

A scarecrow wearing a straw hat with a red band, a plaid shirt, and blue jeans stands in a lush green field. The field is filled with tall grass and various flowers, including pink and white blooms. In the background, there is a dense line of green trees under a clear blue sky.

# Liphook

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## COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

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I'll make them my very best friend.

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And get further than little old me,  
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Was it 1, 2 or perishing 3?

**Angela Glass**

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# Liphook in Bloom

By Barbara Miller.

Photos by Liphook in Bloom.

## WATERING IN THE RAIN

There were times this summer when members of the Liphook Watering Team could be seen watering the hanging baskets in pouring rain! That might seem crazy, but the baskets have reservoirs in them which need to be kept full to ensure the plants are kept moist at all times.

Watering was quite an issue again in early summer. When we planted out the flowerbeds in June, we had a rare hot dry spell and they all had to be watered daily for a while to ensure we did not lose hundreds of plants. The watering team is always on the lookout for more volunteers, especially anyone with a tow bar attachment willing to tow the water bowser.



*Hanging Basket.*

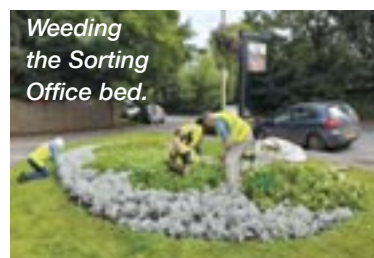
The flowers didn't let us down though! Despite the ups and downs in the weather they bloomed prolifically; the Millennium bed (opposite Sainsbury) and the Sorting Office bed both with Olympic designs and the other beds with a lovely range of plants and

colours. However, it wasn't just the flowers that were prolific, the improved warm wet weather was perfect for a variety of weeds! So much so that this year we introduced 'Weeding Wednesday'. It was apparent that a working day once a month in the summer was not sufficient to keep on top of all the other jobs that need doing, in particular weeding the flowerbeds.

Of course, the term 'weed' describes a plant that is growing where it isn't wanted and the oxalis or 'false shamrock' which nearly took over the Millennium bed really wasn't wanted there, choking all the petunias and nicotiana struggling to grow there.

The unwanted plant or 'weed' that interfered with the lovely Olympic display outside the Sorting Office was an unusual one which we think is called Gallant Soldier. Gallant Soldier grows prolifically and fast. Its stems are brittle and easy to snap and so bases of stems left in the ground will regrow and flower again.

When the flowerbeds are full of summer bedding plants trying to weed between them is really tricky, being careful not to damage



*Weeding the Sorting Office bed.*

the flowers but aiming to get the root of the weed out. Many hands make light work though and several people working together can soon make an onerous task a satisfying and social event, chatting and joking whilst weeding.



*Sorting Office Olympic design.*

Volunteering is a great way to get to know more local people and the village benefits from looking well cared for. No experience of gardening is necessary as we will show you what to do.

The dates for our working days can be found on our website [www.liphookinbloom.co.uk](http://www.liphookinbloom.co.uk) and are always put on Facebook and Liphook Talkback.

If you are unable to help us on a working day, you might like to help us financially by making a donation if you can, however small.

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Conford Village Hall is an attractive historic building, an atmospheric and cosy venue with great acoustics. We offer a small but varied programme of events each year.

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Space is limited, so admission to our events is by pre-booked ticket only.

For further information about any event, please contact Penni Smith at: [pward573@btinternet.com](mailto:pward573@btinternet.com) or **07986 710129**.

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday evening, 5th October 2024** - Quiz Night with light supper, £15 per ticket (pre-booking essential). Licensed bar.

**Saturday evening, 16th November 2024** - Celidh with live music and caller, £15 per ticket (pre-booking essential). Licensed bar.

Alresford Ukelele Jam (AUJ) were forced to cancel their date with us in June 2024. We are hoping to rebook them in the Autumn but, at the time of writing, do not yet have a confirmed date. If you are interested in seeing the AUJ perform, please contact Penni Smith to confirm the date and for ticket availability.



# Picnic on the Green 2024

By  
Gabrielle  
Pike.

Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council launched this year's outdoor summer events by hosting another Picnic on the Green in June, which was started in 2022, as a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, closely followed by the King's Coronation in 2023.

Despite a day of sunshine and showers, it brought the community together and attracted a large crowd enjoying the entertainment as well as the many stalls dotted around the Millennium Green.



*Jack Trinder.*

Musical host Jack Trinder introduced local talent including "Unorganized", a band of young students from Bohunt school, Olivia Stevens, a talented aspiring musical theatre performer, Archie Gooding on the saxophone, Alistair Halliday on guitar, Arthur Chambers, an independent artist from Southampton, performing his latest single "Burnt Orange", as well as a dance group from Liphook Infant and Junior Schools.



*Alistair Halliday.*



*Guiding Refreshments.*



*Picnicing.*

Stallholders included Liphook Horticultural Society, Countryside Companions, Liphook in Bloom, Age Concern Liphook, the River Wey Trust, Surrey Bees, Liphook WI, the Methodist Church, the Mad Company, Liphook Day Centre, Liphook Carnival, Liphook Community Magazine, the Beauti Pod and Hampshire Fire and Rescue and Miniland Farm, which were both popular with many children. Supplying food were the Lazy Lizard Café, Liphook Girlguiding, Liphook Scouts and Dylans Ice Cream.



*Scouts refreshments.*



Millennium Centre events manager Gill Snedden said: "Key to our Picnic on the Green are the phenomenal local groups we are lucky to have in our community, who we invite along to showcase what they do. They provided low-cost activities on the day and we are incredibly lucky to have such a diverse range of groups in the parish."

The parish council is already planning ahead for next year's picnic and information can be found on their Facebook page:

**@bramshottandliphook**

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**[www.liphookmc.co.uk](http://www.liphookmc.co.uk)**



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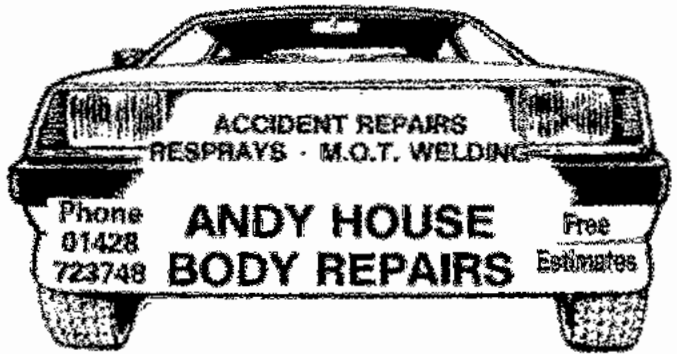
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# UPDATE FROM Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council

## VE Day 80, 11th May 2025

We intend to hold a commemorative event on Sunday 11th May 2025 in a similar format to our regular picnics on the Millennium Green. We hope to make it extra special as it will be 80 years since VE Day. Do pop the date in your calendar now and look out for details on our Facebook page and website nearer the time.

## New Councillor

We were delighted to welcome Matthew McCarron as a new parish councillor recently. Matthew brings a wealth of experience from his work in the civil service, but he is also passionate about working with young people. He has volunteered with the Prince's Trust for a number of years, and also coaches rugby at Petersfield Rugby Club. Matthew is keen to encourage people of all ages to benefit from and contribute to our vibrant community and wants to serve with integrity, dedication and a proactive approach. We are delighted to have Matthew working with us.



## Boardwalk in Radford Park

By the time this article is published, we are hoping to have started, if not completed, a new boardwalk in Radford Park. This will join up other boardwalks/paths to make an accessible route around the Park. This project has been funded from

developers' contributions and we hope it will add to your enjoyment of Radford Park.

## Reporting Potholes and Similar

Do visit the 'Report a Problem' page on our website if you have issues with roads, pavements, trees, hedges, potholes, fly tipping, bin collections etc. We are not always the right authority to solve the problem but we can always point you in the right direction, or assist you with your query.

## Reporting Criminal Incidents

We urge residents to report any crime using the 101 telephone service, or to report online using [https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/Report a crime](https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/Report%20a%20crime)

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## COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL HYPNOTHERAPY Mind Your Health

By Simon Catford.



Set up in early 2023 and based at Chiltlee Manor in the village, Mind Your Health is a Cognitive Behavioural Hypnotherapy practice managed and run by Arienne (Ari) Bassett, BSc, Dip. CBH. I went along to her consulting rooms to meet her.

The first thing that strikes you is the peace and calm of both the setting - lovely big Georgian rooms with high ceilings and a gorgeous view - and of Ari herself. "This is quite deliberate," she says, "Ensuring a safe, quiet, and reflective space for clients is a small but essential start on their journey to better mental health. So many of my clients' problems begin at, or are in connection with their working lives and I want to make that separation from the pressure, stress, commuting, deadlines, and social media that we all have to endure so that we can start to re-learn what our bodies and minds are telling us. And I should know!"

