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Autumn Mists

The heat of Summer's on the wane,
And flowers begin to fade,
Lawns just need a bit more rain
As also does the glade.

Fledglings now have flown their nest
And bees have filled their store
For they must do their very best
Their survival to ensure.

Life depends on changing seasons
As much as nights and days,
The gift of Nature has its reasons
For the cycles life obeys.

As life awakes from Winter's sleep
And consummates in Spring,
Persistent in her pledge to keep,
Nature's blessings bring.

The Summer months make sure there's room
For life to keep on growing,
Nurtured safe in Nature's womb
New life again to bring

Now that Autumn's on her way
Nature will deliver
Keats' "Mists and mellow fruitfulness",
Nature, the great giver.

But we, in turn, should learn to give
To Nature what we owe,
To ensure all life continues to live,
And we reap what only we sow.

Alan Brett

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Traffic at Schools

*By Angela Forsyth,
School Travel Plan Advisor.*

Modern life leaves many people busy and stressed, racing to drop their children off by car at school before travelling on to work some distance away. Children need to be ferried to clubs straight after school; siblings need to be collected from other schools. Often the weather affects people's travel choices. Good travel choices can help to reduce traffic outside school, making it safer for everyone and allow children to arrive fresh-faced at school ready to learn. These choices also allow children to walk with friends or family and discuss the day, as well as build in their required 60 minutes of exercise for the day, keeping them healthy and on the way to setting good habits for life.

Travel and parking issues around schools are a nationwide problem, but the Liphook Infant and Junior Schools are using Modeshift Stars, a nationally recognised accreditation system for schools to improve their safe and sustainable travel to school. They are encouraging pupils and their families to reduce the impact of cars around the campus. Every day, around 650 children attend classes at the campus, as well as teachers, staff and visitors.

Many pupils are already walking, scooting or cycling to school, but there is always a minority of families for whom driving is felt to be normal, because they have not thought about the alternatives, live further away, or parents feel they have no other choice, perhaps because of a disability. The work that is taking place and the initiatives that are being introduced help to increase the options that children have for their journey to school, so that being dropped off in the car is seen as the exception rather than the norm.

The Junior School has an active Junior Road Safety Officers Team which encourages their peers to come to school safely and regularly holds assemblies on topics around safe and sustainable travel to school. Children encourage parents to "Park Wisely", not to block driveways or park on the pavement and to park a five-minute walk away from the school gate, and

to use the Park and Stride site at the Catholic church (small charge), wherever possible. Covid put back the potential for car sharing, but this can now be reconsidered. Covid did, however, have the benefit that many parents now work a couple of days a week from home, so they can now reconsider their travel choices on those days. The schools offer free Bikeability cycle training for the older children, allowing them to travel to school from further away more quickly, and scooter training for the younger children. Children can even "Scoot from the boot", allowing parents who do have to drive to park further away and still get to school on time. There are bike and scooter racks at both schools for safe storage during the day.

Pupils are learning about the climate crisis exacerbated by transport emissions in Hampshire, and they are encouraging friends and family to choose more sustainable modes of transport on a regular basis. The schools took part this year in Clean Air Day in June to drive the message home that we all need to look after our planet, and one regular way the children and their families can really affect this is by making more informed transport choices.

What can you as a resident of Liphook do? Well, as they say, "If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem!" Please recognise that it is always very busy around all schools at start and finish times, and if you can avoid travelling past at those times, it will be less stressful for everyone concerned. If you are always in your car and complaining about traffic in Liphook, then ask yourself "Am I not part of the traffic too?" Could I walk to the local shop, rather than take my car? Could I let the train take the strain? Could I car-share with a friend or neighbour rather than take two cars? Am I parking wisely when I do take my car?

Join in with the children of Liphook to make Liphook a nicer place to be and help reduce the traffic and fumes around our beautiful town and make it safer for everyone.

John Certainly Knows His Onions

By Anne Govier and Sally White.

Visitors to Liphook Horticultural Society's Summer Show held in the Church Centre were amazed to see John Gilbert's four enormous onions entered in the Show. Even the Judges commented that they had never seen onions of such size and quality at this time of the year. They were awarded Best in Show and Best Vegetable.

The hall was full of colour with the many flower, fruit and vegetable entries. The most popular class this year was the mixed cut flower class with 12 entries. Every class was entered bar two and the Committee were pleased with the number of entries. John Gilbert was delighted to win the Dudley Paul Challenge Cup, Halahan Best Exhibit and Best Vegetable Certificate for his wonderful onions whilst Lesley Hollands was surprised to win the Banksian Medal along with the Arthur Liddiard Cup for her soft fruit and the Llewellyn Evans Cup for her roses.

Other cup winners were Ann Haussauer who won the Halahan Challenge Cup, and Bowlby Bowl for her flower entries,

Kim-Britt Harvey was thrilled to win the John Caesar Cup for her mixed cut flowers, Helen Brown won the Cookery Cup, Marie Clare Keyser won the Halahan Floral Cup, Ian Haussauer won the Royal British Legion Coronation Cup, Anne Govier won the Fuchsia Cup, and Chloe Langley won the Hugh Coyte Cup for the children's classes under 8. The new Novice Cup was awarded to the best novice entering runner beans and was won by Carole Creech.

The Committee was delighted to see the number of visitors at the Show despite the inclement weather and were surprised to see that the Church Centre car park was full just after opening. Mouth-watering cakes were on sale and were sold out completely by the end of the afternoon – the first time this has happened.

The next Show is the Autumn Show on Saturday 2nd September at the Church Centre, Liphook. For information about the Society, please ring Ann Haussauer on: **01428 723045**.

PICTURES FROM THE SHOW ARE ON THE BACK COVER.

NEW OWNERSHIP OF POPULAR LIPHOOK COFFEE SHOP

Number One The Square

By Jenny Woodsford.



*Debs and Nikki.
New owners of the café.*

Debs and Nikki took over the premises, formerly L&S Café and Gifts run by Lucy and family, in April this year. They have re-named it as Number One The Square – it's address!

Debs is a local girl, having lived in Liphook for 28 years and her children attended the local schools. She has gained previous experience in catering via the voluntary sector with the Meals On Wheels service and the Lunch Club for Age Concern when it was

previously at the Millennium Centre. More recently she has worked at High Hurlands residential care home, her role there including the activities in and out of the home, and then moved onto a full-time office job as her children grew up.

Nikki has lived in Whitehill for 18 years and has three children who were educated in Bordon and then Bohunt in Liphook. She has had various jobs in the past including in the voluntary sector and retail. Most recently she worked in a local party shop.

Nikki and Debs met through their mutual interest of Balloon Artistry. This includes designing and constructing such things as garlands and arches for weddings, parties, etc. They also hold teepee sleepovers! On hearing about the café becoming available they decided to combine all their businesses and told me that

this has fulfilled a long-time desire to be part of the community and also to give back to the community.

Going ahead they have plenty of ideas to expand and diversify the business. They are already holding cocktail evenings and pop-up ceramic painting events with Dolly Pots, another local business run by Carla from Bordon. Other ideas include beer tasting or cheese and wine evenings and hiring out the premises for functions.

The café offers a friendly place to stop for breakfast, coffee and a chat, or stay for lunch. They also sell greeting cards and small gifts. The lunch menu includes paninis, sandwiches, soups, salads and grazing platters. The grazing platters will vary by season but include selections of cheese, cold meats, antipasta, nuts and fruit. Children are catered for with "lunch boxes". Dogs continue to be welcomed and have their own ice cream and homemade pupsicles. Wherever possible the ingredients will be sourced locally and vegan and gluten free choices are available.

As part of their desire to "give back" Debs and Nikki are recycling their coffee grounds – amongst other uses very useful for fertilising the garden. All are welcome to take a bag-full but please bring in your own bags for re-use. The donations for these are going to Liphook In Bloom. The café has also joined the Suspended Coffee scheme which basically lets a customer pay in advance for a coffee for someone in need. For more details look at:

www.suspendedcoffees.com

The coffee shop is open from 8.30am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 2pm on Saturdays.

For more information have a look at their website:

www.numberonethesquare.co.uk which also has links to their other social media where you can keep up to date with the café events plus their balloon artistry and teepee sleepovers.

Liphook Heritage Centre

By Jenny Woodsford.



King Charles III display.

The volunteers at the Heritage Centre have been busy over the past months and there are two new displays for you to visit. There is a great timeline of King Charles III's life together with some witty asides and a life-like cut out of His Majesty – take your photo standing alongside him! The other display is of "Liphook Now and Then". It is interesting to both be able to recognise buildings in their former guise and to compare with their current look.

The volunteers continue with their regular projects including further recording of individuals oral recollections and help with requests from members of the public. If you have a specific query, it is best to contact them first by email or phone, but all visitors are warmly welcomed. Why not pop in to have a look at the displays, both permanent and short-term.



Liphook past and present.

The Heritage Centre is upstairs in the Millennium Centre and is open:

Monday - 10.00am to 12.30pm

Wednesday - 10.30am to 2.00pm

Friday - 10.00am to 12.30pm

Email: liphookheritage@gmail.com

Phone: 01428 727275

LIPHOOK U3A WALKERS GROUP

Holiday to Exmoor

Photos courtesy of the group members.

We live in a beautiful part of the country with miles of good walking but every so often it's good to get away and have a change of scene. Sixteen members of the u3a Walkers Group went to Exmoor in April 2023 for a four night stay, based at the Hunters Inn in Heddon Valley.

After the drive down we stretched our legs by walking from the hotel along the valley to the beach – just a couple of miles. The hotel was very comfortable and the food excellent and all too plentiful! No need for alarm clocks as we all had an early morning call from the resident peacock.



Our routes on the following day started on the far side of Lynton in Malmsmead in the heart of Lorna Doone country. Our drivers were beginning to get used to the narrow lanes and even narrower bridges that they had to negotiate. We all set off together and walked along the Badgworthy river, crossing a few streams and admiring all the tiny lambs. After our coffee stop the group split, one group taking the high road and the other retracing their steps for some of the way before turning off to visit Oare church (where Lorna Doone was shot in the story).



The next day we had the choice of two walks along the coast, the longer one going from the hotel along part of the South West Coastal Path, walking through the Valley of the Rocks and then down into Lynton. A slightly easier route was a circular walk from Lynton up to the Valley of the Rocks. Perfect planning meant that we all reached the tea

shop at the end of the walk within a few minutes of each other.



We had been keeping an eye on the weather forecasts and the next day looked dubious, getting worse throughout the day. We elected to have a fairly early start and walk from the hotel to the Lynton & Barnstaple railway station and then play trains. We almost avoided the rain.

In the evenings we enjoyed a varied programme of activities including an Exmoor Quiz, games of Mexican Trains, Shanghai Rummy, an introduction to Majhng and a communal jigsaw.

Our thanks to Neil MacCuaig who masterminded the entire trip.

100th Birthday Celebrations

By Fay Boyett



Asked if he would like a big family party to celebrate his 100th birthday in May, Denis Leahy said that he would be happy just to spend the day with his three daughters. His family instead inundated him with presents and cards, many personalised, with one of the highlights of the day being the card he received from King Charles and Queen Camilla.

Denis was born in London and moved with his family to Norfolk and then Scotland and attended High School in Stirling before going onto Glasgow University to study chemistry. Following graduation he was recruited by Shell and after being with them for a short time was sent to India. On the way there from Scotland,

he stopped in London to take tea with his younger sister Norah and her flatmate Anne, who had just qualified as an Infant School Teacher. Much taken with Anne, Denis wrote to her whilst in India and as soon as he returned they were engaged.

Denis and Anne settled in England with their first two daughters, but he was soon posted to Indonesia where his third daughter was born. Returning once more to England he was in Essex and needed to visit a dentist. Whilst waiting his turn, he read a leaflet about new homes being built in Liphook. Liking the look of the sketches he visited the new estate and claimed one of the houses.

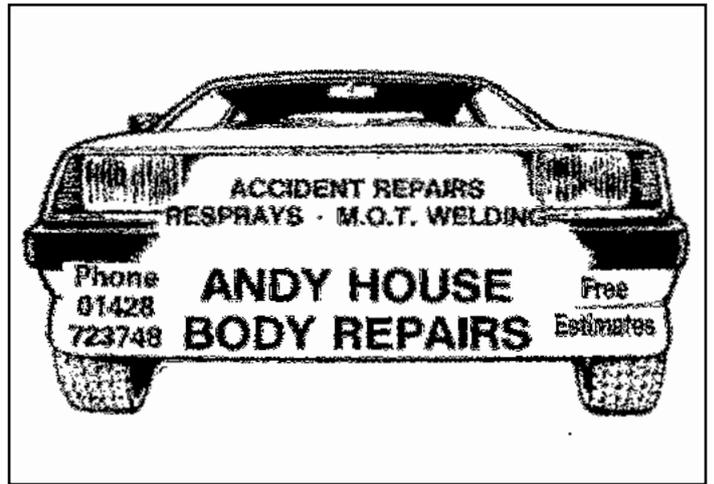
Denis and Anne and the girls, moved to Liphook shortly afterwards, in 1963, being one of the first families to move onto the Berg Estate. He has spent the rest of his life here, enjoying his chosen career and in his leisure time looking after his family. Denis recalls many happy family holidays spent in Bognor Regis and the Lake District and walking with his family in the local countryside.



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Support for Sight Loss

By Alan Gustard.

The Liphook Community Magazine makes an outstanding contribution to the life of the village through both individual and society contributions. The articles are always both informative and well illustrated. However, some readers like me may be finding it a little difficult to read except in very good light, or indeed they may now need the magazine read to them because they are unable to see the words and cannot make out the faces in the photographs.

Most sight-related problems are due to macular disease. The macula is an oval shaped area at the centre of the retina at the back of the eye. A healthy macula, which is no more than 5mm across, enables us to have clear central vision. The densely packed light sensitive cells called cones and rods enable the eye to distinguish colours and shades of grey. It is when problems arise with these cells that one's vision starts to deteriorate. Based on national percentages there are likely to be about 200 people in Liphook with macula problems and about 80 or so of these have AMD- Age Related Macular Degeneration.

