. There are many dramatic stories I could tell that you might struggle to believe, but one of my favourites was the lad who came to us with a headache. I asked him how long he had had it for. He said three years. Imagine it, with no paracetamol, or ibuprofen, constant pain. So we prayed for him, and the headache went, and he was astonished.



This brings me back to the UK again. We love praying really simple prayers for people who are sick, we've seen just the same answers to prayer over in the UK as we have in India - the only difference is that our Indian brothers and sisters seem to be more open minded! So if you are unwell and would like prayer do contact our church & give it a try - as a friend of mine likes to say what's the worst that could happen!

Valentine Inglis Jones

POSSIBLE VISIT TO THE Somme Commemoration Event

29TH JUNE 2016

Leger Tours are running a trip to France on 29th June 2016 for four days, pickup point Guildford. Bed and Breakfast accommodation double or twin is just around £400 per person. Single rooms are at a horrendous premium so I advise singles to join up with another to share a twin.

I have a particular wish to attend as my father was gassed on the Somme in July 1916. Mentioning this to friends, I have been asked to include another nine of them in the trip. Should anyone else wish to join us, please do let me know a.s.a.p. The

deposit required is £100 per person, everyone must have insurance (which I believe Leger will provide) and we must accept which crossing of the Channel they decide upon (depending on the services offered at the time.)

Should we ultimately have twenty people or more, we will constitute our own tour, and we may be offered a financial discount, but I would try to negotiate the cost to include evening dinner.

Stella Fells - thefells@bands172.plus.com

MORE TRAVELS

With the Mother-in-Law

Some of you may recall that my mother-in-law, Nora, travelled out to India overland in a Rolls Royce in 1933. Well, before that she had had an equally interesting journey.

In 1917, Nora, aged 21, was living in Bombay with her parents Henry and Dorothy Stringfellow. Henry had been sent to Bombay to help set up the Bank of India and Nora led a privileged life there, busy socially with bridge, dancing, swimming and, as an excellent horsewoman, riding - sidesaddle, of course. Many years later she told me that it was far too dangerous to ride astride!

In early 1917 they had the news that Nora's brother Geoffrey, two years older than her, had been injured whilst fighting in France and Dorothy immediately decided to return to the UK, taking Nora with her, to nurse Geoffrey. The original permit to travel showed that they were to return via Marseilles but at this point, the British Government banned civilian travel through the Western Approaches due to the German U-boat threat. Nothing daunted, Dorothy set about finding another way back and a month later, the travel permit was amended by the "Government of Bombay" to say

that they should travel via Hong Kong, Shanghai, Harbin, Petrograd and Bergen. I'm not sure how the two of them travelled to Hong Kong, although it would obviously have been by ship, as on 2 April they were in Penang, but on 10 April 1917 they left Hong Kong on board the ss Khyber, arriving in Shanghai on 14 April. Dorothy and Nora then caught the train and travelled across China and Russia to what was then Petrograd (now St Petersburg and also Leningrad between), where they arrived in early May. Nora said it was a rather boring journey but there seemed to be a lot of soldiers around. Dorothy bought a teapot for the train journey, and the pretty Chinese porcelain pot now sits on a shelf in my dining room, nearly 100 years later, and far too precious to use. I am amazed that this journey was permitted, since the Russian Revolution was under way and Nora

told me that when they heard gunfire in Petrograd, they were told it was "a little local difficulty". On the whole, the Western Approaches might have been a little safer! They appear to have arrived in Christiania (now Oslo) on 14 May and arrived in Hull aboard the ss Kovno, a cargo ship, on 30 May.

All in all, it was an eventful journey and it was with relief to get back to the UK to nurse Geoff, who recovered well from his wounds. It is astonishing that all this travel was achieved with apparently no difficulty, although if Dorothy was anything like her daughter, she would have brooked no argument with anyone and would have continued regardless. It would take a towel round the head to try and arrange it these days!

After the War, Geoff joined the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (long before it became the conglomerate that it now is) as an International Officer and was in Malacca when Malaya fell to the Japanese. He spent the Second World War in Changi Prison and never wanted to speak about his time there. He was a lovely man; if any of you were ever members of the Bourne Club in Farnham you may remember him as the Secretary there for many years, terrorising the young! Geoff never married and he lived in Farnham, with Nora, until his death aged 82.

Nora's son (my late husband) also had an interesting time when he was evacuated to the United States in 1939, once again having to live without his parents... but that's another story.

Wendy Moore



30TH - 31ST MAY 2015

BLACS Annual Art & Craft Exhibition

The exhibition was a great success artistically and in terms of work sold. Many visitors commented on the extremely high standard of work on show and the beautiful way in which it was all displayed. We had just over 200 pieces of framed art on show and 50 craft / 3D items.

We had 566 visitors over the weekend which was an increase on last year.

Sally Northwood won The Louise Garwood Award for Floral Art for her painting "Sunflower and Butterfly".

Karen Barnett's collage mixed media painting of a "Cockerel" won the award for the public vote.