Ari's earlier career was in senior finance roles in the creative industries in London. "It was full-on and very stressful and whilst a move to Liphook about eight years ago might have added an element of rural peace, it did nothing for my daily commute. Something had to give. Luckily, I have always had a passion and interest in mental health, and had already achieved a degree in Psychology at the Open University. I could see I was at the point of burn-out and I therefore re-trained in Cognitive Behavioural Hypnotherapy (CBH) and was able to set up Mind Your Health last year. And what a journey!"

CBH covers a range of interventions designed to retrain our brains in how to think - or not think - ultimately enabling us to become our own therapists. There are many routes to achieving this including cognitive behavioural therapy, hypnotherapy, acceptance and commitment therapy all of which Ari is able to offer. "An integrated approach increases the chances of success considerably." She works very much on a one-to-one basis and incorporates personal recordings, factsheets and skills-based training as part of her practice enabling the client to build their own toolkit of interventions. "But it all begins with the initial consultation here in Chiltlee Manor where we can map out the way forward. Some clients need only a few sessions; for more complex issues up to 24 sessions might be needed. I am constantly checking in with them to ensure progress and manage expectations. I am in a very privileged position and I find my work hugely rewarding, but full credit is always given to the client for their motivation and commitment to the work we do together. Anxiety disorders, negative thinking habits and behaviours touch us all at some point in our lives; you are not alone and it does not have to define you. I am committed to Liphook, our local community and the good people of the village. I am beginning to become well known for what I do and so if you think I can help, please reach out."

Sessions are in person at Chiltlee every Tuesday and online for the rest of the week.

More details of Mind Your Health can be found at: [www.mindyourhealthhypnotherapy.com](http://www.mindyourhealthhypnotherapy.com)



# Bramshott Open Gardens 2024

Story by Gabrielle Pike. Photos by Gabrielle Pike and Nikki Bryant.



**Sandi prepares to cut the ribbon.**

No amount of showers stopped visitors from flocking to the bi-annual Bramshott Open Gardens weekend in June, which this year was opened by gardening enthusiast Sandi Toksvig, who lives in neighbouring Grayshott.

She cut the ribbon after entertaining visitors with amusing anecdotes, adding: "I am currently rewilding 40 acres of ancient woodland and every time I called out the

people to come and do this it cost £500. So, I went on a chainsaw course and if you need me I have discovered a passion for chainsawing and it's free."



**District Councillor Angela Glass, BOG chair Fiona Grist, Sandi Toksvig, Craig McGregor (former BOG chair) County Councillor Debbie Curnow-Ford.**



**Vicar Valentine Inglis-Jones & wife Cleone.**

This year's Bramshott Open Gardens raised a record breaking £29,300 and chairperson Fiona Grist praised the 100 volunteers, sponsors and dedicated committee members who all gave their time freely. "You are amazing", she said. "Sandi messaged to say that she never expected to have such a lovely time and that she was impressed by the



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community spirit. We have been complimented all weekend by visitors on our village and the warm welcome they received. Thank you again to all who contributed. Your support is hugely appreciated and your enthusiasm is catching!"



**Church Cottage, Church Road.**



**Bramshott Manor.**



**Rose Cottage.**

A total of 24 properties, which could be reached on foot or by several Royal School mini buses, opened their gardens to visitors over two days, including the largest at "Clerks" which features a pond, manicured trees, formal lawns flanked by mixed shrub and herbaceous borders, a vegetable garden and a stunning valley view at the end of the garden.



**Clerks.**



A number of delightful cottage gardens with wildflowers, rose varieties and water features were equally inspirational, while Bramshott Manor, believed to be the oldest manor house in



*Clerks.*



*Quinces  
Oast  
Houses.*



*The Old  
Mill on the  
River Wey.*

southern England, has a woodland path that winds its way around a disused miniature railway.

The River Wey runs through the informal garden of The Old Mill house and Quinces Oast Houses feature a gravel garden and developing orchard.

An impressive Scroll of Remembrance created by Mary Eyre as well as flower

*Scroll of  
Remembrance  
in St. Mary's Church  
by Mary Eyre.*



*Flower  
display in  
the Church.*

festival displays were exhibited inside St Mary's Church, which was built in 1220 and classic cars at nearby "Nutscale" also proved popular with visitors.

Connected by Rectory and Tunbridge Lane, these sunken lanes play a major part in Bramshott's history and are recipients of some of the funds raised.



*Flower Festival in the Church.*

Other beneficiaries include the Liphook Day Centre, Macmillan Cancer Care, The Rosemary Foundation, Liphook Food Bank, Liphook Church Centre, St Mary's Church, Bramshott Educational Trust, local sporting clubs and youth groups, the Bramshott Bugle and other local village projects.



*Flower display in the Church.*

BOG have thanked everyone for attending and have said that the final amount raised was £30,500 - and 23 gardens opened their gates.

## AGM Notice

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# Liphook u3a

Liphook u3a has been a thriving part of life in Liphook for the past twenty years and has a membership of about 500 living locally. Examples of leaders of two of the groups are shown below. The groups are led by volunteers and for most the cost is very little. Most of the groups meet monthly although some are more frequent. All the groups are sociable and welcome new members from the community.



Wendy Moore the Group leader is on the bottom right of the photo.

Wendy Moore runs the Theatre Group for Liphook & Woolmer Forest u3a members who've paid a one-off joining fee. Wendy says, "I'm fortunate enough to have a very supportive committee. We try to meet monthly to decide what shows might attract members and I can definitely say that when I send out the applications for a musical, a path is beaten to John Horner's door with members avoiding the post and getting their application in quickly!"

"As what is grandly known as a Group Booker I can buy theatre tickets at heavily discounted rates, depending on the theatre, the amount of people in our group (generally not less than 40), the time and the day of the week. I've bought tickets for a third off or even half-price and sometimes wonder if the people in the row in front of us, who have bought full price tickets, realise what a difference there is. I came into this because I had been to one or two shows with the Group and was asked if I might like to join the committee to decide what shows to go to; little did I realise that the next meeting would be at my house and I would be running the Group!"

"I'm not sure I have any particular aptitude but I do enjoy it. Ladies of my vintage were generally encouraged into nursing, teaching or secretarial work and perhaps my years working as a secretary have helped in the multi-tasking required to do this".



Waggoners Wells in the Rain.

The Walkers Group is a thriving group with almost 50 members led by Isobel Humphries who enjoy the company and exercise whilst walking together. "Because our members are busy and active people the

usual number on each walk is between 15 and 20. We walk throughout the year and our walks are usually between 5 and 6 miles, ending up at a pub for lunch".

"Occasionally we do something a bit different; we usually have a day trip to walk on the Isle of Wight, sometimes a slightly longer walk of 7 - 8 miles and we sometimes take a picnic for lunch".

"We also enjoy the social side of things with a Summer Party,

an Annual Lunch in January and we have just returned from a 4 night holiday exploring the delights of the Cotswolds having visited Exmoor last year. We arranged shorter walks for the first and last day and offered a normal length walk with an optional extension on the other three days. In the evenings we enjoyed quizzes, board games and a cribbage competition!"



Celebration Meal on our Last Evening.

Accommodation and catering at the Wood Norton Hotel was superb.

"We are also looking forward to meeting members of the u3a from Pembury in Kent who have asked us to help them plan routes in this area when a group of walkers come here for a few days in October. Maybe a return match next year!"

The management of our u3a is in the capable hands of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer assisted by a Committee. The management team are also all volunteers and some serve in a particular role for three years.



Carolyn is currently Chairman of Liphook u3a, having previously been the Membership Secretary. She was a founder member of the Strollers group (clue about the level of walking is in the title!) and is now the leader, organising outings twice a month, always ending up at a pub or similar for lunch.

During her time as a Trustee of Liphook u3a she has managed to modernise the membership system by bringing it onto a national facility administered by our parent body, the Third Age Trust. This opened the door to us being able to accept online and bank transfer payments, and gives Group Leaders the facility to manage their own group members online. She also spearheaded the project to update the constitution, allowing us the option to hold meetings by Zoom if necessary, though this has not yet been needed.

Outside of u3a she is a member of Liphook WI, is the Sponsorship Coordinator for Liphook in Bloom, attends a weekly Pilates class, and plays Bowls with Liphook Bowling Club. She also has a lively though elderly Staffordshire Bull Terrier who has to be walked every day!