AMD is a common condition that affects the central part of your vision. Fortunately it does not cause total blindness but does make everyday activities like driving, watching TV, reading and recognising faces, difficult- particularly in low light. It usually first affects people in their 50s and 60s.

There are two types of AMD – dry and wet. Dry AMD happens very gradually over several years and at present there is no treatment available for it. Wet AMD, where blood vessels leak into the eye, develops more rapidly and a common symptom is seeing straight lines as wavy or crooked. Regular eye injections – these are not as scary as they sound and I find they provide minimum discomfort - can stop the condition from getting worse. It is thus important to have your eyes checked regularly and if you notice any sudden change in vision to contact your optician, GP or local hospital immediately.

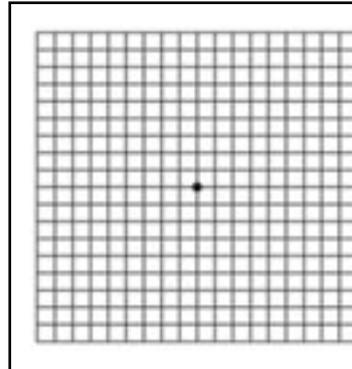
There are a number of technical aids to assist people with low

vision including magnifying lenses, changes to your home including bright task lighting and software to make easier use of phones and computers. It is also possible to learn techniques to make the most of your remaining vision.

The Macular Society – a national sight loss charity - provides support to people through various services including a helpline for information, support groups, counselling and much more. It also funds many research projects to find breakthrough macular disease treatments in pursuit of its goal to Beat Macular Disease for good. The society oversees or is linked to more than 400 active support groups in the UK.

Our local support group meets at 2pm on the first Friday of each month at the Haslewey Centre, Haslemere, GU27 1LD. Anyone affected by a visual impairment is invited. Meetings include speakers on technical and practical matters related to sight loss as well as interesting topics (not eye related) and of course there is also an opportunity to share experiences with others. If you are affected by sight loss and would like to join our group, simply visit the Haslewey Centre at 2 pm on the first Friday in September or October, or for more information phone: **01428 602991**.

For general information on macular disease, call the Macular Society on **0300 3030 111** or email: help@macularsociety.org or visit their web site: <https://www.macularsociety.org>



This is an Amsler grid. One of the first signs of macular disease is distortions in sight. Use the Amsler grid by closing each eye in turn and focusing on the dot in the middle to monitor your vision and detect changes. If the lines appear distorted or wavy, see an optometrist for an eye assessment.

Liphook Millennium Centre

By Gill Sneddon, Events and Communication Manager.

Have you thought about hiring our hall or rooms for your business or family event. We are open Monday - Friday, 10.00am - 2.00pm or why not look at our website at: www.liphookmc.co.uk where we have pictures of all our rooms, and details of events.

Coffee Mornings Monday's.
(except Bank Holidays). 11.00am -12 noon.

Soup 'n' Natter.
Our Friday Soup 'n' Natter will resume on Friday 27th October, 12 noon -1.30pm. Homemade Soup with fresh bread and butter for £3.50 per person.

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- Friday 13th October** What's Love got to do with it
- Friday 17th November** Oppenheimer
- Friday 8th December** Asteroid City

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GROUNDSMAN EXTRAORDINAIRE!

Rick Bowley

By Simon Catford.



A youthful Rick sawing fallen timber from the 1987 hurricane. Photos courtesy of the Farnham Herald.



Assisting W. Cdr. Derry (centre) in stocking the Radford Pond with fish.

Many readers of this magazine will be familiar with Radford Park and may well remember it from the days when it was still an active waste site. But few will know it as well as Richard (Rick) Bowley, Groundsman at Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council who has played a huge role in the establishment and maintenance of this wonderful space over the last four decades. I went along to speak with him to chat about his time with the Council and service to the village.

Meeting at the Millennium Hall on a very hot day in early June, Rick was keen to remind me – and his manager Dugg Budd – that in September he will have chalked up forty years' service with the Council. "I was originally taken on as part of the Government's Youth Training Scheme (YTS) back in 1983 and I was very lucky. Unemployment at the time was high, especially amongst

school leavers like me, so to get a paid job - £25 per week - was great; I was only 16 years of age!" He must have proved his worth as he was quickly transferred to the Council's employment where he has remained ever since.

"Radford Park was a complete mess in the early eighties," Rick explains "and the Council were keen to smarten it up for use as an amenity space for the village. I got involved from the very beginning and along with colleagues we set about making it safe and assessable." The project was the work of the late Wing Commander Archie Derry, Parish Councillor and Chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee who pulled together the master plan and secured funding. Waste from the adjacent King George VI hospital along with countless other deposits made this a big task, but Rick set about it with enthusiasm. A lake was dug and stocked with fish and paths laid, much to the appreciation of the residents. "By 1987 we were getting there, but then the hurricane in October hit and we lost so many trees. It almost felt like we had to start again," remembers Rick. But start again they did and despite further setbacks in the winter of 1989/90

the shape of the park as we see it today was created. "I am immensely proud of what we have achieved here," says Rick "and I have personally received many kind words of thanks from villagers over the years. It makes it all worthwhile."



Rick's duties of course extend beyond the park itself and covers the whole of the village and surrounding areas (approximately 6,500 acres), all managed by the Parish Council. "Some of the areas we used to look after are now done by other agencies – for example mowing the Berg Estate and the work of Liphook in

Bloom – but there is still a lot for me and the team to do so we are always busy." Working alongside Rick are Andy and Isaac and under the watchful eye of Dugg, the Grounds team do a sterling job. "When I first started there were twelve of us, all managed by Foreman Bert Larmer," recalls Rick "Happy days but hard work, especially for a youngster like me! We still had push-mowers in those days but over the years more modern technology and techniques came in – now I have my own tractor!"



So how will Rick celebrate his fortieth year of employment? "There can't be many left like me with the same employer after all this time," Rick points out "But I'll still come to work as normal, anniversary or not. And I've still got a lot

to offer and I will enjoy continuing to serve the good people of Liphook. And I'm going to keep an eye on the pond in Radford Park too – it won't look after itself!" A true professional at work and we look forward to seeing Rick around the village for many more years to come. Keep up the good work!

Conford Celebrates the Coronation of King Charles

By Jenny Woodford. Photos courtesy of Penni Smith.



Earlier this year, Conford's local, highly talented artist Eleanor O'Brien made a wonderful Coronation Crown for the post box on the green. This talented lady was also responsible for the stained-glass panels that are in the re-furbished phone box - now the book exchange - that we featured in the 2022 Spring issue.



Eleanor first made the crown for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Conford Green in 2022 and it was then repurposed for the coronation of King Charles III. Amongst other flowers it included white roses, white and red chrysanthemums, blue statice and stocks.

Summer Term at Bohunt

By Jacquie Marshall.



Enjoy

We returned to Bohunt following an Easter holiday with some amazing school trips. Students on the ski trip to Austria had a wonderful time and were blessed with some late season, fresh powder skiing! Equally fantastic was the Sixth Form trip to Greece. Both were memorable trips providing amazing experiences for all involved.



These were followed by countless trips throughout the term in addition to the extra-curricular fun had at all the after school clubs. There really is a club for everyone at Bohunt, with opportunities ranging from sport to art, through

robotics, rock club and lego just to name a few. We have ended the year with a phenomenal whole school production of Peter Pan, held at Bedales Olivier Theatre.

This year saw another amazing ERA week - a week of fun and adventure for all. We have had far too many camps, visits, visitors and expeditions to list here; and other than a brief period of torrential rain on our happy campers in the New Forest, we were blessed with some wonderful weather. ERA week is an integral artefact of Bohunt School culture, deliberately placing the emphasis on Enjoy from our three core values.

Respect

Students have learned about Respect during Pride Month this term. Understanding and accepting difference have been the major focus of our Personal Development work this academic year and we have run regular workshops for our pupils and staff from exceptional external providers such as Beyond Equality and Our Streets Now.

We will be continuing our focus on educating our children to make informed and better choices regarding their social time activities by organising a series of workshops for students, parents and staff early in the Autumn Term facilitated by Drugsense.

Achieve

Well done to our fabulous and hardworking Year 11 and Year 13 students who did incredibly well in their mock exams and are now awaiting the results of the real thing. We wish them (and our Year



9 CLIL students) all the very best of luck. We launched a new Year 11 revision hub on the website this year which has lots of tips for students' revision and wellbeing over exam periods, and we look forward to adding to this next year.

Our Year 11 Leavers Event, comprising a guard of honour, rousing assembly, inflatables, burgers, hog roast, chips, music and much more took place on a scorching hot day and the students were back shortly after for their Prom at Old Thorns. What a celebration!



This term Bohunt also celebrated incredible results in the 2023 Chinese Bridge Speaking competition, as well as national and regional wins in Netball, Basketball and Athletics. We are

lucky to have so many students representing the country in various sports that next year we are launching our elite sports program to support them.

Finally, we have received a Social Value certificate from the Duke of Edinburgh Award, which puts a value of £7,253 on the 1,508 hours our students have spent volunteering in the past year. A true achievement and one of which we are very proud.

Horizon

By Richard Gould.

What is it that
Always draws my eye
To where the sea
Meets the sky

Uncluttered distance
From where I stand
To where the lines
Converge at their rest

There's always the lure
Of what might lie beyond
Where the lines meet
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Bramshott Educational Trust (BET)

By Catherine Menzies.



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Writing a Will – Planning for the Future

Not an easy topic of conversation, but an important one to have with family, friends and a trusted legal advisor. We asked Sarah Hollingworth, Partner of Valentine Hollingworth LLP to uncover some facts about the importance of writing a Will and understanding Inheritance Tax.

Q: Why should I write a Will?

A: Without a Will, the Administration of Estates Act 1925 dictates how your money, property and personal possessions (together described as your 'estate') should be allocated. This may not be the way that you would have wished your money, property and personal possessions to be distributed. If there is a surviving spouse or civil partner, the residuary estate is held in trust for that person absolutely. If the deceased has children, the surviving spouse or civil partner inherits the first £270,000 and half the rest of the estate, the other half of the estate goes to the children absolutely at 18. This causes problems if the major asset is the home and then a sale of the home is required to liquidate funds for the children. Cohabitation rules are particularly brutal. If you are cohabiting with your partner, the partner is not provided for at all under these intestacy rules.

Q: What is Inheritance Tax (IHT)?

A: IHT is a tax on transfers of value and legislation deems that on a person's death a transfer of the whole of the value of their

estate occurs. This is a net transfer and it is necessary to calculate the value of the whole of their assets and then to deduct their liabilities, including funeral expenses. After deduction of the available nil rate band which can be up to £325,000 plus an extra £175,000 if the main residence is passed directly to a descendant, the net figure, together with any prior lifetime transfers that have fallen into charge, is subject to a tax at 40%. That is a charge of 40% over £500,000.

Q: How can I reduce the amount of tax paid?

A: Certain transfers are exempt from the charge. The principal exemptions on death are to a person's spouse or civil partner and to charities. Consequently, aside from purely benevolent reasons, charitable giving is particularly attractive to those making their Wills because of its favourable IHT position.

Q: How can I leave a gift to charity in my will?

A: Leaving a gift to a qualifying charitable body in your Will is exempt from IHT. This can also reduce the rate at which IHT is due from the current rate of 40% down to 36% if the value gifted to charity amounts to at least 10% of the 'net estate', potentially saving thousands of pounds. Essentially, it can result in a win-win situation for all concerned. More money can be given to charity, less IHT is paid and ultimately the beneficiaries receive more.

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Liphook WI

By Margaret Simpson.

The sun came out for the Picnic on the Green and made the jewels sparkle on the dozens of crowns being created in the Liphook WI marquee. It wasn't only children who were tempted to create an iconic piece of headwear but they all looked magnificent. It was a lovely event and the WI were, as usual, delighted to be a part of it.



Liphook WI members, plus some partners and friends also had a very enjoyable day at Hampton Court in June. The gardens were in full bloom and the weather was perfect.



Outside Hampton Court.

If you are thinking of joining the WI please come along to one of our meetings in Liphook Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. We would make you very welcome.

Liphook Infant & Junior School



Michele Frost Retirement

Michele Frost, the Federation's Executive Headteacher, retired at the end of the summer term having spent over 20 years within the schools. She was key in bringing the two schools together to form a federation. Her mantra of 'whatever it takes' has been central to her leadership. She was committed to ensuring the success of every child within the Federation and embodied the phrase 'service before self' – giving time, energy, and passion to ensure that



the schools provide the very best for each individual. She has ensured that academic excellence and personal development go hand in hand within the Federation and was passionate in ensuring that every child is supported and enabled to have a strong sense of belonging and self-worth. As a result of her drive and determination the learning environments have been transformed across the Federation and both schools are proud to have been judged as outstanding in their most recent Ofsted inspections.

Year R

The children in Year R have enjoyed developing a wide range of skills and knowledge while learning all about pirates. They created pirate hats, eye patches and ancient maps to find the hidden treasure before coming to school and celebrating 'Pirate Day' where they put all of their learning into use. Ah-harr!



Year 1

Our Year 1 children had a fantastic time at Marwell Zoo as part of their 'Amazing Animals' topic. They had researched a wide range of animals to find out about their characteristics, classification and whether they were herbivores, carnivores, or omnivores. Following the trip, they voted in each class to decide which animal they would adopt.

Year 2

The children in Year 2 have grown in so many ways in their time at the infant school and we enjoyed seeing their confidence and excitement as they put on the show 'Pirates vs Mermaids' for their families to watch. They learned their parts, songs and dance moves and put on an extremely entertaining performance for us all.



Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed visiting Wisley as part of their science work. They identified and described the function of different parts of the plants and enjoyed exploring the similarities and differences between plants from different species and biomes.