Andy Tubbs won the Committee's Choice Award for 2D work for his painting of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Jo Berryman won the Committee's Choice Award for 3D work for her ceramic "Flowery" bowl.

Sharon Hurst won the public vote for best craft work for her Blue & Brown Beaded Necklace, beating Christina Ward's "Beach Life" appliqué quilt by just 1 vote.

BLACS Evening Meeting & Workshop Programme

4th Aug	Deborah Vallence - Collage
1st Sept	Max Hale - Water mixable oils
6th Oct	Caroline Strong - Watercolour Seascape
3rd Nov	BLACS AGM and Social
1st Dec	Stephen Foster - Oil landscape 2016
5th Jan	"Have a go" Fun Night BLACS Members
2nd Feb	Claire Harrison - Craft Decorations
1st Mar	Andrew Jenkin - Watercolour Landscape

BLACS Saturday Workshop Programme

18th July	Heather Jolliffe - Pen and watercolour wash
12th Sept	Andy Tubbs - Painting with an Ipad
10th Oct	Caroline Strong - Watercolours

To book a place on a workshop please contact the Workshop Secretary, Carolynne Winchester

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Some of the excellent craft work on show



General view of the exhibition



Andy Tubbs with his painting of St Paul's Cathedral.



Christina Ward and her quilt.



Jo Berryman's Award winning ceramic bowl.

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- PRESERVATION SOCIETY** - Bramshott and Liphook - 722162.
- RAMBLERS** - Liphook & District - Robert Olle, 725222. Secretary, Caroline Lemka, 713727. Web: www.liphookramblers.wordpress.com
- RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT CENTRE** - 01483 546400 or Freephone 0800 0288022.
- RIDING CLUB** - Wey Valley - Secretary, Nicky Brown, 751584.
- RIVER WEY TRUST** - Mr Adrian Bird, 722162.
- ROTARY CLUB** - Haslemere Debbie Morley, 643416.
- ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** - Lt. Col. J.M. Jack, 724002.
- ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION** - Liss & District 01730 895470.
- R.S.P.C.A.** - Mrs Jane Sim-Davis, Liphook 723736.
- SSAFA/FORCES HELP** (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmans Families Association) East Hants Branch, Divisional Sec., Mrs Patricia Lyons, 01420 561264
- SELF SUFFICIENCY GROUP** - East Hants - Dru Furneaux, 01730 814193.
- SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH CLUB** - Robin Young, 723255.
- STANDFORD, PASSFIELD AND HOLLYWATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** - Mrs Sue Sergeant, Passfield 751326. Hall Bookings, Ron Sergeant, Passfield 751326.
- TAI-CHI** - Diana Forbes, 0777 569 6249.
- THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT LAUNDRY OF LIPHOOK** - Irene Ellis, 723823.
- THREE BORDERS KNITTING CLUB** - Tel 606957, 712055.
- U3A LIPHOOK** - Steve Priestley, 712814.
- VILLAGE HALL** - Bookings: Mrs M. Madgwick, 729080.
- VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP** - Bramshott and Liphook Parish.723972.
- WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - Philippa Holland, 727074.
- WOOLMER FOREST ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - 1st Wednesday of month, Colin Brash, 713256.
- WOOLMER FOREST LIONS CLUB** - Ken Bassett, 713285.
- WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION** - Mrs S. Martin, 641907.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PERSONS' CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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

BALLET & JAZZ DANCE CLASSES - from 2½ years at Liphook
Church Centre, Hindhead & Haslemere, Angela Canton, 652360.

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC - Church Centre 1.30-3.00pm - Health
Visiting Team, 01420 488801.

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

Parents Association - Chairman c/o 722036.

Contact Group - selected Tuesday afternoons.

Family Group - Friday afternoons.

For further details of both above groups contact Liphook Infant
School. 722036.

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

LIPHOOK AND RIPSLEY YOUTH MEMBERSHIP - Sue Ingram,
01730 894316

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MADHATTER NURSERY BOHUNT SCHOOL - (01428) 727288.

MATRIX MAJORETTES - Mrs Julie East (01420) 487804.

METHODIST YOUTH - Mrs Sharon Tikaram, 723801.

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

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

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

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

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

SWIMMING CLUB - Haslemere: Val Connor, Haslemere. 654958.

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

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

TRAINING BAND - Maurice Wright, 723940.

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

WILLOWS NURSERY SCHOOL - (2 yrs to school age) Jackie Finlayson,
(Mobile) 07765 675175, (Eve) 722358.

YOUTH CLUB - Andy Kennedy, Petersfield (01730) 231028.