She started her working life as a teacher, but became a police officer in West Midlands Police in 1979, and retired as a sergeant in 2003. Soon after her retirement she moved to the Liphook area to be near her elderly parents and her brother's family, and is now happily settled in Liphook itself.

More information on Liphook u3a can be found at [www.liphooku3a.org.uk](http://www.liphooku3a.org.uk)



# Liphook Carnival Family Fun Day

Words and photos by Gabrielle Pike.

The sun was out and families flocked to the Millennium Green for the Carnival Family Fun Day on 1st June to celebrate the start of summer. A large selection of attractions provided entertainment for children and adults, as well as raising funds for this year's Liphook Carnival.



Teacup ride.

Serving coffee and tea all day were Dawn and Matt from their Ts & Cs horse box, while Barry Vincent provided cocktails and prosecco from his Final Furlong Fizz Box. Hot food was dished out by members of the Carnival committee, sponsored by the Lazy Lizard Café, while Dylan's Ice Cream were busy

providing ice creams for children and adults as were the ladies doing the popular face painting. Serving teas and cakes were the girls from Liphook Girlguiding.



Stagecoach.

The Mad Company helped to entertain revellers, together with members of Stagecoach Liphook with performances from Mary Poppins and Mean Girls. Upcoming musical talent was introduced by professional performer Jack Trinder, including Will Rawlings,



Liphook Fire & Rescue.

Holly Hunt, Megan Louise Vocals, Baiba Bogdane, Phoenix Players, Tamara Hendin, The Dirge, Lucy Johnson, Laura Page, Bryony Heart and Hannahgram.

Members of Liphook Fire and Rescue



Bouncy Slide.

were able to show off their brand-new state-of-the-art fire engine for the first time to residents and Hogs Back home-made Jams and Chutneys brought along their range of tasty products.



Final Furlong Fizz.



Face Painting.



Girl Guides.



T&C Coffee Horse Box.



# Carnival Royalty



One of the highlights of Carnival Family Fun Day was the announcement of this year's Carnival Royalty. Leading the line-up is newly elected Queen Kerina Cooper, who takes over the crown from Dee Vaughan. She is accompanied by Princess Elsie Stevens and not only one but two Princes, Lolly Vaughan and Reuben Taylor.

Queen Kerina will be gifted a stunning dress by Prom Boutique 'Your Little Secret' in Hindhead for the big occasion, as was last year's Queen Dee.

They will all be joined by attendants Megan Hard, Georgina Christmas, Lilly Belle Swallow and Rose Trickett, leading the Carnival procession on the Royal Float on **Carnival Night - Saturday, 26th October.**



## INTRODUCING THE NEW LIPHOOK CARNIVAL CHAIR

# Dianne Heath

*Words and photos by Gabrielle Pike.*



Dianne Heath moved to Liphook in 2007, although her close association with the parish through Girlguiding was many years earlier.

"Following the appeal for new committee members, to prevent the Carnival from closing down, I knew I wanted to help. At my first meeting with the committee, I was invited to join to help out. Fast forward two years, I am still somewhat shocked

to be the new chairperson! However, I am honoured to be working with an incredible group of people all of whom have one aim of ensuring that the Carnival continues for future generations."

"With more and more legislation surrounding all activities, it is really important for us to increase our pool of volunteers

to provide additional support during Carnival night. Which is why we have recently launched our 'Friends of Liphook Carnival'. Anyone who can give us a few hours on, before or after Carnival night as well as be involved in the social aspect of our 'Friends Group' is very welcome to come along."

"As in any voluntary organisations, life can be complex. I hope the skills I have acquired over the years both at work and in Girlguiding will enable me to ensure that the Carnival Committee's aims and objectives are fulfilled and enjoyed by all. Carnival night is all about having fun and supporting good local causes."

### Forthcoming fundraising events

Sunday 8th September	Carnival Walk
Saturday 26th October	Carnival
Saturday 23rd November	Quiz Night and Supper at Church Centre.

## Carnival Walk

This year's walk will be held on 8th September from the Links. You can start anytime between 8.30 and 10.00am. Short walk of 3 miles for the children, 5 miles for the medium walk and for those that want a little more, try the 8 mile walk. Download registration and sponsorship forms from:

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# BRAMSHOTT AND LIPHOOK HERITAGE CENTRE

## Family History Resources

By  
Joan Stephens  
(volunteer).

Having started your family history, you will have pumped your family and other relatives for information and anecdotes and you have persuaded them to identify all the people and places in their photographs and labelled them using acid free pens, and have photocopied their birth and marriage certificates. Well done! What then? If you have ancestors in Bramshott and Liphook and surrounding parishes then you could find a lot of help in the Heritage Centre and its collections without needing expensive online subscriptions to internet genealogical sites.

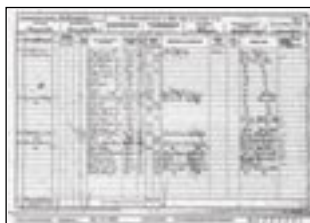
### Here are some things the Heritage Centre can supply on your doorstep.

To start with the basics, we have copies of the Parish registers of St Mary's either in photocopy or transcription. There are transcripts or photocopies of the Methodist Church registers from 1820 and some from the Catholic Chapel when it was at what is now called Ludshott Manor 1874-1907. We have vital records for the Quaker families of the parish including some genealogies and wills. Unfortunately we have no records for the Gospel Hall in Tower Road. On CD we have the Hampshire Genealogy Society's indexes for baptisms, marriages and burials for Hampshire and CD or microfiche of indexes to parish records in many neighbouring parishes in Surrey and Sussex. We hold an index of wills for Bramshott and Liphook residents in the Winchester diocese up to 1858, and for wills proved at the Principle Probate Court in London from the earliest up to the 20th century. One of the volunteers is printing copies of the individual wills and



transcribing the older handwriting, a work in progress. There are boxes of genealogical records for 94 local families

We have photocopies or transcripts of all censuses for the parish 1841 – 1911, but not the



1921 census. We have the 1939 register for the parish which was done for identity card purposes and was later kept updated with married surnames for the National Health Service from 1948. We have a small number of electoral rolls and directories 1840 to 1948, some poor law settlement records 1696-1706, and the tithe map and apportionment (listing landowners and tenants) 1845/6. We have a transcription of the records of the Bramshott Friendly Society (closed 1912) full of local names. There are also Parish rate books with the names of ratepayers 1688-1792.

We have a copy of the Atlas and Index of Parish registers for England and Wales, vital for locating parish records and dates covered, and some general guides to records for family historians. Also full of names but earlier are the translations of the Manor Court Rolls which were the local government of the time. There is a listing of records for the parish and its people in other record offices and holdings elsewhere which includes many property transfers and other local records.

I hope this has given you an idea of some of our resources, there is much more to be discovered and we hope to welcome you to see for yourselves.

Visitors are always welcome in the Heritage Centre which is upstairs in the Millennium Centre and is open:

Monday	10.00am to 12.30pm
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Friday	10.00am to 12.30pm

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### Situations Vacant!

The Heritage Centre is totally reliant on its volunteers. They would love to welcome a new volunteer to join them specifically to look after their Admin. The only requirements are PC skills, a sense of humour and the availability to volunteer one or two mornings a week. Do pop in and speak to Val Gaskin about this friendly volunteering opportunity.

## Planning a Get Together?

By  
Paul  
Robinson.



groups such as the Women's Institute, u3a, art groups, Pilates, children's ballet, dance groups and fitness classes.

All parts of the hall are accessible to wheelchair users and there is a disabled toilet and mother and baby facilities. The main hall measures 6m x 17m (20ft x 57ft) and can accommodate up to ninety people in audience seating or fifty seated at tables. There is a fully fitted kitchen with two cookers, a microwave and a fridge / freezer, capable of catering for hot or cold meals. There are substantial quantities of crockery, cutlery and glasses.

Then look no further. Liphook's Village Hall at No 2 Headley Road has all you need for a successful family gathering, a wedding reception, a meeting, a party or a disco. The Hall is a popular venue for

The stage area is used by local drama groups and there is a separate changing room and toilet facilities to the rear. There are microphones, an amplifier and an overhead projector for use with the 3m drop down screen, which is regularly used by film groups, art clubs and for lectures.



Centrally located, just off the square, the hall has the use of a large car park to the rear.

If you would like to know more about events, room hire and facilities, please check out: [www.liphookvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.liphookvillagehall.org.uk) or email the Booking Secretary Paula Cook [info@liphookvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:info@liphookvillagehall.org.uk) or on the mobile 07751 832983.



# The Churches of Liphook

## Christian Aid



### WHICH UK CHARITY TO SUPPORT?

As independent churches and part of Liphook Christians, in 2024 we are supporting various National and

International charities, instead of just Christian Aid.