Year 4

The children had the pleasure of taking part in our annual Canada Day celebration to dignitaries, including the Canadian Minister of Defence, Anita Anand. Later, they performed at Canada House where they were given a tour of the building, including going on the rooftop balcony and seeing the sights across London.

Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed visiting Guildford Cathedral and Mubarak Mosque. They compared how different faith groups worship and support their local communities.

Year 6

Year 6 gave an amazing performance of 'A Lad in Trouble'. After a very busy year, the way in which they learned their lines, and performed with a huge amount of confidence was fantastic to see. As part of their Civic Award, they have really enjoyed visiting Bramshott Grange and making links with the residents there.

During their leavers' service at Portsmouth Cathedral, Year 6 pupils from church schools across the diocese came together to participate in a range of workshops and the day culminated in a leavers' service.



Green Light for Neighbourhood Plan

By Barbara Jacobsen.

Following the March 2023 informal consultation events, the feedback from local residents on the draft **Bramshott & Liphook Neighbourhood Development Plan (BLNDP)** has been very positive.

175 residents attended the March open events and we received over 250 comments on the NDP Policies and Design Guidelines which have been updated incorporating resident's feedback. The Plan is now in the Formal Public Consultation (Regulation 14) phase and runs to 22 September 2023.

The BLNDP Steering Group, chaired by Louise Bevan, considered all feedback from Bramshott & Liphook residents and the pros and cons of allocation were evaluated by the Steering Group in consultation with the Parish Council and the local authority. Louise said, "The Steering Group decided **Not to Allocate Sites** and no specific development proposals will be included in the final BLNDP.



However, an approved NDP means that developers wishing to submit their proposals must comply with the NDP policies (in conformity with the Local Authorities Plans) and Design Guidelines giving us

more influence over housing developments in the Parish. The benefits of the BLNDP include conserving and protecting heritage sites, e.g. buildings and sunken lanes, the environment and biodiversity such as local green spaces and dark skies.

The Location of Development Policy guides all development proposals ensuring they are directed to the most appropriate sustainable location. This is supported with policies that enable more walking and cycling in the Parish. Building on the theme of sustainability, housing design will include features to mitigate climate change such as site orientation to maximise solar gain. An important policy ensures that new dwellings contribute to housing need, focusing on smaller homes with at least 25% affordable".

LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

Whilst we are delighted to have met so many residents in person at the drop-in events we really do want to encourage many more residents to get involved with their local Neighbourhood Development Plan and this is your last chance to let us know your views on the vision for the Parish to 2040!



The Formal Public Consultation is now open for residents to comment and **closes on 22 September 2023**. You can see the final BLNDP, maps and design guidelines on

display now at the Liphook Millenium Hall and at the Parish Offices. Also please keep a look out on social media or the Bramshott & Liphook NDP website: bramshottandliphookndp.uk and use the online web forms to leave your feedback. We encourage everyone in the Parish to get involved. This really is your **LAST CHANCE TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR PARISH!**

The Plan has already been circulated to people who live, work or run businesses in the area and Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council has approved. Statutory bodies have also been consulted including East Hants District Council (EHDC), Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England, significant landowners, local businesses, local community organisations, chambers of commerce, civic societies and local trusts.

Once the Formal Public Consultation is completed, the BLNDP can move to Referendum with the aim to have the Plan published in Spring 2024.

*With thanks for all the hard work by the **BLNDP Steering Group** (who are all volunteers), our Planning Consultant, Alison Eardley, Parish Council Planning Committee and residents groups for the fantastic progress we have made in 2023.*

Christian Aid



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In February 2022 Turkey and Syria suffered earthquakes and Russia invaded Ukraine. Civilian losses were enormous. The world responded. Christian Aid raised and distributed £23M to Ukraine via 5 local Aid agencies (not governments). In July a major Dam was destroyed and 37 towns were flooded and 7 million people displaced.

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Felty Bee Crafts

By Rod Sharp (and Hannah and Jo). Pictures from Felty Bee Crafts.

In a world where everything can often feel too hectic and the pressure of work and household tasks threatens to overwhelm, it can be really calming to immerse yourself in a creative activity where you can let go of distractions, be present in the moment and provide a temporary but valuable escape from your everyday chores.



Jo and Hannah.

Sisters-in-law Hannah, a surgical nurse, and Jo, an accountant, both have demanding and stressful occupations, in addition to having their lives away from work filled with all the chores which arise from families (three children

apiece) and a menagerie of pets. It would be reasonable to expect them to want nothing more than to collapse in a heap at the end of the day, but they both were able to relax through their love of crafting and wanted to share this enjoyment, which has led to them setting up a family business with the catchy title of Felty Bee Crafts. I asked Hannah and Jo how this came about.

Jo's crafting journey began as a little girl when she was known as Squiggy, and she later grew to love to paint and explore new crafts such as lino printing and needlework. In 2019 she decided to turn her passion into a business known as Squiggy Bee, where she designs and hand paints personalised children's gifts and décor, alongside handprinted lino cut artwork.

Hannah became the creator behind Felt Things after discovering the therapeutic craft of needle felting in 2018. With a full-on schedule, it was hard to find the time to do anything for herself which she understandably craved. From finding a little time here and there it quickly grew into an obsession, and then into a small business making commissions for people from all around the world. Wanting to share with others the joy it gave her, Hannah started designing and making needle felting kits for others to try the craft.

Jo and Hannah shared not only their passion for all things crafty but were both motivated by the wish to give others the opportunity to carve out some "me time", encouraging them to look after their mental health by allowing time out of their daily lives and exploring their creativity. In 2020, after a family camping



Hannah with Kamran.

trip and over endless cups of tea, the two sisters-in-law decided to join forces and share this passion with others, by providing craft workshops in a friendly and relaxed environment. Felty Bee Crafts was born!

They specialize in providing in person craft workshops and parties for people of all ages. The kid's workshops especially designed for

children, run in the school holidays, give them the space to explore their creativity and discover new and unusual crafts such as needle felting, foam printing, marbling, and more. All the materials and guidance are provided in a fun and safe environment and are planned to develop fine motor skills and the ability to focus. Having had the opportunity to meet Jo and Hannah in their light and airy craft room, I was able to feel their enthusiasm and could see how, the two of them together running their small group sessions over a morning could give attention and encouragement in a safe place where children with all needs could have fun crafting and at the same time helping them to reduce worries and build self-confidence.



Sacha, Sofia & Kamran.

I understand that their craft parties have become a popular choice for parents who want to host a unique and memorable birthday celebration for their child, either hosted in the Craft Room or in a local location of their choice. The birthday child is given the opportunity to pick two crafts that they want to try out which, as they will have different interests and preferences, are from a wide range of crafts. Care is taken to ensure that the crafts are age-appropriate and can be enjoyed by all. They provide all the necessary experiences and guidance to ensure that the children can create their own masterpieces.

Felty Bee Crafts aim to provide something for everyone, whether beginners or experienced crafters. Following their ethos that crafting is for everyone, their range of half day adult workshops cater to different interests and skill levels and include lino print, needle felting and seasonal crafts. Their goal is to bring crafting into the spotlight and spread the message that crafting is for everyone; something that anyone can enjoy, regardless of artistic ability. They believe that creativity flows best in a relaxed and informal environment; crafting can be a great way to connect with others, sharing laughs, chatter and a plate – or two – of biscuits! Workshops are based in the Liphook Craft Room or the Activity Centre at Alice Holt.



Rachel deep in concentration.

If this article has sparked your interest, do have a look at their website: www.feltybeecrafts.co.uk and get in touch.

Encouraged by the idea that you can enjoy the crafting experience even if, like me, you have a complete lack of artistic talent, I might just book into a workshop myself to see if I can create something that might just resemble a needle-felted snowman. If not, there's always the biscuits . . .

The Churches of Liphook

Methodist Church

Are you staying or going? For some of us, we're staying right here and we're not moving. We have our favourite spots in our favourite local coffee place, our favourite shops know us well and we like learning from our favourite teachers. For others of us, we're not sure whether we're coming or going, either physically, mentally or emotionally – which is really hard, please know that you are in our prayers.

For the rest of us, things are changing and we are on the move. For some of us, it's a new job or a new class (good luck on your first day!), or perhaps a new home (good luck with the packing) or a combination of all three. All this change involves saying goodbye, and hello, leaving friends behind and making new friends. Whatever the challenges or whatever the adventures that face us this Autumn, we pray that God will be with us all.

In Liphook Methodist Church, we are embracing all of the

above. Our Ministers are itinerant, which means that they move around every few years. For us, we are waving a sad farewell to Rev. David Musket after many years of ministry in our Church, as he and his wife move further south down the A3. During his time with us David wrote 2 books, Jesus on Gardening and Jesus on Food, which we can highly recommend. In his place, we are welcoming Rev. Dave Faulkner and his family to Liphook and we hope and pray that the Faulknors will soon settle in and discover their own new favourite places here.

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Trinity Church

'More of your whites, spotlessly white, first time' was one of the slogans of Daz and their famous (or infamous) 'Doorstep challenge'. Many products make bold claims but the question we need to always ask ourselves when faced with such claims is this: 'is it true?'

This question is of course something we should apply to all sorts of claims that are made to us. If someone says we can trust them, we should try to test that claim before relying on them. If someone says they love us we may want to try to work out if that is true before we reciprocate.

As Christians we take this question very seriously. Sometimes there is an impression that we have taken a 'leap of faith' instead of seeking to establish whether the claims of Christianity are true or not. But in actual fact we aim to be people who have looked and have said 'yes' to the question of whether the claims of Christianity are true or not. The early Christian leader, Paul, says that if the Christian message (particularly the resurrection of Jesus) is not true then our 'faith is in vain'. In other words, we are completely wasting our time if it is not true.

John Adams, the first Vice President of the United States of America said this: "Facts are stubborn things; and whatever

may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence." And that is what Christians believe. We believe that the claims of the Christian faith are stubborn facts that we cannot avoid. Rather we must reckon with them and come into submission to them.

The claims of the Christian faith, if investigated stand up to scrutiny, they are true. Let me encourage you then, to have a look, to test the Christian message, and see for yourself that it is true and worth trusting.

Pastor Sean Clokey


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"So what are we having for supper?" – Silence – "What are we having? Do you want a BBQ?" – more silence – at this point I'm resigned – she's on her phone again! It feels like my head is full of white noise and the words I speak are bouncing off an invisible bubble around her. This amazing woman who I've vowed to spend the rest of my life with. Apparently since social media has crashed into all our lives with the positivity of a swine flu epidemic the number of teenagers who "don't enjoy life" has doubled – all I can say is they're not the only ones my wife and I are constantly "phubbing" or phone snubbing each other and its why when we go on holiday I love it when the reception doesn't work there's no wi-fi and we finally both get to put our phones down and have real conversations.

If it's bad for us imagine what it's like for our children. I remember talking to Michele Frost our beloved ex-head of Liphook Junior School about how kids relate to each other now many are on screens for so much of the day – the effect hasn't been positive – swine flu again. By contrast when I pray I become aware of a

loving present Father who is curiously interested in me and always listening. In fact I have an amazing meditation app on my phone called "centering prayer" that helps me do just this – and quite the opposite of all that social media it helps me to appreciate and enjoy life so much more! There are lots of prayer apps out there from "youversion" to "life365" – they're all really amazing – and this holidays when we're all trying to relax and get away from it all why not give one a go?

Reverend Valentine Inglis-Jones


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Catholic Church

It has been a busy summer of sport. Ashes cricket, Wimbledon tennis, Open golf and the Women's Football World Cup to name just a few of the sporting events many of us have enjoyed watching. The competitors at these elite events will have dedicated a major part of their lives to preparing for their competition, spending hours and hours almost every day improving their fitness and their skills. Even those of us whose sporting exploits take place at a much more modest level know how practise and training improve our performance.

St. Paul was familiar with the Greek games of his time and speaks of both athletes racing and boxers fighting in his letters to the early churches. He encourages his readers to display the same attitude to their spiritual fitness as athletes do to their physical condition. He writes to his friend and protégé Timothy - 'Train yourself in godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.' He also encourages Timothy to be true to God's commandments and Jesus' teaching

'An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.'

Towards the end of his life St. Paul feels able to say 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith'. Happy the person who, at the end of their time on earth, can say the same, and how wonderful society could be if everyone competed to outdo each other in love, charity and integrity.

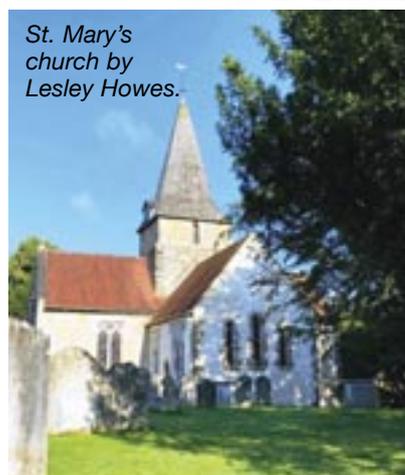
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Bramshott Bell Ringers

By Diane Hart.



St. Mary's church by Lesley Howes.

For centuries church bells have sounded, calling people to worship, in celebration of special occasions, remembrance and to mark special events. The origins of what is now called 'change ringing' lie in the sixteenth century when church bells began to be hung with a full wheel enabling the bell to swing in a full circle and back again. This gave ringers

control of their bell, which allowed sets of bells (rings) to be rung in a continuously changing pattern. Music is created by moving bells up and down the ringing order to a defined sequence known as a method.

The bell-ringers at St. Mary's Church in Bramshott are a very active and friendly band who ring at 9.00am every Sunday and for special services, as and when required. They also ring for weddings, funerals, Bramshott Open Gardens, Remembrance Day and other commemorative events, both locally and nationally.



Bell ringers by Gabrielle Pike.