GUIDES

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

Rainbows 5 - 7 Years: 1st Liphook - Tuesday. 2nd Liphook - Thursday.
Brownies 7 - 10 Years: 2nd Liphook - Monday. 4th Liphook - Thursday.
5th Liphook - Tuesday

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

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

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

Contact Barbara Ellis via liphook-guides@outlook.com

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

SCOUTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Any changes please notify
Hazel Williams on 01428 722084**

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Oct 1 'Temples, Tombs and Treasures: In Search of the
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Oct 14 'Day of Special Interest - The art of Cambodia
and Vietnam' - **Denise Haywood**

Nov 5 'Not Just Giotto: Reassessing Art in Florence
c1280-1348' - **Dr Janet Robson**

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01428 714276 or look on our website

www.grayshottdfas.org.uk

A GRIZZLY TALE OF

Smugglers & Bodysnatchers

Grave robbers, bodysnatchers, sack-em-up men, resurrectionists. Call them what you will. They were opportunists who received ten guineas for each corpse provided for London surgeons who needed bodies to dissect and the more daring poor of Bramshott Parish were not immune to the temptation of earning this extra income.

Let me set the scene, according to the writings of John Monkhouse, who was Rector of Bramshott in 1812:-

'The want of honesty and the want of chastity are the prevailing objects here. I would give ten of my parishioners for one honest man, till the whole population was removed. Society would then be most respectable and agreeable . . . Alas!' The man was obviously 'Up against it' and it is hoped that today's parishioners are better behaved.



Due to the proximity of the London to Portsmouth Road smugglers found Bramshott to be a convenient 'half-way house' in which to store illicit brandy, tobacco and lace. There was a tunnel from the Bell Inn (which later became

Bramshott School) to the cellars of the two cottages opposite (now Yew House) and contraband and bodies were hidden in these cellars. Team work was necessary to foil the Customs Men. It was Kipling's poem of 'brandy for the parson, baccy for the clerk.' brought to life. Members of 'The Watch' were employed to seek illegal body removers.

Exceedingly macabre happenings were taking place in the Churchyard. The stone built shed, commonly known as the bier house, was built for quite a grim reason. It may usefully house the Church loo now, but it was built with the intention of deterring thieves from stealing the bodies of Bramshott's newly dead and buried and also contained the Church bier, a wheeled vehicle for transporting coffins from one place to another. This bier is still in use at funerals today. Grieving relatives would take shifts in watching for the despised body snatchers. The glass roof, then in place, would allow the glow from the lanterns of intruders to be glimpsed by the watchers. Body-snatching was prevalent because surgeons were in desperate need of cadavers to research the working of the human body by dissection. The thieves used wooden spades which would cause less noise than metal ones and opened graves by digging down into the soil at the head end of the coffin, breaking through the wood with a crowbar. Then the body was roped and hooked out head first and all clothing and any artefacts left behind. The punishment for stealing belongings was greater than that for stealing bodies.

These grave-robbers caused fear amongst the poorer members of the community. The wealthy solved the problem by having stone vaults or iron cages, known as mortsafes built over the graves of their loved ones. Poorer people layered straw in the earth making it more difficult to dig through, or some kept the rotting body under guard until it was suffering too much putrefaction to be suitable for dissection to take place. In his book 'A Hampshire Parish' written in 1976 Roger Chatterton Newman states that relatives of the recently dead would keep

watch over their deceased relatives to prevent the robbing of a grave which could take less than an hour, being done at night, usually by workers fortified by ale and 'moonlighting' from their day jobs. Bramshott Church, being near to the main road was targeted because of the ease with which bodies could be transported to London Medical Schools where studies in anatomy, including dissection, took place meaning that there was a demand for cadavers and five hundred were needed annually. As the thieves were paid ten guineas for each body the process was very lucrative. Before the Anatomy Act of 1832 the only legal supply of corpses for anatomical purposes in the UK were those few who were condemned to death and dissection by the courts. Although a gruesome process I think we must all admit that this illegal practice was necessary for the advancement of medical science. Remarkably few people were convicted of the crime and punishments were not excessive, leading one to think that bodysnatching was an open secret condoned by the ruling classes who realised that medical studies were necessary . . . as long as their own bodies were not used.



The 1778 engraving is titled 'The Anatomist Overtaken by the Watch . . . Carrying Off Miss.W-- in a Hamper.'

There is a link with the dilapidated building on Bramshott Chase now supported by scaffolding. This was the 'Seven Thorns,' a previously handsome hostelry originally built in the 17th. Century, (known as 'The Spaniard' in later years.) It is said that it got its name from the seven hawthorn trees growing across the road and Roger Newman writes that as late as the 1840s the cellars were still being used to store collected corpses, waiting for transportation to London. Its woeful state shows a sad end for the once busy coaching inn which was a haven for travellers. During the 1960s it provided entertainment for soldiers from Bordon Camp who liked the place 'because there were lots of nurses there.' At the end of an evening they walked the ten and a half miles back to camp.

Back to the Churchyard. As a final word I mention what is possibly another bier house buried under rhododendrons in the Churchyard. There is evidence of this mysterious structure which is deemed by word of mouth to be a place where bodies were kept in a cool condition during the days before the funerals took place. If there is anyone who knows more of this hidden store we would love to hear about it.

June Wright



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