Weekly we all receive letters or emails asking for ad-hoc or regular donations. Gone are the days of door to door street collections by huge teams of volunteers from our local churches.

So how do you and I choose which charities to support ?

From personal experience or contacts? From our desire to support homeless or vulnerable people and now after COVID, people with mental health issues across all age brackets, and/or general global poverty ?

Why not research some websites such as Cafod, UNICEF, Tearfund, Red Cross, Mind, Samaritans, Christian Aid.

Whichever charity you give to, please be generous.

**Keith Ireland**

**Christian Aid Liphook coordinator**

## Trinity Church

Nina Simone, in one of her biggest hits, sang 'Oh Lord, please don't let me be misunderstood'. Do you ever feel like that? No one wants to be misunderstood, but the reality of life is that it does happen. And of course, most people don't want to misunderstand somebody. We want to understand.

Unfortunately, sometimes people misunderstand what Christianity is all about. Some can think it is about 'going to church', or about being a 'good person'. Maybe you think that the building that Christians meet in is really important. Or perhaps you are of the 'hatches, matches & dispatches' view - that Christianity is about baptisms, weddings and funerals.

At Trinity Church (and no doubt at the other churches on this page) we don't want people to misunderstand the Christian faith. We love to share the message of the Christian faith - hopefully clearly and without any confusion - with anyone who might be interested in

finding out more. If you think you don't quite understand what the Christian faith is all about (and it's ok to admit it!) then please do get in touch (or get in touch with one of the other Liphook churches) - we would love to explain the Christian faith to you.

**Pastor Sean Clokey**



Sunday worship at Liphook Infant School  
Trinity Kids - 9.45am Trinity Training - 9.45am  
Morning Service - 11.00am Evening Service - 5.30pm  
[www.trinitychurch.tc](http://www.trinitychurch.tc)

## Methodist Church

I'm typing this on one of the seemingly rare warm, sunny days this summer. And it seems strange that to write this I need to think about events in the autumn - although there has been enough wet weather already to simulate that early.

Autumn in the church sees our marking of occasions that are not necessarily of themselves explicitly Christian. Christians are not the only people to celebrate a harvest festival, but we shall on 29th September at 10:00 am, because Christianity has a distinct take on this. It reminds us of a good Creator who has provided all we need in this world. The problem is less the supply and more the distribution, and so it also emphasises Christianity's particular concern to see justice for the poor.

And Remembrance Sunday (November 10th) is primarily a civic event, marking something in our national and international life, rather than a major element of our faith. Christians get involved out of concern to see an end to violence and suffering. We commemorate those who risked and lost their lives for the sake of future generations, but we point to a greater example. The Bible verse that is often quoted at Remembrance - 'Greater love has no-one than he lay down his life for his friends' - is in its original context about Jesus and his death on the Cross to conquer sin and death. That is

the sacrifice we believe brings ultimate hope and peace for the world.

Of course, some people hear all this talk about Christians getting involved in things like justice and peace and tell us to keep out of politics and 'just preach the Gospel' - as if the only element of the Christian message was that our sins can be forgiven and we can go to heaven. But with the forgiveness of sins comes God's call to embrace his purposes for his creation. And they involve the making of a new creation - new heavens and a new earth, as the Bible puts it. We need the forgiveness of sins, absolutely, but when God heals our brokenness he calls us into the healing of the world's brokenness, too.

I suggest to you that this purpose is bigger and better than any other on offer. Why not investigate it at one of the local churches?

**Reverend Dave Faulkner**



Sunday Worship at 10am  
[www.liphookmethodist.org](http://www.liphookmethodist.org)



# Church of England

It was Saturday night and I was stressed! Not because of Sunday, nor some pastoral crisis nor even a broken down car! I was stressed because one of my kids had been dog sitting and had managed to lose the dog! This is the point of dog sitting. The dog must remain well fed, calm, happy and even walked, but especially he must remain sitting in the home when his owners return! The dog was old, and deaf and had no homing instinct. The amazing technology told us where he had been 3 hours before, which is roughly how long my kids had been looking for him. This was really bad. I had visions of the owner's grief! My own parishioner, cruelly separated from the beloved canine at the hands of my fair sweet family. As I got into the car I wallowed in the hopelessness of it all, quickly realizing that this wasn't going to help! So I prayed. I said "Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for your great love for all of us and I just pray that this dog is going to just run into the road, just run into the road as I'm driving to see my kids. My 3rd kid who was in the car just smiled, and as we slowed to turn the corner into the last mile before our destination, the dog just ran into the road, ran into

the road and past the car and I chased it and caught it and brought it back to its rightful home. It looked so pleased! We have a God who likes to do little things for all of us, which are just pointers towards the big things he wants to do in all our lives if we'll just humble ourselves enough to invite him in. This is a God we all need, a God our children and parents and grandparents all need. All he asks us to do is to start genuinely talking to him and to try and wait long enough to tune in to all his amazing ideas.

*Reverend Valentine Inglis-Jones*



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# Catholic Church

We have, as I write this, a new Prime Minister and a new Government. Prime Ministers seem to change far more often than they used to do. Other things never seem to change – like the England Men's football team failing to win major tournaments. Some things are meant to change regularly, like governments in a democratic society. Others change naturally in response to time and circumstance. Empires rise and fall, ideologies wax and wane, fashions come in and go out. Change is an essential part of growth and evolution but also of sickness, death and decay.

Even great mountains that appear to be immovable and unchangeable only appear so to the fleeting glances of our short lifetimes. In geological terms they are no more enduring than shifting sand. Our Christian faith teaches us that only God and his eternal truths are truly unchanging and unchangeable. What are some of these truths? That God is infinitely good, holy and just. That he created all things out of love and created mankind to share that love – 'in his own image he created him, male and female he created them'. That human life, as it is created by God as a

reflection of himself, has an intrinsic dignity from the very first moment of its existence until natural death.

In my lifetime countless regimes, political creeds and systems of thought have come and gone. The beliefs and assumptions that underpin today's social values will likely go the same way. Meanwhile the Catholic Church has for over 2000 years continued to grow as it places its trust in the immutability of its Lord. As the prayer used in the late evening service of compline asks:

May we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, rest upon Thy eternal changelessness.

*Father Simon Chinery*



**LiphookCatholic.uk**

Church of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday Worship at 11.00am

[www.grayshottcatholic.uk/mass-schedule](http://www.grayshottcatholic.uk/mass-schedule)

# Reflections on "Sympathy"

*By Richard Gould.*

## NOT MUCH / VERY LITTLE, HAS CHANGED

Over 50 years ago a record summed up the ills of society  
I recall its lyrics and the voice that delivered them  
It's not long before it strikes me that we are facing  
The same today, not much / very little has changed

We still live with the threat of conflict while others  
Actually have to live with indiscriminate bombing  
We still have food on the shelves yet not always  
Blessed with the cash to meet the inescapable bills

Hatred needs so little for it to prosper in the hands  
Of those who see victory as their sole reason  
To ensure history will recall them after they've gone  
With scant regard for the people who die for that

The Homelessness of our own people appears  
To be a secondary concern to those that make  
Their way braving the waves to wade ashore  
And that doesn't sit comfortably for me

There's still so much, so many that feel they remain  
Unheard in an age where a whisper can be bounced  
Around this world and get twisted and exploited  
By the so-called social media – a vicious progress

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## 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

# Peter and Elizabeth Marsh

*By Simon Catford.*



A personal card of congratulations from Their Majesties the King and Queen set Wednesday 26th June 2024 off to a good start as Peter and Elizabeth (Liz) Marsh celebrated their Platinum wedding anniversary.

"We wondered how they knew about us," says Peter "but it was a lovely surprise. Maybe it was our son Christopher who tipped them off? But it does add to the cards we received from the late Queen for our Golden and Diamond anniversaries!" Seventy years happily married is no small achievement and so Royal recognition seems very appropriate.

Peter and Liz have been long-term Liphook residents for over 50 years having first moved to the area from London. Married in St Michael's Church in Wood Green in June 1954 with Liz's two sisters Jeanette and Pamela and her niece Jean acting as bridesmaids, they enjoyed their honeymoon in Guernsey after a short flight from Northolt.

Peter's career in finance was with Shell International, the mighty oil production and exploration multi-national with its head office next to Waterloo Station (which is where he and Liz first met). "A very easy commute," says Peter "although it was short-lived as in 1958 I had my first posting overseas. I was in two minds whether to accept it as travelling abroad was not my initial ambition; I had been posted to Palestine and Tripoli in 1947 during my National Service with the Royal Dragoon Guards and had been glad to return to the UK. However my bosses prevailed and I am so glad we took the plunge – we have had an exciting and rewarding career in several incredible places around the world."