The ringers take great pride in supporting the armed services and veterans, particularly with the church's link with Canada. In the past they have rung for the centenary celebrations for the end of World War I, the 75th Anniversary

of VE and VJ Day and of course the funeral of the Late H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. In recent months they rang for the Coronation of HM King Charles III, the Bramshott Coronation Street Party, which was held in the church because of the rain, and Canada Day. Forthcoming events will include the Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas.

Tower Members are made up by Diane Hart, the Tower Captain, Jo Green, Deputy Tower Captain, David Hart, Steeple Keeper, Julia Brunt, Tower Secretary, Julian Ellis, Treasurer, Ed Jenner and Fiona Seymour.

St Mary's Bramshott is a six-bell tower and the bells are rung from the chancel crossing. Five of the bells date back to 1784 and the sixth, the treble bell and lightest in the tower, dates back to 1893. In 1989, the bells were re-hung and rededicated in memory of the actor Boris Karloff, who lived in the village, and died to the sound of the bells. This was made possible by a generous donation from Mrs Karloff, in memory of her late husband.

On practice nights, the ringers at St. Mary's frequently get visits from ringers of neighbouring towers, such as Hawkley, Milland, Binsted and Blackmoor. Some of these ringers also join the tower for service ringing on Sundays.

Bramshott has particularly strong links with St. Peter and St. Paul Church in Hawkley, where the bells have recently been refurbished and re-hung and the Tower is being equipped as a learning school. Once you have learnt to handle a bell, there are plenty of new challenges and opportunities to visit other towers in the district as well as attending bell ringing social events. It's never too late to take up a new activity - the Alton and Petersfield District members age from their teens to 80 years of age!

Practice night at St. Mary's Bramshott is every Monday evening from 7.45pm to 9.00pm. For further information please contact the Tower Captain Diane Hart on: **01428 723798**, or visit the Guild website: www.wpbells.org and search for Bramshott St. Mary's under the 'Towers' heading.

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Liphook Day Centre

By Jeanette Kirby.
Pictures by Debbie Jelley.

The Managers at the Day Centre are proving to be a great team in coming up with innovative ideas for activities for the clients, fundraising and making the most of each day. Hall decorations are changed to reflect both current events and stimulate memories for our clients. Colouring, crafts, cutting and gluing initiate conversations and enable everyone to be involved in their environment.



The hot weather was embraced with lunches outside in the shady garden, beautifully maintained by volunteer Audrey Meckiffe. An excess of tomato plants provided an opportunity for the clients to help with planting in the raised beds and we now look forward to harvesting the fruits.

D-Day Celebrations

Keen to get involved, the clients practiced wartime songs and were pitch perfect by 6th June. Dressed in uniforms and attire



typical of the time (courtesy of Andy's



Armoury), they sang their hearts out in the sunshine outside the Day Centre. Coffee, tea and yummy cakes enticed locals to join them and help raise funds towards the



forthcoming trip to the seaside. Shine Radio was there to record the singing and interviews which were broadcast later in the week.

The long-awaited trip to Bognor was staggered over two days. A larger bus was required to transport everyone each day and we are very grateful to Age Concern Liphook for their grant to fund the transport. The days were sunny but cool and perfect for travelling and promenading on the seafront. Back at the Centre, the ensuing days were enjoyed with making a collage of the trip and an opportunity to chat, laugh about the day and build more memories.

Following the very successful Burns Night lunch and entertainment earlier in the year, our Managers are now planning a fundraising Halloween lunch. Please watch out for notices publicising the dates, and we shall look forward to meeting some of you there. Please also remember that the Centre is a self-contained unit and is available to hire at reasonable rates. We are keen to provide information on all local organisations and activities available to the elderly and have a range of leaflets on display, so please take the opportunity to drop in and see what we offer.

Conford Village Hall Events

By Jenny Woodsford with information provided by Penni Smith of the Village Hall Committee.

If you live in Liphook or Bramshott and don't often venture down to the lovely peaceful hamlet of Conford you may be unaware that there are regular events held in the Village Hall and – in the Summer months – on the Green.

Events this year have included: a ceilidh evening, Sea Shanties and a "pop-up" pub in the Hall and a performance on the Green

of Miss Popplewell's Garden by The Rude Mechanicals.

On Friday 20th October the ever-popular Average Blues Band will be returning to celebrate their 35th anniversary for an evening of Blues music with a cash bar.

Tickets/further info. from Penni Smith: pward573@btinternet.com

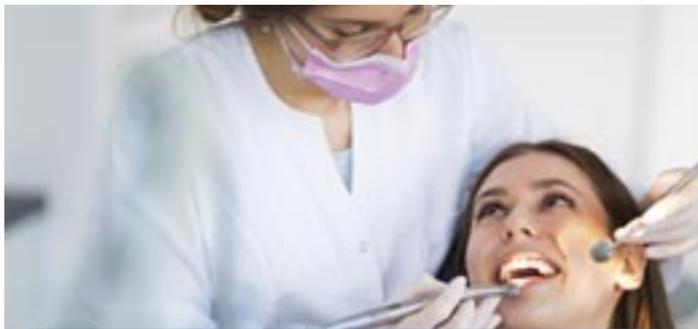
Classes for the Older Adult

By
Sam
Punter

September is the start of the new school year and many people take this opportunity to start a new evening or daytime class. If you are looking for some fitness classes for the older adult (50+) where all abilities are welcome, then this may be just what you are looking for. The classes consist of Aerobics, Toning, Dance, Fitness, Strengthening Exercises and Balance work followed by a dance class in which you can learn a variety of dance styles and steps from old classics to up tempo tracks! If this has wetted your appetite, then please join us in Liphook on Tuesdays in the Millennium Hall and Wednesday in the Village Hall.

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

If any reader would like to find out more or join, contact Carolyn Williamson, Chairman, on 01428 722730.

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Welcome Alan Titchmarsh



In May, Churcher's College Junior School and Nursery were thrilled to welcome much-loved gardener, Alan Titchmarsh.

Some Year 6 pupils had written to invite him into the school to inspire them with his passion for gardens and plants and the important role they play for native wildlife conservation and combating climate change . . . and inspire them he certainly did!



From Nursery to Year 6, every pupil had the opportunity to go out and help plant hedges to create a 'Coronation Maze' in our Sensory Garden. Alan Titchmarsh kindly got his wellies on and his hands dirty as he gave pupils tips on how to plant the small privet bushes so that they would grow successfully.



The Eco-Council also had an exciting opportunity to talk to Alan and seek advice about suitable plants to add to the Sensory Garden. He also shared some hints and tips on encouraging bees and wildlife into the children's own gardens and how to avoid using pesticides. The morning was rounded off with a Q&A session with our Year 6 pupils. It was so inspiring to hear about how a humble, Yorkshire gardener ended up becoming

friends with the King and the Vice-President of the RHS as well as a national treasure!

Dr. Xand van Tulleken By Olivia Ellis.

Churcher's College were also lucky enough to welcome Dr Xand van Tulleken to our school. Xand is a doctor and TV presenter and is best known for presenting the CBBC children's series Operation Ouch with his identical twin brother Chris. My friend Georgia (the head girl) and I (deputy head girl) are both big fans of Operation Ouch and knew that Xand would be a brilliant person to talk to children at our school. Luckily, we knew how to contact him as he is a friend of my parents. We were thrilled when he accepted our invite!



The children in our school were really excited when they heard that Xand was coming to our assembly – as were some of the teachers who had also seen him on TV! In the assembly, Xand showed us clips from Operation Ouch and told us about what it is like to work in a hospital as a doctor and what it is like to go behind the scenes of a TV programme. He told us how emotions are felt in the body, and what happens when you are scared. He showed us funny pictures from the show which made everyone laugh and explained about lots of common childhood illnesses. This was really interesting, and we all learnt a lot. Xand told us remarkable stories about things that happened when he was training to be a doctor, and how everyone, even doctors, can feel a bit sick, faint, or worried sometimes when they see something a bit gross. He explained how children who have to go into hospital feel much less worried if they know what is going to happen. He likes making Operation Ouch because it can help lots of children who have to see the Doctor. We all learnt a lot about medicine and had a wonderful time.

D-Day Request

Photo by Debbie Jelley.



To mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in June 2024, this magazine is planning a special feature on the arrangements put in place prior to D-Day and the impact on the people of Liphook and surrounding areas. If you experienced these historic events in 1944 or have a story to tell, please get in touch and we will be pleased to include your memories. Please email the Editor at: fay.lcm@outlook.com

DOG RESCUE CHARITY

Helping Hounds

By Paul Robinson.

Charlie taken by Grace Davis, the writers granddaughter.



About five months ago my wife and I adopted a tricolour Springer Spaniel from Helping Hounds Hampshire. They are a dog rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming charity with kennels based in Grayshott, on the Surrey and Hampshire Border. They are a volunteer-run charity, and they aim to help any dog they can – compassion has no borders.

Charlie, as he became known, was found tied up to a lamp post outside a supermarket in Portsmouth. He was collected by the Dog Wardens from the Stray Dog Kennels in Portsmouth where he spent a week while they tried to trace the owners using his microchip but this proved impossible. He was then passed to Helping Hounds where his luck changed dramatically for the better.

Many of the dogs they rescue are strays, found by the public and taken to council kennels, where they remain for 7 days or until claimed by their owners. Sadly most of these dogs have been abandoned due to a change of their owner's circumstances; this includes many so-called 'post covid' dogs that are abandoned because their owners have returned to full time working.

As with all dogs that they care for, Charlie was given a full examination by a vet and he was then re-chipped. In some sad cases of neglect and injury this treatment can include bone setting and subsequent hydrotherapy sessions.

Helping Hounds has a small team of volunteers, caring, feeding, grooming and walking their charges as part of a programme of rehabilitation. They welcome anybody who would love to help in



Volunteers from Helping Hounds spotted at a local event.

this respect who can demonstrate to the dogs that people are good to be around and to give them confidence and social skills to help them settle into new homes once adopted. They are also keen to find new foster homes.

Finding a new home is carefully arranged and adopters are visited by a volunteer to assess the security of the houses, garden fences etc. pre adoption. Adopted dogs come with free five week insurance cover.

Helping Hounds is a charity (Reg. 1200394) and relies on public donations and fund raising in order to defray the cost of veterinary bills, freedom field rental, food costs and kennel heating.

If you feel you can help in any way, by volunteering, fostering or adopting a dog, or simply wish to donate please e-mail: helpinghoundshampshire@gmail.com or by Tel: **07570 985884**.

They have a website: www.helpinghoundshampshire.com where you can learn more about the charity, its volunteers, their operation and, of course, the dogs.

PREPARING FOR AUTUMN AND WINTER

Puppy Training

By Chris Turner.

We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful area, with so many wonderful walks for everyone to enjoy. The key word being everyone, we share this, as dog owners, with walkers, bike riders, joggers, horse riders, and of course the abundance of wild life on our doorstep. We have the choice of many places,



Enjoying a country walk.

but as responsible dog owners, to enjoy them to the full, our dogs need to be trained.

As the darker evenings close in, as you think about walking the dogs before it gets dark, you should be aware that the wildlife can be more active. So if you have a chaser, they should be kept safe. Nothing worse than losing your pups overnight. Impulse control is so important,

as it's bikes, joggers, and even children that can trigger a chase. And the lovely pup that everyone has made a fuss of during the summer, when it's dry, is not quite so engaging when they're soaking wet, and jumping up to say hello.

Lines are such a useful resource if used correctly. Teach your dog to wait before they meet and greet or if you see other moving distractions.

You do need to be aware that in the spring the deer are flighty. As we come to later in the year, they are rutting, and can be very aggressive. What once ran, can cause considerable damage to your dogs, sometimes permanently. So perhaps now is the time to put in the Impulse control work, and teach your pups to leave.

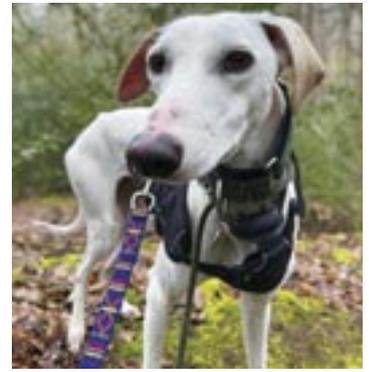
If you work during the day, with days being shorter, you may be thinking about employing a dog walker, so that your pup gets some nice walks in the daytime. Please be sure to check your

walkers. They should be insured, and not walking large groups of dogs, not perhaps suited, together. Go for a walk with them, and go on personal recommendations. A good one is invaluable. A bad one can cause numerous issues with your pups. And if walking on military land, they need to be licensed.

Sadly, being a popular area for walking, there are always going to be issues, but if your dog has been taught manners, they will be welcome everywhere. And you should be advocating for your pups. They are entitled to their own space too. There are lots of rude dogs, and also lots of rude owners. Doggy etiquette is such that if someone has their pup on a lead, it is normally

because they have an issue. Whether it be medical, behavioural or just too excitable. Please respect them, and don't allow your dogs, or children to come into their space. We all should be able to enjoy our beautiful spaces. And respect goes both ways.

Enjoy your pups.



Liphook in Bloom

By Barbara Miller.



June was the driest on record. Never before have we had to worry about watering so early in the season. All the flowerbeds were planted out during the weekend of 10th and 11th June and needed a good watering from the very start. The Liphook in Bloom watering team had to act quickly with extra duties to ensure the plants survived.



As always months of planning had gone into the planting schemes. The beds in The Square were planted out in red, white and blue – geraniums, daisies and lobelia with French marigolds planted out in a crown shape in the centre, to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.



The Sorting Office flowerbed, the Millennium Bed and the beds at the Millennium Centre were based on the poem 'The Lady of Shallott' by Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

*On either side the river lie
Long fields of barley and of rye
And thro' the field the road runs by
To many-tower'd Camelot;
There she weaves by night and day
A magic web with colours gay.*

The beautiful flowerbeds, planters and baskets around the village are planted, maintained, and watered solely by a team of volunteers. Currently our watering team has become depleted, and we are recruiting more volunteer helpers. The baskets and containers are watered about 30 times through the summer using our own water bowser.