These included his first posting to Nigeria (eight years), then to El Salvador (four years), Jamaica (two years) and various stints in countries including Angola, Turkey, Jordan, Holland, Sudan, Venezuela, Brazil and Uganda. "Being fluent in Spanish and then Portuguese was of enormous benefit and my employers made full use of my skills!" he jokes, "and we saw our fair share of action as some of these countries were not politically stable and the Sixties and Seventies were times of struggle and conflict in many corners of the world. But Shell never let us down despite a few hairy moments!"

Wherever possible Liz would accompany Peter on his posting, working in the local communities both commercial and voluntary. Raising two sons – Alastair and Christopher – and ensuring their schooling was as uninterrupted as possible was a challenge at times, but successfully managed. The house in Liphook was rented out on occasions but remains home to this day.

On returning to London in the late 1970's the Marshes were looking forward to a slow wind-down towards retirement. But Shell had other ideas and so off they went to Barbados for two further years abroad! By this time however, having survived the Blitz, witnessed the Battle of Britain over South London, the Biafran War in Nigeria, the Football War (Honduras v El Salvador – google it) and being bombed by the Egyptian Airforce in Palestine, Peter had had enough and so in 1985 he was finally able to call it a day, albeit continuing to work as a consultant for a few years.

Keen members of the Liphook Golf Club, Peter (a life member) and Liz made up one quarter of the infamous "Strollers", a group of four couples who travelled extensively to golf clubs across the UK and Europe for many years. Their escapades were all written up in poetic form by Peter and make for a charming record of their times together. Alas the Strollers are no more but fond memories remain. The Marshes also threw themselves into local volunteering with Liz being particularly active with Macmillan Cancer Support and even found time to run the local Weight Watchers! In addition, they have been blessed with three grand-children; Lucy, Rebecca and Oliver and – in June of this year – with great-grandson Tristan. "They are an ongoing delight and we love them very much," says Liz "and we were able to see most of them on our anniversary day. Simply wonderful."

So heartily congratulations to Peter and Liz and all your friends in Liphook and beyond wish you many more years of happiness together. Well done!

## Writer Required

**The Liphook Community Magazine is looking for a new writer to join our enthusiastic writing group.**

We would like to welcome an adult writer to join our Writers Group, which meets four times a year, to discuss the future articles that they are going to write for the magazine. This is always a great opportunity to share thoughts and bounce ideas around. If you enjoy putting pen to paper and writing short articles then do consider joining us. Articles can be anything from 200 to 900 words, but always with a picture. Currently our writers usually each submit two articles for every issue and they would like the opportunity to spread the load a little! Do have a look in this issue to get an idea of the range of subjects that our writers cover.

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# THE RIVER WEY TRUST Celebrating 40 Years

On the 20th July the River Wey Trust celebrated its 40th

Anniversary at the annual Pimms Picnic by The River held at The Old Mill House, Bramshott with its beautiful gardens next to the mill pond and the river, by kind invitation of Ian and Janet Airey.

Weather conditions were ideal for those attending the event where everybody enjoyed their picnic with strawberries and cream and, of course, Pimms!

A 40th Anniversary celebration cake was cut by River Wey Trust Trustee Emma Bird, daughter of Adrian Bird, to mark the occasion, and much enjoyed by guests. Wonderful prizes were available to be won for those that entered the Grand Raffle.

The traditional duck races took place with separate races for children and adults. Three errant ducks attempted to escape



down the river, but they were forestalled by being 'rescued' just before entering the Mill's sluice on the way down to the River Thames!

The River Wey Trust is a charity that was established in 1984, its

founder being the late, much missed Adrian Bird, to coordinate historical, environmental and wildlife conservation and management

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## Churchers College

### Summer Festival

We enjoyed an afternoon of singing, dancing and poetry at the Summer Festival of Performing Arts. The theme was Colour. Year 2 danced the maypole with colourful ribbons, while Year 1 performed country dances in coloured t-shirts. Reception narrated 'The Rainbow Fish', and Nursery danced with ribbons to 'Into the Unknown' from Frozen 2. The children, in their colourful attire, brought sunshine and smiles to the school.



### The Bee Musical

Year 3 enjoyed learning all the songs and dances for The Bee Musical. They performed brilliantly to the school and their parents, showing confidence in performing and wonderful teamwork. They sang with clear diction and worked hard in learning the lyrics for all the songs.



### Writing Workshop

Year 6 enjoyed a workshop with Sam Sedgman, author of best-selling books including The Clockwork Conspiracy, The Highland

Falcon Thief and Epic Adventures. Sam took the children on a journey of creating a piece of writing by using the ideas and stimuli he employs for writing his books.

### Swim Squad Success

The Elite Swim Squad have been working hard this year and have most recently put in some fantastic performances at the IAPS Regional Swimming Qualifiers.

### Jazz Band

This term has seen lots of new additions to Jazz Band, ready to perform at the PA Summer Event. The Trumpet and Pbone made their colourful appearances!



### Phenomenal Football!

The Year 6 Girls' Football Team travelled to take part in the U11 ISFA Regional Girls' Football tournament, with schools from all over Hampshire and Surrey participating. Our girls started brilliantly, winning their first three games, but losing their last group match 2-0. These brilliant results led to them qualifying for the semi-finals, where they narrowly lost to the tournament winners. They played phenomenally throughout the afternoon, with incredible enthusiasm, teamwork, and skill all on show.



# NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION OF Liphook Infant & Junior School



With the summer months comes the chance for the children across the Federation to be able to demonstrate how far they have come in developing their learning behaviours and the Federation's values of Friendship, Excellence and Respect. The teamwork, collaboration and perseverance that children from all of our year groups have shown in the recent months has been fantastic. Here are a selection of the highlights from recent events across the schools.



Children in **Year R** have grown in confidence and have been using our outside learning areas to develop their resilience and collaboration. The pond and nature school area are popular with all of our year groups as they offer opportunities for the children to develop observational, leadership and problem-solving skills that are not always able to be developed in the same way, within the classroom.



In **Year 1**, the children have also been making good use of the nature school. They have had opportunities to explore and spot features of the environment, and have begun to develop an awareness of the risks and ways to stay safe, when working

outdoors, including around the firepit. They have also enjoyed developing their artistic and creative sides as they prepared for the start of the new school year.



In **Year 2**, nearly the whole year group have been working towards earning their Year 2 Civic Awards. These are intended to support the children to develop the skills and confidence needed to try new things, push themselves out of their comfort zones and to realise



how far they have come in their time in the infant school. As you can see, the nature school helps them to do this, as does performing in their year group performance, 'Pirates versus Mermaids'.



**Year 3** immersed themselves into the enchanting world of Roald Dahl celebrating his life and work. As well as putting their own spin on the beloved classic 'The BFG', writing and publishing their own versions, they participated in a 'Matilda' themed



**Year 4** pupils took part in Canada Day which is when they remember the Canadians who died during the First World War who are buried in the Commonwealth War graveyard at St Mary's, Bramshott. This is part of their topic which includes photography, artwork, letter writing and poetry. They attend the

village Canada Day Service, as well as doing performances both in our school hall and at Canada House in Trafalgar Square to esteemed guests, including Deputy Lord Lieutenant Mr Jon Whitaker and Brigadier General Dwayne Parsons.



**Year 5** thorough enjoyed the opportunity to experience an afternoon of physical activities by CM Sports. They loved taking part in archery and golf in the school grounds and relished the chance to learn sports they otherwise may not have experienced.



**Year 6** joined other church schools in the Portsmouth Diocese to participate in workshops and attend the leavers service. Every year there is a special theme and this year it is 'Game

Changers'. As part of the service, every Year 6 pupil made a person out of clay in the style of Anthony Gormley.





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# Green Fingers Defy the Weather

*By Anne Govier and Sally White.*

Liphook Horticultural Society held their Summer Show on Saturday 20th July in the Church Centre, Liphook. The Church Hall was awash with vibrant colour and scent. It was felt that this Show was one of the best in recent times and the people of Liphook proved they can come up with the goods despite the recent peculiar weather conditions. The tables were full of quality entries which were up almost 20 per cent on last year.

Some of the most popular classes were the cut flower, hydrangea and the phlox class. The cookery judge had her work cut out judging the ten Victoria sandwich cakes and nine plates of cheese biscuits as well as the other entries. The children's classes were also well supported with the edible necklace being a particularly popular class, with many people commenting on this. Malcolm Harvey was delighted to win a first for his first ever entry in the floral art section entitled "Seashore".