Currently we have seven two person teams who each complete four watering trips through the season, from June to September. Each watering tour takes between 2-3 hours.



We are looking for drivers with vehicles with towing balls who would be happy to tow the bowser and waterers who will fill the baskets and containers.

We collect the water from our rainwater harvesting tank located at the Millennium Centre. Full training is given and where possible we will try pair you up with someone who has done the watering before.

If you are able to help on this community project, please email Paul Johnson at: paul@tethersend.uk and he will discuss with you what is involved. His phone number is: **01428 724813** or **07854 074276**.

Our oldest regularly working team member is 87 and we would like to be able to let him retire!! We always need younger volunteers to take on a wide range of tasks, not just watering. So if you are able to help in any way please get in touch with Paul.



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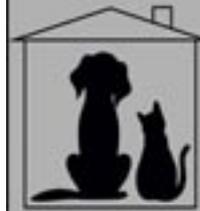
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Highfield & Brookham Schools

Pupils Follow Head's Footsteps on Wartime Freedom Trail



Eight scholars from Highfield and Brookham Schools got the chance to follow in the footsteps of former headmaster Peter Mills, who escaped from a German prisoner of war camp in northern Italy in 1943.

Mr Mills, Highfield Headmaster from 1953 until his retirement in 1979 and former owner of the school now owned by his son, Bill, was imprisoned at Fontanellato, near Parma, during the Second World War. Locals, guards and a kindly commandant helped him escape along a route through the Apennines known as the 'Freedom Trail' after an armistice between the Allies and Italy which Germany refused to recognise.



Now, in peacetime, sections of the Freedom Trail are walked only by people keen to gain an understanding of a significant piece of history. As a result, an exchange programme between Highfield and Brookham

Schools and the Istituto Comprensivo di Fontanellato e Fontevivo has been running successfully since 2018, with two Italian pupils spending a term at the nursery, pre-prep and prep school in Liphook each year.

While in Italy, the scholars took in the wonderful sights and sounds of the Parma region, including time spent in and out of the classroom with their hosts, a tour of the 12th Century Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta and a trip to a cheese factory where the world-famous Parmigiano Reggiano is produced.

The children then ventured 90 minutes north-west of Fontanellato to the vibrant city of Milan, home to the impressive Duomo Cathedral, the ornate Galleria Vittorio Emanuele and the inspirational Leonardo da Vinci Museum, named in honour of the legendary artist and inventor. And their visit happened to coincide with the day of the Champions League semi-final between football powerhouses AC Milan and Inter Milan at the San Siro creating, according to Head of Art Olga Houghton, "an electric atmosphere" around the city.

Everest Conqueror 'Peaks' Children's Interest

Jake Meyer left children at Highfield and Brookham Schools in



Liphook in raptures as he entertained them with amazing and humorous tales of determination, discipline, danger and delirium as he first reached the summit of mighty Mount Everest in 2005.

At the age of 21, Mr Meyer became the youngest Briton to scale the majestic Himalayan peak en route to becoming the youngest man to complete the daunting Seven Summits Challenge, which involves scaling the highest mountains in each of the seven continents. He took the title of youngest Briton to conquer Everest from Bear Grylls.

Mr Meyer told tales of yaks and sherpas, crampons and crevasses and vacuum-packed food and frostbite as he manfully overcame freezing temperatures, exhaustion and vertical climbs to plant his flag proudly atop the 29,000ft mountain. He then explained to his rapt young audience how, after wondering whether he could repeat such an amazing feat so many years later, he this year made it back to the top of the world at the age of 39.

As well as being absorbed in such a remarkable tale of adventure and daring and overcoming adversity, the children got the chance to get a close look at some of the essential pieces of kit Mr Meyer needed to scale the world's biggest peaks, including his crampons, snow suit and an oxygen canister.

Art Exhibition Raises Funds for Highfield and Brookham School Bursary Fund

A bursary fund with a focus on social mobility has been boosted to the tune of £18,000 from an Art Exhibition. It featured work from 29 artists and four galleries as well as eight Old Highfieldians who also showcased their work at the popular three-day event.



The money has gone to the Highfield School Centenary Bursaries Fund, which was set up in 2007 with an aim to support children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend an independent school such as Highfield and Brookham.

Typical candidates are children who are experiencing social or educational difficulties or children who have the ability to succeed academically if given the right support.

Artists and galleries exhibited an impressive range of artwork, including watercolour paintings, sculptures and drawings. Suzannah Cryer, Head of Highfield, was in awe of the success of the art exhibition and paid tribute to parent Kaye Burke and her dedicated team of organisers. She said: "The curation of the exhibition was nothing short of phenomenal, which was underlined by the number of pieces sold and the amazing amount of money raised for the Bursary Fund. But none of this would have been possible without the continuing extraordinary efforts of our parent fundraising committee and the generosity of the artists." Every exhibiting artist agreed to donate 25% of their sales and the Highfield art scholars donated 50% to the Bursary Fund. Mrs. Cryer also extended her warmest thanks to Knight Frank, Coolhurst Vineyards, Minnow and Wolf and Howden Group Holdings for their sponsorship and support as well as the supportive school community who attended the exhibition and purchased the works of art.

Carnival Festival Fun Day

By
Gabrielle
Pike.

Glorious sunshine on Carnival Festival Fun Day attracted hundreds of residents to the Millennium Green, enjoying picnics and refreshments from a licensed bar provided by The Links Tavern, as well as a hog roast by The Lazy Lizard Café.

Dylan's ice creams, colourful slushies, face painting, games, including 'Hit the Rat', run by Ed's Veg, a large bouncy castle and live music kept children and adults entertained all afternoon and well into the evening.

Hosting and performing hit songs was professional entertainer Jack Trinder, joined by talented former Bohunt pupil Holly Hunt and her band, Lenny Burgoyne, Mark Vennis, Re-Veal, The Burning Glass, local resident Alistair Halliday on electric guitar and Liphook's very own Love2Sing choir under Vanessa Breach.



The family fun day, a fundraising event, staged the annual fancy-dress competition with some delightful home-made costumes on display and a group of very happy winners.

The Carnival Committee also announced their selection of this year's Carnival Royalty, with Jessica Wilson as Princess, Emelia Hall and Sofia Heal as attendants and Kadance Vaughan, last year's Princess, as Queen.

Further upcoming fundraising events are the Carnival Sponsored Walk on Sunday, September 3 at The Links Tavern. Three routes are available around Liphook and the surrounding areas. Different routes are planned each year with a short, medium and long route available. Refreshments are provided at various checkpoints along the way. Everyone is welcome and dogs walk for free!

The annual Quiz Night is back on Saturday, September 23rd. Kicking off at 7.00pm, it promises a fun filled evening of entertainment and good company, including a two-course meal. A licensed bar will provide drinks and excellent raffle prizes, donated from local shops and businesses, can be won through a silent auction.



Carnival Royalty



Princess – Jessica (not in photos)

Attendants – Emelia, Sofia

Carnival Queen – Kadance (last year's Princess)



This year's Liphook Carnival takes place on Saturday, October 28th. Save the Date!

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Lloyds Bank Closure

By Gabrielle Pike. Photos by Gabrielle Pike, Roger Miller, The Heritage Centre and Jen Woodsford.



After years of speculations, Lloyds Bank at Ship House in Liphook Square is finally closing its doors this September, having served the community for 59 years.

In 1962 the bank acquired the Grade II listed building, which had been a doctor's surgery since 1895, and after making several alterations, opened for business in 1964.

A spokesperson for Lloyds said: "Our customers are now increasingly using online and mobile banking to manage their money. We have over 20 million digital users and visits to some branches have fallen by as much as 73 per cent over the last five years. We have more than 29,000 customers in East Hampshire and only 216 customers are using this branch on a regular monthly basis. So, we have to respond to this changing behaviour.

"We recognise our branches will continue to be important to some of our customers, alongside banking services available in the Post Office, as well as telephone, mobile and online banking services. All customers who regularly use this branch will receive a letter with details of alternative ways to bank with us. We will also try and speak to our vulnerable customers, either in the branch or over the phone, and discuss how else we may be able to help. Our colleagues who work at the branch will be offered the chance to move to a role at another branch or in another part of our business."

Lloyds have advised that a community banker will have set hours in a space in the local area, such as a library and that they will be there to spend time with customers helping them with their banking enquiries. This new service is due to be set up shortly.

There has been a half-timbered, thatched building on the site since the early 1600's. It was linked to the Royal Anchor and housed tenants until it was converted into a private house in the early 1800's. In 1907 the Ship House became a doctor's surgery and in 1939 a small canteen and reading room for Canadian soldiers was run upstairs during World War II.

More recently the bank has seen some dramatic action. On 16th May, 2016 two men attempted a robbery just before closing time. Headley Down residents Tommy Jones and his wife Abbie, who had never before visited the Liphook branch, planned to deposit some cash when two men stormed the bank pointing an airgun at waiting customers. Jonathan Pay, later convicted for 16 years, opened fire and hit Tommy, who had wrestled him to the ground, leaving a pellet lodged in the base of his skull.

The second robber stabbed Tommy with a knife before fleeing the bank. Abbie grabbed the robber's bag which later helped with the conviction.

Both Tommy and Abbie were awarded a bravery award by the Chief Constable for their courageous action on the day, but Tommy, a huge and well-liked character in the community, never recovered from being shot. Suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and constant pain he took his own life in February 2020.

Two years after the attempted robbery, a ram raid was carried out in the early hours of 3rd March 2018, ripping out the ATM and leaving the listed building close to collapse. Undeterred by the heavy snowfall, thieves used a forklift from a nearby building site to smash through the wall and rip the cash machine out, which was loaded with money to cover weekend demand. It followed a string of similar offences in surrounding areas.

Results of Lloyds Bank Ram Raid on 3.3.2018.



The bank opened again for business two weeks after the ram raid but the repairs to the Grade II listed building took until the summer of 2019.

Lloyds Bank Damage Repair after the ATM Robbery.



Since then closure rumours have been circulating in the community. A Lloyds Bank spokesman said at the time: "Under the present review strategy, there are no plans to close the Liphook Branch. We will continue to review our presence on the High Street to ensure our branches are located in the right places. Whenever the difficult decision to close one of our branches is made, our colleagues, customers and the local community will be the first ones to know."

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Such a Perfect Day

By Marilyn Ambrose.

Earlier this year, in what was technically spring, several walks finished with those lyrics floating round my mind. As I sit here typing this with slippers and a woolly on, in what we term summer, that lovely weather we had seems a distant memory.

It started so well with a walk on Hankley Common, where last year's wildfire damage was still obvious, but it is always delightful to see nature win through and the regrowth commencing.

The following week, whilst on our walk round Albury in "mainly" lovely weather, the Albury estate and the rebuilding of the church provoked much discussion. Looking up St. Peter & St. Paul Albury on the web, it says "Following the policy of harassment of the local villagers by 1819 there was little left of the village apart from the inn . . ." so the villagers moved about a mile away and Henry Drummond was granted permission to build a new church for the displaced villagers. I feel there is more to this story but will leave it to you to follow up. The woodlands on the estate were looking delightful with lots of fragrant wild azaleas.

In mid May we held our AGM preceded by a short local walk. This year we experimented, rather successfully, with holding the AGM at the Millennium Hall.

Fine weather prevailed in May and, for the following four weeks my notes say "perfect day" - we discovered new paths from Liphook to Haslemere and Hammer and revisited an old haunt, The Prince of Wales. One of the subjects under discussion that day was ploughing - how it occurs less nowadays.



Photo by Terry Boyett.

The walk from Hinton Ampner took us across some truly glorious countryside where the wild flowers were abundant - it appears that some farmers are embracing leaving some areas of their fields wild, which adds to the joy of walking on a sunny but breezy day.

Walks round Siinfeld and Elstead were on slightly hotter days, but nonetheless delightful.



Photo by Johnny Zarvou.

But as the grass court tennis season approached, so the fine weather started to withdraw. The Pagham and Selsey walk remains a particular favourite within the group, despite the closure of Potters Crab Shack and the dire weather forecast on the day. There were in fact only a few spits of rain so we were still able to enjoy a picnic on the beach. A particular subject of discussion was dream holiday homes as, after the tranquillity of the bird sanctuary, the walk takes



Photo by David Ambrose.

us through the mobile home park where we spotted this somewhat extreme example, complete with rooftop hot tub.

Incidentally whilst we were eating a very welcome post walk ice cream and chatting to the Pagham RSPB officer,

we learnt that the best time to visit Pagham is in the winter when the birds are more numerous and of greater variety.

In early July, when the ground was still rock hard and cracked, we found what was probably the only muddy patch in the UK during a lovely afternoon walk round Milland - the dampest place in Britain? This was followed by an excellent turnout to our summer social BBQ and boules on a glorious evening (cue Lou Reed again).

Mention has been made in previous articles of the importance of a prewalk, but we certainly experienced a first on our recent excursion to East Meon and Butser. As we walked along a lane towards the footpath on our route, a workman appeared from



Photo by Harsha Patel.

behind an excavator and put up a Road Closed sign across our path. However this did not detract from the natural beauty of this walk where we passed llamas (Wikipedia says they have banana sized ears - we can vouch for this!), sheep, moorhens, kites, many butterflies up on the Downs including marble whites, which prefer purple flowers, and a herd of very curious cows grazing

around the top of Butser Hill, who seemed genuinely as pleased to see us as we were to see them. Much chat followed as to ear tagging, because at first we thought they had their names on them, but decided this was not the case when at least seven appeared to be called Ice! Other excitements on this walk included the discovery of yet another



Photo by Anne Burris.

amazing cafe, the Round

House on top of Butser Hill, with fantastic views across the Downs and to the Isle of Wight, and the sound, but sadly not the sight, of the Red Arrows heading to Goodwood. Not even a couple of light rain showers could dampen our spirits. It was indeed another perfect day.