The Society's Secretary, Ann Haussauer, did particularly well winning cups for her wonderful sweet peas, beautiful vase of cut flowers and the Halahan Challenge Cup for being the most

successful exhibitor in the flower classes. She also won the Banksian Medal for winning the most prize money. Husband and President Ian Haussauer was pleased to win the Arthur Liddiard Cup for his soft fruit and the Royal British Legion Coronation Cup. Marie Claire Hull was delighted to win the Halahan Best Exhibit Cup for her outstanding lily which was best in show, and also the cup for her floral art exhibits. John Gilbert won the Dudley Paul Cup for most successful exhibitor in the vegetable classes and the best vegetable exhibit. Diana Pont was thrilled to win the cup for her roses, Frances Town-John won the Fuchsia Cup for best exhibit in the fuchsia classes, and Betty Holt won the Cookery Cup. The children's cups were won by Harry in the 8 and over classes and Chloe for the under 8's. As usual wonderful cakes were supplied by Lesley Hollands for those attending.

Our next show will be on Saturday 7th September. Anyone wishing to enter should get in touch with the Society's Secretary, Ann Haussauer on 01428-723045 or see our website: [liphookhortsoc.org.uk](http://liphookhortsoc.org.uk)

**Brian Simmons pictures of the exhibits are shown on the back cover.**

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## Farnham Repair Café

*By Paul Robinson.*

During 2011 we bought our Denon CD receiver. It was about the size of a small shoe box and, when wired up, it not only received all the radio signals and played our CDs but also accessed our record deck. The sound through the twin speakers was superb. We were delighted. It was our very own media centre, in use every day and later we introduced it to our i-pods.

And then, in the beginning of this year, it died. Quite suddenly, without warning, and for no apparent reason it failed to work. In these days of 'planned obsolescence', when mobile 'phones are deemed out of date after eighteen months and radio channels emerge, change wavelengths and disappear in very short order, should we have expected it to work forever? Although it could have happened at a better time, we were resolved to get a replacement and were looking at the thick end of four hundred pounds at a time when we could ill afford to do so.

It was then that we were advised to take it along to the Farnham Repair Café that meets once a month in the Spire Church in South Street, Farnham, right opposite the Sainsburys car park. They usually meet on the second Saturday of every month. They are a community-centred workshop where people can bring in their consumer products in need of repair. When we pitched up with our Denon in a hessian carrier bag the first thing that happened was that it was weighed on a pair of scales. This, I was told, was to record the weight of disposing of the items in waste tips if they had not been taken for repair!

Inside the large area were several tables each one labelled with the specialist service available, electronics, mechanical, horology, cycle repairs, clothing (stitch craft) furniture etc. After completing a registration form we were guided to an electronic specialist who, after being given a report of its current state, immediately set to work disassembling the unit and testing its wiring etc.

During this time, we were able to sample the delights of the

'Café' part of the service. Very good coffee and a range of home-made cakes. It was while we were relaxing at one of the café tables that we were able to view some of the other items that were being brought in. Several bicycles were wheeled in and repaired, a 'wonky' dining chair which was taken apart re-glued and clamped, a wall clock that was cleaned and adjusted, an electric hedge trimmer that was taken apart, rewired, adjusted and reassembled. The tables labelled 'Clothing' were especially busy. There were several ladies each operating electric sewing machines adjusting hems on skirts, zips on jeans and shortening curtains.

After three quarters of an hour we were able to collect our hi-fi unit, now reassembled and fully functioning. We were delighted. When I asked how much this would cost I was told that there was no charge however a donation towards the cost of the hall rental would be appreciated. This we did and I am delighted to report that once connected up we are once again 'wired for sound'.

In a little under nine years of operation they have completed over 2,500 repairs, saving over 7 tonnes of landfill conversion! and saving people like us a little under £208,000. The objects of the Farnham repair Café are to protect and safeguard the environment for the public benefit through the promotion of repair and re-use of products as a means of preventing and minimising waste disposal. It is a collaborative project between the Centre for Sustainable Design at the University for the Creative Arts, Farnham Town Council and the Spire Church, Farnham. Check out Farnham Repair Café on the internet for more information and forthcoming dates.





# D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024

*By Jane Sawyer, Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council.*

*Photos kindly provided by Mary Eyre, Roger Miller, Anne Burris, Terry Boyett, Jane Sawyer and Fay Boyett.*



Thank you to everyone who came to the Millennium Green on the evening of 6th June. We were blessed with beautiful weather and a glorious sunset. We would like to give special thanks to Liphook Junior School and Stephanie Belle for providing entertainment, to White's Joinery for making and donating a plinth for the memorial tree and to the Scouts and Guides who provided refreshments on the night and raised funds for the Royal British Legion.

We would like to say a very special thank you to D-Day veteran, Roy Bicknell, who lives in Liphook and came along to light the beacon for us. It was an honour and a pleasure to have him with us.

And, the biggest thank you must go to the Royal British Legion who helped and supported us on the night with a wonderful commemoration and beacon lighting ceremony.

The event really brought the community together and it was wonderful to see everyone joining in with the singing and falling silent for the commemoration.



*Local British Legion Members.*



*Liphook Junior School.*



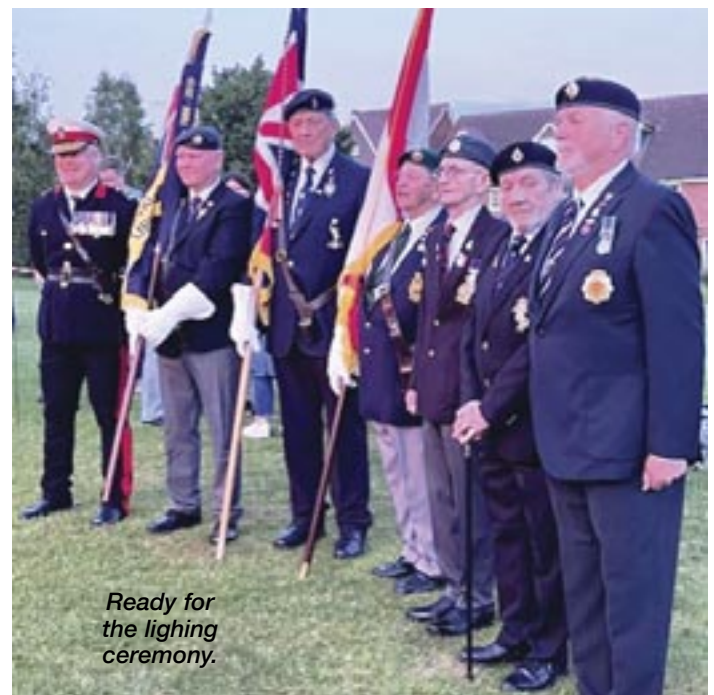
*Liphook Junior School.*



*Crowd on the bank.*



*Guides ready to serve tea.*



*Ready for the lighting ceremony.*





*Preparing to plant the tree.*



*Planting the tree.*



*Scout Alex and Guide Lottie.*



*D-Day veteran Roy Bicknell at the lighting ceremony.*



*The lighting of the beacon.*



*A beautiful evening and sunset over the commemoration field.*

## RINGING FOR PEACE AND COMMEMORATING THE 80th Anniversary of D-Day

*By Di Hart.*



*In the picture the ringers are from left to right: David Hart, Julia Brunt, Jo Green, Di Hart, Julian Ellis, Ed Jenner and Tom Bardsley.*

As part of the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, ringers, nationally, were encouraged to 'Ring Out for Peace' on 6th June.

The ringers at St. Mary's Bramshott started ringing at 6.30pm to commemorate this special day and to remember all those who served.

The Tenor was tolled 80 times to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D Day, also to remember the fallen and all those who served. General ringing of rounds and call changes followed to Ring out for Peace. This has been added to Bell Board which is an on-line version of the 'Ringing World', where ringers, world-wide, can record their ringing efforts.

<https://bellboard.uk/view.php?id=1742364>

## Junior School Wreath

As Dr. Daegan Inward had planned to go to France for D-Day 80, he wondered if the Junior School would like to make a wreath that he could take with him. Year 4 Children together with Mrs Brown and Dannielle Gibbon immediately set to and produced a wreath and maple leaves of remembrance, all of which were laid in the Beny Sur Mer Canadian cemetery behind Juno beach.



The wreath was laid on behalf of the Liphook Community and the local British Legion branch in memory of all the Canadian troops who were stationed and trained in and around Liphook.



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# Anyone Seen Summer?

By Marilyn Ambrose.

My notes for this article were under the heading "Summer 2024" – this now appears to be a somewhat over-optimistic title. I was so hopeful when I started writing the notes back in April but although some of the obvious indicators are there (Wimbledon, strawberries, cricket, the smell of barbecues) something was definitely lacking so I kept waiting and hoping. We certainly have not had to cancel any walks due to excessive heat, but looking on the bright side neither have we had to cancel any due to excessive rain. And the damp conditions have certainly produced very lush vegetation and wonderful wild flower displays – although there is a fine line between lush and overgrown on some of the paths we tread!

Signs of summer on our earlier walks included rapeseed fields on The Mardens walk, hearing cuckoos along the Wey and Arun canal path and rhododendrons in full bloom at Winkworth in May. We also were excited to observe the beginning of construction of a new visitor centre and café there. Our attendance at the Picnic on the Green was a somewhat chilly, but nonetheless well attended affair. We held our AGM in the Canada Room again – with the Parish Council kindly allowing us to use this without charge as part of the grant we received from them, for which we are extremely grateful.



*The Mardens by Fay Boyett.*

A walk at Benbow Ponds near Midhurst demonstrated how simply by reversing the walk, it can feel like a new or different walk. But this tactic should be used with caution, as I learnt the hard way, when I reversed a section of this walk in order to reach a coffee stop at a more suitable moment and lost my way three times in a very short space of time – luckily my backmarker was somewhat more alert! Despite the likelihood of rain, we made it back to the cars, not only unscathed, but having enjoyed some warm sunshine. We also discovered a field of Vipers Bugloss, a plant which is much prettier than its name.



*Vipers Bugloss at Benbow Ponds by Piers Plumridge.*

The following week's walk from Durleighmarsh to Rogate included a discovery of farming methods -we wondered why there was such a straight line along the newly planted crop fields between every alternate row of plants, until we worked

out there must be a machine which comes along and neatly slits the plastic covering over the new shoots once they start growing – I just hope they are using biodegradable plastic!

Another sunny excursion, incidentally. A Buriton to Chalton walk took place under ominous skies, but summer arrived, albeit briefly, for our Frensham Pond to Bourne Wood meander, as evidenced

by stunning photos. We deviated from our normal circular routes on our Cheriton to Winchester Cathedral walk, catching a bus back to the starting point. We did also manage some evening sun at our summer social – our annual boules competition and bbq at The Rising Sun in Milland. And just as I had all but given up with summer, it arrived – 36 hours of blistering heat, in which the group still managed to scale Leith Hill and Holmbury Hill. And then it was gone again.

*Durleighmarsh by Fay Boyett.*



*Frensham Little Pond by Mukund Patel.*

Writing this article actually made me realise that we received very few drenchings on our recent expeditions, although rucksacks were always bulky with extra layers and waterproofs. So it must be the unsettled nature of the weather which makes me feel so insecure about summer. It surely is time for change – don't worry, Countryside Companions is not about to get all political. However I do feel the weather needs a stern talking to, more specifically the clouds. Despite being a member of the Cloud Appreciation Society (yes, there is really such a society), I have had enough of changeable weather. If you are in favour of bringing back summer, why not come and join us for a little rain dance one Thursday? Too many pictures would be needed to illustrate all the highlights of our recent walks, but if you check out our Facebook page (Countryside Companions Walking Group) there are pictures that tell the story of most of our weekly jaunts. Here is a small selection to whet your appetite.



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## Olivia Breen in Paris

By Gabrielle Pike.  
Photo courtesy of ParalympicsGB.



Shortly after celebrating her 28th birthday on 26 July, Olivia Breen headed to Paris to take part in her 4th Paralympics. She competes for Wales and Great Britain mainly in T38 sprint and F38 long jump events. In June, she was among the first 10 members of the Great Britain athletics team selected for the 2024 Paralympics to compete in the long jump.

It all began with the London Olympics, when Livvy, then a student at Bohunt School, received a late call up to the Great Britain team for the 2012 Summer Paralympics in London. She was the

youngest member of the Great Britain Paralympic athletics team and ran the first leg of the 100m relay final with her teammates, winning them a bronze medal.

Since then she has competed and won medals at Paralympic, World, European and Commonwealth level, specialising in the T38 100m and Long Jump. Her biggest recent victory was representing Wales at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, where she won gold, which saw her crowned as the BBC Cymru Sports Personality of the Year.

Prior to the 2024 Paralympics Livvy launched her own podcast series entitled 'Olivia Breen's Paris Diaries', where she looked ahead to the Games.



## The Lindford Geese

By David Hill. Photo by Elizabeth Reynolds.

The Andes have their Condors and the Swedes do have their Moose.  
In Oz they have the Kangaroo, but Lindford has its Goose.  
The Yeti climbs around the Alps whilst Goats roam free in Greece,  
And Lions stalk the Afro plains, but Lindford breeds its Geese.

They live within the River Wey, where the waters form a pool,  
From which the Mill derived its power, to drive its milling tool.  
Our snow white birds do strut and stroll, free down the Liphook road,  
Ignoring all the traffic, in their waddling, geosing mode.

They cross the road to pasture green, where they munch and take their fill.  
And the motorists all drive with care, for they wish the birds no ill.  
And then return, with measured tread, ignoring all; no fear,  
They all in line retrace their steps, back to their Weyside weir.

They mix with ducks and coots and swans, a cacophony of sound,  
But this is where our Geese rule free, this is their roaming ground.  
Let's hope these goose meanderings continue, never cease,  
For here in Village Lindford we admire our Lindford Geese.

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The amazing amount for the Highfield School Centenary Bursaries Fund was raised through an incredible whole-school effort involving every year group at Highfield and Brookham in Liphook.

The occasion was Giving Day, a two-day fundraising extravaganza which saw nursery, pre-prep and prep school children work together to raise money through a series of challenges unique to them.

Challenges included a car wash, rowing marathon, bake sale, swimathon and colour run, and the cash – an impressive £27,017 – was raised through sponsorship of each year-group activity, raffle tickets for unique prizes donated by Highfield and Brookham teachers, proceeds from a family golf day and the sale of wristbands which gave children access to fun stalls and activities throughout Giving Day.

The coffers were swelled further by corporate sponsorship from estate agent Knight Frank and care provider Ranger Home Care. Sushi specialist Little Fish and Silver Linings Wellbeing

put on a wellness retreat for parents, while the Hawkley Inn and Gilco ice cream donated a percentage of their takings from their food stalls at the Giving Day.

To add extra spice to proceedings, and to encourage people to dig deep for the bursaries' fund, brave staff members, including Highfield and Brookham Head Suzannah Cryer, faced daring forfeits for every £5,000 raised. Mrs Cryer and Mrs Hunter, Head of Pre-prep, were doused in a heady mix of iced water, custard and baked beans while Mr Figgis, Head of Upper Prep, had a close shave with a razor.

Highfield and Brookham has awarded 22 bursaries since the fund's inception in 2007. The bursaries are covered jointly by the fund and the school, covering all school fees and providing additional support for music lessons, sports equipment, school trips and uniform. This year, three children who are being supported by the Bursaries Fund have secured fully-funded places at their senior schools ahead of starting in September.

Mrs Cryer said: "The amount of money raised by our whole school community on Giving Day was nothing short of phenomenal and will help ensure that we can continue to offer life-changing opportunities for children for years to come.

"The way the children selflessly set about their year-group challenges with such energy and enthusiasm in order to reach their goals and raise as much money as they possibly could fills me with an enormous sense of pride". And she added: "The purpose of the bursary is to make a difference in a child's life, not just academically but also physically, emotionally and socially. Ours are awarded to children we believe will gain the most from attending, ensuring they reach their full potential. These are the children we believe will engage with all of the opportunities Highfield and Brookham has to offer – ensuring they build life-long skills and develop long-lasting positive experiences and relationships."

## SELReG Street Party

*By Simon Catford. Photos by Rick Beynon.*

The sun (almost) shone on the annual South & East Liphook Residents Group (SELReG) Street Party held on Saturday 20th July which saw over 150 local-residents flock to the front garden of Rick and Amanda Beynon to enjoy food, music and good company. Held each year, the party provides a chance for neighbours to catch up, exchange news and generally relax amongst friends. A rolling BBQ was on hand as well as a well-stocked bar and a table groaning with salads and desserts – all supplied by residents. A bouncy castle was provided for children and proved to be very popular. Live music – courtesy of the



village's very own troubadour, Alistair Halliday – kept spirits high and was a lovely accompaniment during the afternoon. Sadly, a little drizzle arrived towards the end of the day although this did not dampen spirits nor cause guests to depart

early and many were still firmly in place as the light started to fade. As Rick says, "We are delighted so many residents turned up and it was a relief that the weather played ball – unlike last year when the high winds caused us to cancel at the last minute. And it was great to see some new faces too. There have been quite a few comings and goings in the village over the last year so it was lovely to welcome all, young and old. We love hosting the event and Amanda and I would like to thank all the team who helped to make this such a success, either 'front of house' or behind the scenes. Well done all and here's to the next in 2025!"