Photo by Terry Boyett.

We are always looking for new members (knowledge of matters such as breeds of cows, ear tagging and ploughing not a prerequisite, but always useful). Do contact us if you would like to join our weekly adventures - there is no guarantee of a perfect day every week, but we would love to share it with you:

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The River Wey Trust

By Roger Miller.



On the 1st July The River Wey Trust held their annual Summer Pimms Party. By kind invitation of Ian and Janet Airey, the event was held in the wonderful setting of The Old Mill at Bramshott near Liphook with its beautiful gardens next to the mill pond and the river.

This much anticipated event was blessed by dry warm weather with sunny periods.

More than 120 adults and children attended to enjoy their picnics, the Pimms & soft drinks plus strawberries & cream whilst listening to the talented Jack Trinder for an afternoon of live singing of musicals and pop songs.

The highlight of the afternoon was the two duck races - one for the children and one for the adults. Luxuriant water weed meant that the ducks had a hazardous passage during their travel from the start to the finish. The erratic progress of the ducks hindered by the weed caused great excitement in the ranks of the spectators as they passed along the route jockeying for position until finally, with a great roar from the spectators, the winners from each race reached the finish line.



The first duck in the children's race to reach the finish line was sponsored by Pearl with Edward second and Leo third.

Emma Snow's duck won the adults' race with a very close finish winning by a short duck's bill!

Luckily all the ducks were caught by RWT Trustee Kat Kavanagh before they reached the mill sluice thus avoiding a trip to the River Thames!!

The River Wey Trust had a small display showing their activities, historical information about the water meadows and interesting facts about The Old Mill. There are a series of mills along the banks of the Wey all of which played an important part in the local agricultural industry over several centuries.

The southern branch of the River Wey rises in the hills that surround Haslemere. For fifteen miles (24 kilometres) it flows first westwards then north in an arc through Hampshire to re-enter Surrey near Frensham. It is joined by the Alton branch of the Wey at Tilford - the downstream limit of the River Wey Trust's area of interest. From Tilford the Wey goes on via Godalming and Guildford to join the Thames at Weybridge and thence to the sea.

The River Wey Trust is a charity which was established in 1984 to coordinate historical, environmental, and wildlife conservation and management along the southern branch of the River Wey for the 'education and benefit of the public', including the creation and construction of public access where practical. The Trust also aims to stimulate interest, research and appreciation of the River and carry out and publish research relating to the River.

Major supporters of the Trust include Hampshire County Council, East Hampshire District Council, Headley, Bramshott and Liphook Parish Councils, and the Bramshott and Liphook Heritage Society; all of whom nominate Trustees.

The Trust is coordinating an expanding programme of water quality tests in the Wey catchment. Establishing a baseline view of the river waters allows us to understand where there may be problems, and to see where possible pollution events occur. Using chemical tests for phosphate, nitrate and monitoring pH levels, together with kick sampling to assess key invertebrate species, we are able to record the state of the river, and share these data widely. The aim of the Trust and the groups along the river who carry out the tests is to provide a positive contribution to help understand and improve the eco system in which the river is a key element.

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Trust, contact The River Wey Trust by email: website@riverweytrust.org.uk or visit our website: <https://www.riverweytrust.org.uk>

Canada Day & Tree Planting

By Gabrielle Pike. Photos by Bill Moulard and Mike Glass.

Children from Liphook Junior School were joined by the Canadian Minister of National Defence, Anita Anand, and 12 other representatives from the Canadian High Commission, for the annual Canada Day Service on June 28 at St Mary's Church, Bramshott.

"The friendship between our two countries runs very deeply and I wanted to come here the moment I heard of the effort the Liphook schoolchildren go to, to honour Canadians," she said. Mrs. Anand was overwhelmed by the efforts put in by the



school to pay their respects and remember the many young lives that were lost in the war. It had brought tears to her eyes, she said, especially the moment when the children sang the Canadian national anthem.

This year, a Canadian Maple was planted in the churchyard by Mrs. Anand with the help of some of the children, to replace two of the original trees that were planted at the end of the First World War, which had been lost in storms. The Maple was donated by Bramshott Open Gardens, supported through district councillor community grants.

This year's Canada Day was also the last time for Michele Frost, Executive Head of Liphook Infant and Junior Schools, to lead the Canada Day commemorations. She is retiring after eleven years, having joined the Federation in 2012.

The children were rewarded for their efforts with an invitation to visit the Canadian High Commission in Trafalgar Square.

Please see page 33 for more information about Canada Day.

Barb's Plant Sale & Coffee Morning

By
Jenny
Woodsford.

Barbara Frost and her merry band of helpers held their annual plant sale and coffee morning once again this year.

This year her chosen charity was the Community Laundry and the grand sum of £1,015 was taken in donations for the plants and the lovely coffee and cakes that were served in her garden. Many thanks to all who donated plants or made cakes for this event – and also everyone who supported her by attending the event.



Another lovely cake!



Barb and friends.

Moving to Liphook

By Margaret and Peter Dennis.



Margaret enjoying afternoon tea.

We have now lived in Liphook since Christmas 2022 moving here to be near our daughter. We were coming from a rapidly expanding town in Buckinghamshire which we had both called home for all of our 70 years.

Although we had visited our daughter here, we couldn't imagine our new life, living in the village. First off was doing the essential things. Number one, finding and registering with a GP.

We filled in our registration forms and went back to the surgery. I was dreading this as appointments at our old surgery were so difficult to make. What a pleasant surprise, we were taken on immediately and by the time we got home we had a message detailing our doctor and information about the practice. I was referred quickly to the Royal Surrey for a follow up and was so grateful for such good service and kindness.

Bit by bit we gradually got to know the village. The people are so friendly and warm, happy to wish you a good morning or afternoon or even stop for a chat. We noticed it very much as we walked around the picnic on Millennium Green for the coronation. We chatted to so many people that afternoon.

Having local independent shops is lovely and offers up a good variety of goods and services. The local garage has been used, as has the bakers. The cafes have been a great find, especially the cake. It was great to find a good hairdresser in the village, who has told us of various walks and amenities.

The great thing is we can easily walk to the centre from where we are. For the first while we seemed to have a lot of rainfall. So the Living Room cinema is a fabulous amenity. Going with my daughter on Mother's Day for cream tea and a film was a great treat.

The train service into London has worked well for us the few times we have used it. The miles of open space and the many country walks are a real joy to have on the doorstep. Very noticeable to us both is the air quality is much improved from our previous home.

We have ventured out to the nearby towns and have tested the supermarkets and garden centres. There are a lot of different clubs and voluntary organisations to join. I have made good friends in the charity shop I help in.

My husband settled here very quickly, but it has taken me a bit longer. I was at the dentist recently and she asked how things were. I said that at last I feel that Liphook is home. And from a relative new-comer - a lovely one.

Help for Weary Walkers

From the Friends
of the South Downs.



The Friends of the South Downs are working towards providing benches along the entire length of the South Downs Way as many walkers had told us that there was very little provision to sit down and rest along this iconic route, which runs from Winchester to Eastbourne. The benches are all

individually designed to blend in with the location and made from English oak. They have now been installed at Saddlescombe, Harting Down, Gander Down and Ditchling, with more planned later this year. Pictured is the latest bench that was installed at Gander Down with a beautiful carving of a hare.



1923 to fight proposed development on the Downs. We are the only membership organisation dedicated to conserving, enhancing and promoting the South Downs National Park. In our Centenary year we are running:

- A lottery-funded project to help children in disadvantaged groups learn about the Downs
- A project to enable wheelchair users to access views of the Downs
- Special, themed walks, for example a sunset stroll to the Devil's Jumps near Cocking on 18 August 2023 and talks by high profile figures; the next is by Alastair Appleton (from BBC Escape to the Country) on 25 September 2023 at the Seven Sisters Country Park Visitors Centre.

Our projects help to improve access and enjoyment of the landscape and to preserve the South Downs for future generations. To find out more email: enquiries@friendsofthesouthdowns.org.uk or visit: www.friendsofthesouthdowns.org.uk

UPDATE FROM

Liphook & Bramshott Parish Council

NEW COUNCILLORS

We are delighted to welcome 3 new councillors to the council following the May elections.



May Li is a qualified nurse currently worked as a Clinical Lead in Clinical Governance. She has lived in the village for 16 years.



Kim Kemp first moved to Liphook in 1982 and ran a local recruitment company for 25 years. She is now retired and returned to Liphook in 2014.



Viet Tang is an IT professional and has lived in Liphook for 7 years with his children attending local schools. He is a member of the Liphook United Football Club and has other interests in local sports.

We are very fortunate to have a diverse and enthusiastic councillor team who are keen to work hard to support the local community.

If you would like to contact any of our councillors, visit our website: <https://bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk/council/councillors>

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The parish council provide a small amount of grant funding each year to local organisations such as charities, sports clubs and other voluntary groups that provide a service to local people. If you are interested in applying, please email the Clerk or visit our website at: www.bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk

LIPHOOK CANADA DAY



Sally Cameron and Jeanette Kirby recently attended the Canada Day celebrations on behalf of the Parish Council. The event was hosted by Liphook Junior School's Executive Head, Ms Michele Frost.

Sally has written up her thoughts from the day and her full write up can be found here: <https://bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk/news/canada-day-celebration-28th-june-2023>

Here are the highlights from Sally's day:

The day started at Radford Bridge on London Road where the Canadian National Flag and the Union Flag were raised with the children singing national anthems from both countries. This was followed by a service at St Mary's Church in Bramshott conducted by The Reverend Valentine Inglis-Jones.

A delegation from Canada attended consisting of The Minister for Defence, Anita Anand, and the Deputy Defence Minister, Bill Matthews, Lord Lieutenant Major General James Balfour, Brigadier Dwayne Parsons and Captain Chris Peschke from the High Commission of Canada.

The Liphook Royal British Legion represented by Brigadier Sean Brady included Terry Burns who carried the RBL Standard, Chris

Wright who carried the Union Flag and Andy Lucas who carried the Canadian Flag, and also in attendance were Nick Stead, Bob Hall, Alan Clare, Ron Halt and Paul Geddes. We had a superb Trumpeter, David, who played eloquently to mark the occasion.

Following the service wreaths were laid at the War Memorial in St. Mary's churchyard by the Canadian delegation, Cllr. Jeanette Kirby for the Parish Council, and Cllr Angela Glass and Cllr. Bill Moulard for East Hampshire District Council.

The children from Year 4 had all picked a soldier or nurse to research for this event and this demonstrated such a huge mark of respect for the Canadians who gave their lives. The children spoke with confidence and pride and were very impressive throughout the event. The Liphook Heritage Centre assisted the children in their research as they hold a vast amount of information dating back many years.

This was followed by the Last Post, one minute silence and finally Reveille. The Canadian Minister for Defence then planted a new Maple tree donated by Bramshott Open Gardens which replaced two of the original trees planted at the end of WW1 which had been lost due to a storm.

Lunch was hosted at the Junior School for the attendees with the whole of Year 4 children putting on a remarkable play set in Saskatchewan, Canada during WW1. Sally reported to us that the play was outstanding and very emotional, and commented that Mrs Jenny Brown from the Junior School had worked incredibly hard with the children as they were word perfect throughout the many songs, poems and readings.

Sally was very impressed with the whole day and said "This was a very moving experience for the large crowd of parents, local Councillors and the Canadian delegation all clearly touched by the emotion of this very special day, one which I was very proud to be part of".

She further added: "Without a doubt one of my favourite days since joining the Parish Council. The sheer hard work and planning that has gone into this day is very special. The passion and commitment shown by the Year 4 children was remarkable. I believe Liphook Junior School, the teachers and the most amazing Year 4 children have pulled off a spectacular day and something we all in Liphook should be extremely proud of. The Canadian delegations were humbled by the respect and thanked Liphook Junior School who continue to remember year after year.

On a final note and on the retirement of Ms. Michele Frost, I would like to add what an amazing job she had done to inspire so many young people and to instil a real sense of confidence and self-belief. Not an easy job, but she made it look very easy. Thank you for being such a simply brilliant Executive Head, you will be very much missed."

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UPDATE FROM East Hants District Council

By Bill Moulard, Nick Sear and Angela Glass.

The Elections in May resulted in a situation where the Conservatives won 19 seats, the LibDems won 14, the Whitehill and Bordon Community Party led by Andy Tree, won 6 seats, The Greens and Labour won 2 seats each, and the Independent candidate held his seat. This resulted in No Overall Control at the District Council. After some lengthy negotiation the Whitehill and Bordon party formed a working coalition with the Conservatives, and the Conservatives retain the administration.

The District Council continues with its current and future plans, some of which are outlined.

EHDC Transformation – The delivery phase of Shaping East Hampshire Future Programme is nearing completion with the Corporate Transformation Plan now complete. The first three Directorate Transformation Plans that cover Regulation and Enforcement, Community Development and Engagement, and Regeneration and Prosperity are also complete.

Leisure – In the first quarter of 2023, there were 350,000 visits, up 6% on the same period last year, with a 28% increase in Junior activity. In June, a new 12-week free swimming lesson initiative was launched as part of the Leader's Priority Fund. The means-tested scheme targets children living in low-income families and children with a disability, and offers free access to Everyone Active's swimming lesson programme for a period of 12 weeks. At the end of the first month over 170 children from across the District have enrolled.

Norse – Quarter 1 successfully launched the new East Hampshire Norse Joint Venture following the termination of the delegation agreement with Havant Borough Council. EHDC has regained control of the service and is working with Norse to fix and improve the service for the benefit of the residents.

The expanded garden waste service has now rolled out, and as well as increasing the capacity through rebalanced rounds and increasing our fleet, we have also negotiated an increase to disposal allowance in the south of the district, meaning that we will be able to offer the service to everybody on the current waiting list.

EHDC accommodation – Plans for the relocation to New Barn in Bedford Road, Petersfield, are progressing, with additional areas being opened up for staff use. Some Cabinet meetings already take place within the building. The longer term future of Penns Place continues to progress, with studies and survey work being undertaken.

Full Council meetings – EHDC Full Council meeting will in future be held in different areas of the District. July's meeting was held at Horndean Technology College, September's will be held in Clanfield Community Centre, and on the 30th November it will be held in the Millennium Hall.

Full details of news within each of the Portfolios is published in the Portfolio Holders' Reports that accompany the Agenda for each Full Council. All these are available on the Council's website: www.easthants.gov.uk

Planning – There continues to be a high volume of applications received, so there is a large workload spread out between the officers.

The priority within Planning Policy is the work on the preparation of a new Local Plan, to help us plan for future needs in a sustainable way. Following the 2022/23 Local Plan Issues and Priorities consultation which received over 3,000 responses from approximately 800 people, the responses to the consultation have now been published and are available to read on-line. A new Local Development Scheme has been published which is the timetable for the Local Plan.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) (It is the money that developers pay towards providing extra infrastructure, when they build developments) – Cabinet has agreed over £4m of CIL funding to infrastructure projects that support growth in East Hampshire. This, combined with £2m of S106 monies held by Hampshire County Council, supports projects going forward. Previous CIL funding projects are now being completed. Projects allocated funding include highway improvements, flood risk management, new facilities for schools and nurseries, including special needs schools, and community and sports facilities.

Enforcement – The team have issued 10 different types of notices since January 2023, and 3 in the last quarter. 6 new notices were issued, relating to a variety of issues, and supporting recently refused planning applications. There is one court case in September for breach of 3 enforcement notices. An enforcement Appeal Hearing resulted in a dismissed appeal and a court case for non-compliance with an enforcement notice that resulted in a £5,000 plus fine. 8 further enforcement appeals are with the Planning Inspectorate. 5 new prosecutions are being sought, with 5 new High Hedge applications being determined. Officers are preparing direct action for a site previously prosecuted successfully, but that will not comply with an enforcement notice. An Article 4 direction relating to safeguarding of a sensitive site in the National Park, is also being processed. An Article 4 direction takes away permitted development rights, and means that a planning application may be required for development that would otherwise have been permitted development.

Selection of Prospective Parliamentary Candidates – Following the Boundary Commission's proposal for new constituencies across the country, the process of selection for new prospective MP's is under way. This affects all political parties, and includes prospective parliamentary candidates for the new Constituency of Farnham and Bordon, which comprises, Farnham, Churt, Haslemere, Whitehill and Bordon, Grayshott, Headley, and Bramshott and Liphook. Although this Constituency crosses the borders of Hampshire and Surrey, your three District Councillors will remain as elected members of East Hampshire District Council.

Your District Councillors are very pleased to continue to represent Bramshott and Liphook. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any help, and please remember that we have our Community Grants available for any organisation seeking funding towards a project.

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Group 1 Automotive

By Simon Catford.

A very quiet A3 from the upper floor.



It feels like an age since the old Spaniard Hotel stood at the side of the A3 at Bramshott Chase, slowly crumbling into the ground, but it is in fact only three years ago that the brand-new BMW and Mini showroom opened. Despite having driven past it countless times since then I had never called in. But at the kind invitation of Mark Bray, Head of Aftercare and site manager, I have now had a behind the scenes tour of this eye-catching operation. And it is impressive.

BMW Showroom.



As readers will be familiar, the old Barons car franchise was based at Hindhead but had outgrown the site, both in scale and facilities offered. A new home was needed and the Spaniard site proved ideal. After a few hic-ups in the construction programme the new building was completed and the entire operation transferred in October 2020. The Barons name has now been dropped replaced by Group 1 Automotive, a successful car dealership with 15 branches in the South of England. Employing some 50 people at Bramshott, the combined BMW and Mini dealership has gone from strength to strength. With two distinct car showrooms to reflect the subtly different brands of BMW and Mini, the dealership is selling upwards of 500-600

Main forecourt.



new and used vehicles a year – a sizeable operation. Added to this is the vehicle servicing and aftercare department with a throughput of circa 11,000 vehicles over the last twelve months. Big numbers.

But no business is successful without good people and Mark was particularly keen to stress the investment in staff training and development. “I started out in the industry some 38 years ago as an apprentice and my career has never looked back,” he says. “As a Group we have trained literally hundreds of apprentices in the ‘BMW way’ via comprehensive training programmes on-site and at the BMW Academy in Reading. We currently have four apprentices at Bramshott with vacancies for more. They are our future.” At the time of writing (July 2023) the dealership has a number of other vacancies for experienced mechanics, sales personnel and administrators. “We are a growing business and need good people,” emphasises Mark “and I believe we offer a meaningful and worthwhile career. An aspect I find especially stimulating is the development of electric powered vehicles (EV’s) and the new technologies involved to make this a viable alternative to internal combustion engines. We have a number of highly trained team members who can work on high-voltage equipment with Level 4 certificates and we are adding more capacity as the BMW / Mini range of EV’s expands. Customers find this very exciting!” he adds. Further details of job opportunities can be found on the Group 1 website: www.group1auto.co.uk

Mark is also keen to emphasise the customer service element necessary for a successful dealership. “We are able to do pretty well everything on-site to ensure the customer gets a first-class service, either in the initial purchase, pre-delivery inspections and of course after care. The facilities here at Bramshott are second to none and we are very proud.” These include a vast underground car park, an extensive servicing area with 15 vehicle bays and of course the showrooms themselves. There is also a large administration office and waiting area for customers. Good access off the A3 also helps.

Finally, Mark stressed the site’s green credentials with extensive landscaping to the rear of the building adjoining Bramshott Common

Planting on rear boundary.



and the agreed woodland management plan that is in place. “We aim to be a good neighbour and work with the local communities to ensure a sustainable footprint,” he adds.

So a lot has gone on in the three years since the site was opened and it seems the investment has been worthwhile. “We are very pleased with the reaction from our customer base and look forward to serving motorists across the Three Counties in the years to come,” concludes Mark. “Please drop in and see us!”

Neville Anthony Roy Halliday By Andrew Lucas.

Reading, with interest, the article titled "The Real Repair Shop" in the Spring edition of our Community magazine, brought to mind another Liphook resident who flew with Coastal Command during WW2 but unfortunately, in this instance, did not return home and whose name is inscribed in stone on the memorial to those who died in wartime in St. Mary's Church yard, Bramshott.

The gentleman's name was Neville Anthony Roy Halliday. Neville was the youngest son of Lionel and Constance Halliday. Lionel was a Tea Planter in Ceylon, and the family were living in the area around Pussellawa at the time of Neville's birth in 1911. There were three other brothers but unfortunately the oldest died in an accident in 1924 aged 20 years old. On their return to England, the Halliday family were living at Buriton Field in Hewshott on the outskirts of Liphook.

At the outbreak of war in 1939 Neville had already been serving with the RAF for several years having joined as a Cadet in September 1929, where he attended the RAF College at Cranwell and by 1938 he had reached the rank of Squadron Leader.

Yet another promotion was to follow and on 23rd May 1942 Neville became the Commanding Officer of Number 461 Squadron as their Wing Commander. 461 Squadron was a Royal Australian Air Force Squadron and they were based at RAF Mountbatten, in Plymouth, Devon. The aircraft that they flew were the famous Short Sunderlands, which were engaged on operations in the Atlantic as part of RAF Coastal Command.



Short Sunderland Mk. V in flight. Picture courtesy of Wikipedia.

It wouldn't be long before the actions of Neville and his crew were hitting the wartime headlines in many local newspapers around the country. The Portsmouth Evening News was one of those papers and had the headline "Liphook Officer in Air Sea Rescue – Saved Bomber Crew" – dated 10th July 1942. It goes on to tell the story of an Armstrong Whitworth Whitely aircraft which had developed an engine problem whilst on a patrol to locate U Boats. As a result, the pilot was forced to carry out a controlled ditching in the sea following a distress message being sent and a location being given by the crew's wireless operator. During the ditching, only one member of the crew was hurt and all managed to leave the aircraft for the relative safety of their inflatable dinghy.

During that evening a second Whitely had sighted a smoke flare on the horizon approximately 100 miles from the Spanish coastline.

However, due to the failing light, they were unable to locate the dinghy itself. The search was resumed the following day by two Whitleys and the dinghy was located drifting towards the Spanish coast. As a result it was decided to send a Short Sunderland aircraft out to rescue the crew as, being a Sea Plane, it was equipped to land and take off from the water.

The pilot in charge of this aircraft was Neville Halliday. In his own words, Neville went on to describe what happened next,

"We had been searching for one and a half hours when we saw smoke. It came from the dinghy which was about three miles ahead. We circled it and although the swell looked ominous, we decided to try to land. We had our fingers crossed as we went down. There was a bump, but we landed successfully."

Following some tricky manoeuvring by all concerned, the Whitely crew were brought aboard the Sunderland and, following a successful take off, were flown back to the safety of dry land. They had been down to their very last smoke flare when they were rescued!

However, only a month later Neville's luck was about to run out. On 12th August 1942 a Wellington aircraft also had to ditch in the darkness of the sea at 3.55 am, following sparks being observed from one of the engines and a significant drop in oil pressure to the starboard engine. None of the crew were hurt during the ditching and all managed to clamber onto the wing before inflating their dinghy and boarding it.

Having passed their estimated position to the base, the Short Sunderland, on an anti-submarine patrol in the area, was directed to the location to carry out a "creeping search" to locate the crew. The Sunderland that was detailed to carry this out was Registration T9090 and was being flown by Wing Commander Halliday and his crew.

At 19.15 that evening the tail gunner of the crew sighted a flare signal fire from a Very pistol approximately 2 miles to starboard and shortly afterwards two dinghies were spotted floating in the water. The wind speed was estimated to be 26 knots and blowing in a westerly direction.

Neville then flew his aircraft a safe distance away from the area in order to release the depth charges they were carrying and to jettison some fuel in order to make the landing safer. Following this manoeuvre at 19.45, the pilot carried out a "first class approach" but then suddenly hit the top of a freak wave, breaking off the "step", before hitting two more waves prior to coming to a halt. Immediately having stopped another wave hit the aircraft, breaking off the starboard outer engine propeller and the port wing float.

The Sunderland then quickly started to take on water and Neville Halliday gave the order to leave the aircraft and escape. Only five of the 11 crew made it to a dinghy, but this also unfortunately began to leak putting them all in the water. An attempt was made to reach another dinghy but only one of the Sunderland's crew made it. Flying Officer Watson was the only surviving crew

member from T9090 that night, managing to reach the other dinghy which he collapsed into and fell asleep exhausted.

Following another attempt to locate the Wellington crew and now also the sole survivor of the Sunderland, a further aircraft was forced to ditch in the sea. The five members of this crew were eventually rescued by a Royal Navy Destroyer in the area.

Four days later, Watson finally managed to make contact with the crew of the Wellington in their dinghy and the following day, 17th August 1942, 5 days after the initial incident occurred, the remaining survivors were eventually rescued and taken by boat to Newlyn in Cornwall.

This episode just reiterated the perils of crews in Coastal Command operating above and on hostile environments. The sea can be a perilous place at times and in this case claimed the lives of 10 men.

Unfortunately they were not the first and they would not be the last.

As well as being remembered on the parish memorial, Neville, alongside many others, is remembered on the RAF's memorial at Runnymede. There are 20,000 names of men and women, both British and Commonwealth, who gave their lives during WW1 but have no known grave.



*By Peter Williamson of Community First.
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Community Transport has been operated by Hampshire County Council for the last 20 plus years. It used to be called Call & Go or Dial A Ride but has recently been rebranded as Connect. The Service is split into a number of areas and I shall be looking at the East Hants area, which covers Liphook, Bordon, Liss, Grayshott and most places in between.



Connect Transport is a bookable door-to-door accessible transport service for individuals who find it difficult to use or access public bus services or live more than 400 metres from an available bus service /stop or have no access to a car and where there is no bus service when they need to travel.



You do not need to be registered disabled to travel on

a Connect service. Minibuses are specially adapted with handrails and low steps to help passengers. Each vehicle is equipped with a lift or ramp to assist wheelchair and walking frame users. The drivers can assist you when boarding if required.



THE ROUTES THAT WE COVER ARE AS FOLLOWS

Every Tuesday: Alton via Liphook, Bordon, Lindford and the small villages around the route. Bus departs Bordon 9.00am and you have 2 hours in Alton. The bus can drop you outside The Swan Hotel or Sainsbury's. Pickup is behind Iceland. Price is £4.00.

Every Wednesday: Petersfield via Bordon, Lindford, Grayshott, Liphook, Bramshott, Rake and Liss. We have 2 buses on this route, Bus 1 leaves at 9.00 and departs Petersfield at 12.00 and Bus 2 leaves at 10.00 and departs Petersfield at 1.00pm. The buses will drop and collect you from Waitrose Car Park. The cost for this is £6.40.

On the First and Third Monday in the month we go to Fareham with pickups in Bordon, Liphook, Liss and Horndean. Pickups start at 8.30 and we leave Fareham at 12.30. Drop off is beside the museum and is next to the outside market. Pick up is by the Library. Price is £6.40.

On 2nd and 4th Friday in the month we go to Waterlooville. Pickups in Bordon, Liphook, Liss, Horndean. Pickups start at 8.30am and we drop off at Iceland or Home Bargains. We leave at 1.00. Price is £6.40.

Finally, on the last Saturday in the month we go to various destinations around Hampshire and West Sussex. In the past we have been to Worthing, Chichester, Gunwharf Quays and Christmas Markets. The price is £12.00

All of our drivers are MiDAS trained and DBS checked. They also have a First Aid certificate. If you feel our service could be of value to you and need more information please contact: **01420 475759** or email: **lynne.peters@cfirst.org.uk**

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS IN AND AROUND LIPHOOK

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - 0800 9177 650.
ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY - Dementia Helpline: 0845 300 0336.
BADMINTON CLUB - Morgan Thompson: 01730 817881.
BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (Petersfield and District) - Jenny Peters: 01730 821920.
BELL RINGERS (Bramshott) - Diane Hart: 01428 723798.
BORDON BOULE CLUB - Mr A. Thomas: 01420 478298.
BOWLING CLUB, LIPHOOK - Mike Gunton, Tel 01428 714609, 07594 568190.
BRAMSHOTT EDUCATIONAL TRUST - e: clerk.bramshott.trust@hotmail.co.uk
LIPHOOK ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY - Sylvia Wise: e: membership@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk
 Carole Baker, e: chair@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk
BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK BRANCH OF THE EAST HAMPSHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION - Angela Glass: 01428 722375.
BRIDGE CLUB (Liphook) Friday Evenings - Mrs M. Paterson: 01428 723177.
BRITISH RED CROSS - Mrs C. Saunders, Chase Community Hospital, Conde Way, Bordon: 01428 488801.
CANCER RESEARCH U.K. (Shop) - 20 Station Road: 01428 724664.
CHILD WELFARE CENTRE CHILD HEALTH CLINIC - 9.30am - 11.00am. Wednesdays. Millennium Centre: 01428 483827.
CHILTLEY BRIDGE CLUB - Mr C. French-Lynch: 01428 727939 or Dick Roberts: 01428 722061.
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - National Number: 03000 0231 231.
CONFORD VILLAGE HALL TRUST - Mrs R. Parry: 01428 751364 and Deputy, Mrs G. Woodward: 01428 751474.
COUNTRYSIDE COMPANIONS WALKING GROUP - Christine Bullard: 01428 722974.
 w: www.facebook.com/Countryside-Companions-Walking-Group-105704895378091/
CRUSE - bereavement care. Confidential counselling and information: 0808 808 1677.
DOGS TRUST DOG SCHOOL HAMPSHIRE - 01329 448243
 e: hampshiredogschool@dogstrust.org.uk
 w: www.dogstrustdogschool.org.uk
DREAMS COME TRUE - Sophie Gunner, Community Fund Raiser: 01428 726330. e: Sophie@dreamscometrue.uk.com
DYSTONIA SOCIETY - Jennifer Wiseman: 01428 722516.
FLORAL DECORATION SOCIETY (Liphook) - Wendy Evans (Sec): 01428 722212.
FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH DOWNS - 01798-8750732.
 e: enquiries@southdownssociety.org.uk
FURNITURE HELPLINE - Gerald Robinson: 01420 489000.
GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION - Pam Higgins: 01428 751572.
HAMPSHIRE BADGER GROUP - Mick Neeve: 01420 87366.
HASLEMERE BORDER ATHLETIC CLUB - e: Contact@hbc.co.uk or w: www@hbc.co.uk.
HASLEMERE CAMERA CLUB - Clinton Blackman LRPS: 01428 727403.
HASLEMERE PERFORMING ARTS - Angela Canton: 01428 652360.
HASLEMERE SUB AQUA CLUB - Thursdays at Herons Leisure Centre, 7.45pm for lecture, 8.45pm for pool training.
 w: www.haslemeresubaquaclub.com
HASLEMERE SWIMMING CLUB - Helen Reynolds, e: admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk
GRAHAM INGRAM BAND (BRASS) - Chairman, Maurice Wright: 01428 723940.
HERITAGE CENTRE - 1st Floor Millennium Centre: 01428 727275.
 e: liphookheritage@gmail.com
HOCKEY CLUB (Haslemere Ladies) - Home ground at Woolmer Hill. Pauline McBrown: 01420 477409.
HOLLYCOMBE STEAM AND WOODLAND GARDENS SOCIETY - Mr R. Hooker: 01428 724900.
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (Bramshott and Liphook) - Secretary: Ann Haussauer, 41 Chiltley Way: 01428 723045.
 w: www.liphookhortsoc.org.uk
LABOUR PARTY (Liphook Branch) - Dr. John Tough, Horseshoes, Griggs Green: 01428 724492.
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LiDBA - (Businessmen's Association) Sec. Ken Charles: 01428 727438.
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 Liphook, The Steward: 01428 722711.
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LIPHOOK CHURCH CENTRE - Enquiries: 01428 725390.
LIPHOOK COMMUNITY LAUNDRY - Irene Ellis, Chairman: 01428 723823.
LIPHOOK DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY - Peak Centre, 01428 724941.
LIPHOOK DIABETES UK COMMUNITY GROUP - Sandy Maroney: 01428-725193. e: sandy.maroney@Hotmail.co.uk
LIPHOOK FOOD BANK - w: www.liphookfoodbank.com 07871 287295
 e: liphookfoodbank@gmail.com
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LIPHOOK IN BLOOM - Paul Johnson: 01428 724813 & 07854 074276.
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LIPHOOK & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB - Nick Harling. e: idmrc-Secretary@outlook.com
LIPHOOK MILLENNIUM CENTRE - 01428 723889.
 w: www.liphookmc.co.uk
LIPHOOK MODELLERS CLUB - John Clare: 01428 729967.
LIPHOOK TABLE TENNIS - Peter Ritchie: 01428 727815.
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 John Raeyen: e: media-contact17@liphook-united.org
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LIPHOOK VILLAGE SURGERY PPG - 01428 728270.
LIPHOOK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - Secretary, Muriel Bullingham: 01428 741237.
LISS IN STITCHES - Deirdre Mitchell: 01730 267214.
LOVE TO SING CHOIR - Liphook Methodist Church Hall. Contact Vanessa K. Breach: 07766 083862 .
LUDSHOTT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB - Diana Grant: 01428 713706.
LYNCHMERE CRICKET CLUB - Contact Richard Saulet: e: lynchmerecc@gmail.com
MACULAR SOCIETY HASLEMERE SUPPORT GROUP - 01428 602991.
M.A.D. COMPANY (Methodist Amateur Dramatics) - 07766 083862.
MEALS ON WHEELS - Appetito: 0808 271 6600.
MUSICAL SOCIETY (Haslemere) - Choir and Orchestra, Rehearsals Mondays. Sue Ecclestone: 01428 605612.
MYAWARE CHARITY (Myasthenia Gravis) - Mrs J. Finney: 01428 776467.
NATIONAL TRUST - Ludshott Commons Committee - Susan Salter: 01428 751409.
OPERA SOUTH - Caroline Martyrs: 01428 64476 or 07950 646326.
OPTIMIST BADMINTON CLUB - Bohunt - David Lush: 01428 725166.
PARISH COUNCIL - Bramshott and Liphook - The Haskell Centre, Midhurst Road, Liphook: 01428 722988.
PEAK CENTRE - Booking Secretary, Ann Hall: 01428 727751.
PETERSFIELD AREA WILDLIFE GROUP - Mr & Mrs Oakley: 01730 2663920.
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RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT CENTRE - 01483 546400 or Freephone: 0800 0288022.
RIVER WEY TRUST - e: office@riverweytrust.org.uk
ROTARY CLUB - Haslemere, Debbie Morley: 01428 643416.
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ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION (Liss & District) - 01730 895470.
R.S.P.C.A. - Di Fowler: 0771 303 8429.
SSAFA/FORCES HELP (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmans Families Association) East Hants Branch, Divisional Sec., Patricia Lyons: 01420 561264
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THE ARK PRE-SCHOOL - Helen Jackson: 0777 539 4230 or 01428 725390.
THE ARTS SOCIETY GRAYSHOTT - Kathy: 01428 608842.
 w: www.theartssocietygrayshott.org
THE ARTS SOCIETY HASLEMERE - Chairman: Mrs Madeleine Boxall. w: www.theartssocietyhaslemere.org.uk
THE BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK HERITAGE SOCIETY (Bramshott and Liphook) - 01428 723325.
THE LYNCHMERE SOCIETY - Conservation and Natural History. Membership enquiries - Louise Searight: 01428 723715.
 w: www.thelynchmeresociety.org
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THREE BORDERS KNITTING CLUB - 01428 606957, 01428 712055.
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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Sue Knight: 01428 723502.
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WOOLMER FOREST LIONS CLUB - Ken Bassett: 01428 713285.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

INFANT SCHOOL PTA - Lisfa@Liphook-infants.sch.uk

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

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

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

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

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

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

LIPHOOK YOUTH CLUB - John Tough, 01428 724492.

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

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

MADHATTER NURSERY BOHUNT SCHOOL - 01428 727288.

MATRIX MAJORETTES - Mrs Julie East, 01420 487804.

METHODIST YOUTH - Mrs Sharon Tikaram, 01428 723801.

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

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

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

SWIMMING CLUB - admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk

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

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

TRAINING BAND - Maurice Wright, 01428 723940.

WEYHILL MONTESSORI NURSERY SCHOOL - Scout H.Q. Wey Hill,
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www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/
and the unit leader will contact you directly.

Guiding Sections:

RAINBOWS AGES 5-7

1st Liphook Rainbows - Tuesday
2nd Liphook Rainbows - Thursday

BROWNIES AGES 7-10

2nd Liphook Brownies - Mondays
5th Liphook Brownies - Tuesday
4th Liphook Brownies - Thursday

GUIDES AGES 10-14

2nd Liphook Guides - Monday
1st Liphook Guides - Wednesday

RANGERS AGES 14-18

1st Liphook Rangers - Wednesday

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

Young Leaders ages 14-18
Adult Volunteers 18+

For any other enquiries please contact: Girlguiding Liphook District
Chair Ruth Whiting:

liphook-guides@outlook.com

SCOUTS

1st Liphook Scout Group - Scouting offers young people, aged between 6 and 25, a fantastic range of fun, exciting, challenging and adventurous activities. In Liphook we have one of the largest and most active Scout Groups in Hampshire. 1st Liphook Scout Group has over 200 members and runs 3 Beaver Colonies (for those aged 6-8), 3 Cub Packs (9-11), 2 Scout Groups (11-14) an Explorer Scout Unit (14-18) and has strong links to our District Scout Network Scout Unit (18-25).

If you live in Liphook or the surrounding villages and you would like your son or daughter to experience the everyday adventure of Scouting, then please contact our Membership Secretary, Vic Pires, to find out more about joining:

membership@liphookscouts.org.uk

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

- **Bryan Jackson** (Group Scout Leader) on **01428 723248** or by email: gsl@liphookscouts.org.uk for all enquiries about Scouting and our sections.
- **Stuart Clark** (Group Chairman) on **07900 463482** or by email: chair@liphookscouts.org.uk for all volunteer and fundraising enquiries as well as for general enquiries.
- **Sarah-Jane Anslow** (Treasurer) by email at: treasurer@liphookscouts.org.uk for subs enquiries.
- **Alison Jackson** (Scout Shop) on **01428 723248** or by email: alisonjackson@btopenworld.com for all uniform or equipment enquiries.

Scouting sections:

- Willow Beavers - Monday
- Ashdown Beavers - Tuesday
- Maple Beavers - Thursday
- Downlands Cub Pack - Tuesday
- Oakhanger Cub Pack - Thursday
- Wheatsheaf Cub Pack - Friday
- Shackleton Scout Troop - Wednesday
- Scott Scout Troop - Friday
- Stirling Explorer Unit - Monday

**Any changes, please email to Fay Boyett:
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by the copy date shown on the Inside Front Cover**

Beavers Get All Their Badges

by Katharine Helps

Two Beavers have recently celebrated the major triumph of collecting all possible badges. William was the first to complete his set which took most of the 2 years he was at Beavers. His favourite was the Bronze badge as he had to work hard and complete lots of different activities to achieve it.

Soon after, Jackson followed by completing all his badges. His favourite badge is the Science badge as he managed to complete three science experiments and likes science. The hardest badge for him to get was the Global issue badge as he had to learn about different countries.

Congratulations to both boys who have moved up into Cubs.



LIPHOOK HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Summer Show

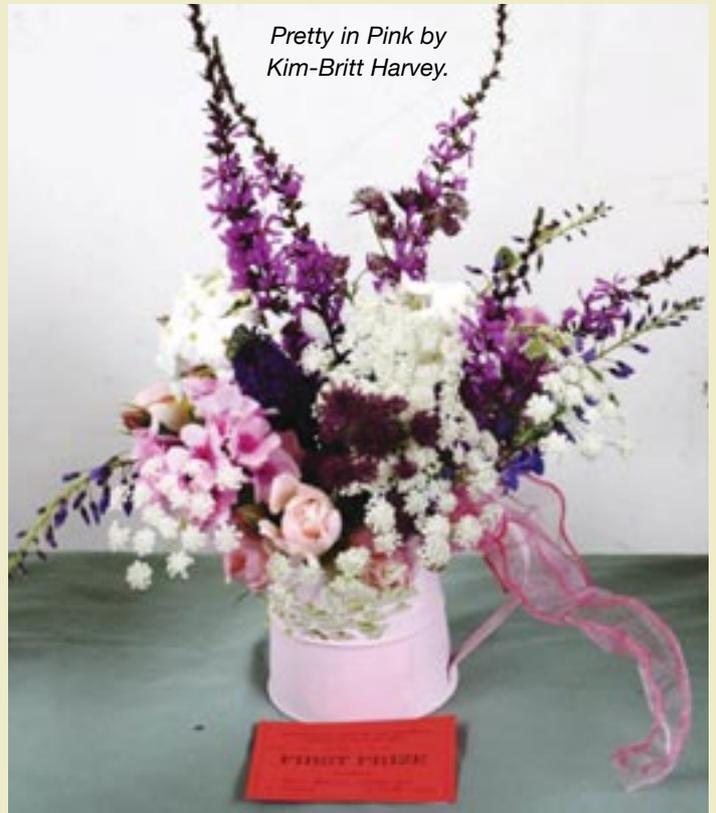
By Brian Simmons.

The Banksian Medal is awarded to Lesley Hollands.



Dahlia Classes.

Pretty in Pink by Kim-Britt Harvey.



Best in show - John Gilbert's onions.



A dazzling array of cut flower entries



Soft Fruit and vegetables.