For further information about SELReG, please email: [selreglyphook@yahoo.com](mailto:selreglyphook@yahoo.com)



# Seas the Day Ocean Rowing Team

By Simon Catford.

**Does the spirit of adventure derive from nature or nurture?  
Is the drive for pushing the boundaries buried in your DNA or  
is it 'learnt' as you go through life?**

For intrepid ocean-going oarswoman Jessica Rowe it is probably a bit of both. "My father Nick served in the Army (Gurkhas) and then became a competitive adventure racer and ultra marathon runner before rowing across the Atlantic in 2005," explains Jess as I met her on a soggy day in early July, "so I've been around adventure and risk taking all my life. But I think it is also deep within me too and I'm really enjoying scratching that itch!" And some! - Jess has already rowed across the Atlantic and is now preparing for the big one, aiming to become part of the first all-female team to attempt to row across the Pacific Ocean, non-stop and unsupported.

Jess was raised in East Hampshire, and currently lives outside Liphook as she prepares for the Pacific in April 2025. There is plenty to do. "Our primary goal for this expedition is to raise as much funding as possible for our chosen charity, The Outward Bound Trust, whose vital work inspires young people to achieve more than they ever believe is possible," says Jess. Then there is the question of funding the actual project. "Ocean rowing is not cheap, so much of our time is spent searching for sponsorship," she explains. "For our Atlantic campaign we learnt that it is as hard to get to the start line as it is to row the ocean! We still have a mountain to climb to raise the necessary funds for the Pacific row, but we are determined to get to that start line."



*The team as they prepare for the Pacific (left to right)  
Jess, Mim and Lottie (photo courtesy J. Rowe).*

Rowing in team Full Throttle as part of a crew of four, Jess successfully completed the Atlantic crossing of over 3,000 miles from the Canaries in 42 days, making landfall in Nelson's Dockyard, Antigua on 23rd January 2023. "What a welcome we had and so emotional to think we had done it!" says Jess. "Finding our legs after so long at sea was a strange experience but we enjoyed being with our loved ones again!"

So why the Pacific? "It's that itch!" laughs Jess "and because it is so much more than just a sporting challenge. It is an adventure in



*Full Throttle arriving in Antigua in January 2023  
(photo courtesy Atlantic Challenge).*

the truest sense of the word. It encapsulates the spirit of daring exploration, of problem solving and resilience and the pursuit of personal growth. I cannot wait to get started!" Jess and her friends Miriam Payne (who rowed the Atlantic solo in 59 days in 2023) and Lottie Hopkinson-Woolley (the rookie!) have created "Seas The Day Ocean Rowing Team" [www.seasthedayoceanrowing.com](http://www.seasthedayoceanrowing.com) and it is through this that they are trying to raise sponsorship, big and small.

"The Atlantic is a trade winds route, being mostly down wind," Jess adds. "The Pacific will be a bigger challenge, not just because we have to row 8,000 miles, but because we will have to deal with a mix of different weather systems and get across before the typhoon season arrives in the Western Pacific. Because of this we cannot use the same boat from the Atlantic. But we now have one and are currently getting it ready for sea and assembling all the provisions, food and equipment that we will have to carry for the entire journey."

The statistics are mind-blowing; rowing in rolling shift patterns through the day and night (3 hours on, 3 hours off or 2 hours on and 1 off during the day and then 2 hours on and 4 hours off during the night), the aim being to always keep the boat moving in the right direction. Time off the oars will be spent eating the 5,000 calories per day required to keep up the physical exertion, carrying out boat maintenance, creating social media updates, hygiene upkeep (salt water sores!), using the bucket (!) and finally resting when all this is done. Repeat this every day for up to six months. Truly amazing!

All the on-board equipment including the chart plotter, auto-helm, VHF radio, satellite phone, navigation systems, desalinator etc. are powered from lithium-ion batteries, charged by solar panels on the roof of both cabins. There will be an emergency supply of 60 litres of water and most of the food will be dehydrated. "The food is probably the worst element," says Jess "we all crave a nice piece of juicy fruit but we simply won't have the room to take any."

Starting in Lima, Peru in April 2025, the team will cover about 8,000 miles before land-fall in Australia. "We will be aiming for Brisbane, but this could change according to the sea state - we will know if we can make it about 1,000 miles out and may have to alter our plans. Good navigation will be essential."



*The Pacific boat as it awaits final preparations (photo courtesy Jess Rowe).*

Their target for the Outward Bound Trust is £100,000 and assuming they complete the challenge, there are three Guinness World Records to be had. Waiting to greet them will be friends and family - including Dad, who is such an inspiration - and her partner Rory Pulman, himself a local man having been raised in Fernhurst. In fact, Rory is the perfect match for Jess as he is a free-lance sailor with a Yachtmaster ticket and has crewed and skippered fast and expensive yachts all around the world for the last fifteen years. Taking time out to help Jess in preparing for her challenge, Rory - a master carpenter working in nearby Milland - still has an eye out for

the oceans. "In fact he is planning to be at sea again next year," says Jess "and if it works out, he will be sailing the Pacific at about the same time as I will be rowing so we will meet up in Australia! It will be wonderful to see him after all that time!"

We wish them well and safe travels. But one question remains - what next? "Well I've always fancied a crack at the Indian Ocean . . ." Nature or nurture; you decide.

Follow Jess on YouTube and across social media. Sponsorship can be made through the Seas The Day website (see above).

## Gibbet Hill Sensory Trail

*By Paul Robinson.*

Many of us will be familiar with the 'Sailor's Stroll' that skirts the Devil's Punch Bowl on Hindhead commons, the wonderful countryside on this gentle walk to the summit, the second highest point in Surrey, and will have enjoyed the stunning views.

However, some of us may not be familiar with a new feature that has recently been added to the area. It is a short sensory trail that wends its way through the woods. Located just beyond the car park this all-ability pathway encourages us to pause along the way and feast our senses, each indicated by wooden carved signposts. Two robust, rustic and surprisingly comfortable benches are located to encourage us to pause and sample the sights, the smells and the sounds of the forest.

Pausing on the return path we discover a veritable palisade of poetry, seven stout five foot high oak panels carved with the poem 'Leisure' by W.H.Davies. If the name is unfamiliar to you, I am sure that you will instantly recognise the poem from its first lines 'What is this life if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare. No time to stand beneath the boughs And stare as long as sheep or cows' The poem's theme is reflected in Davies's own outdoor life, which was unconventional.

William Henry Davies was born in Newport Monmouthshire in 1871. Leaving Wales, he worked and begged his way across Britain and America as a tramp or a hobo, losing a leg in an accident when jumping from a train. He returned to England and, unfit for physical



work, dedicated himself to making a living as a writer. His first collection of poems attracted influential admirers, such as George Bernard Shaw, who helped Davies publish a successful memoir, *The Autobiography of a Super Tramp*, which dealt with his life travelling across America. He was a particular friend of Edward Thomas, who, it is said, did more to help him than anyone else and because of this it is known that he spent a lot of time in Hampshire where he became friends with W.H. Hudson who wrote 'Hampshire Days' in 1923. Is it possible that he may have visited the Devil's Punch Bowl?

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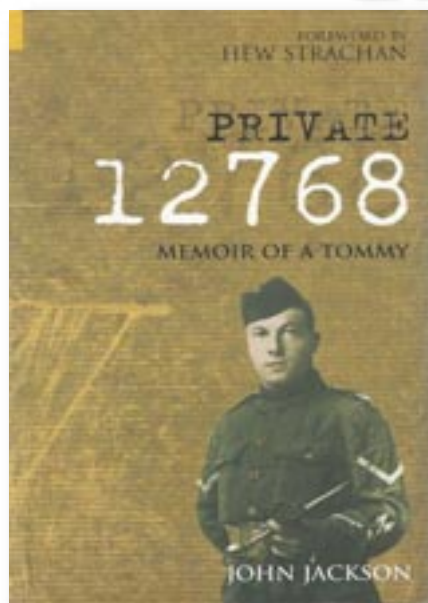
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# THE EARLY YEARS OF Bramshott Camp

By Paul Robinson.



Much has been written about the occupation of Bramshott Camp by the Canadian Army in the early part of World War One, but, as I have learned in a book based on a recently discovered diary kept by a Scottish soldier, Bramshott camp was occupied before the Canadians moved in.

War was declared on the 4th of August 1914. The camp was occupied, whilst still under construction by

a division of the Queen's Own Regiment of Cameron Highlanders. In a book entitled 'PRIVATE 12768 : Memoir of a Tommy', we learn that Private John Jackson who enlisted in the first few weeks after war was declared, along with many others, was posted to the Maida Barracks at Aldershot, where he spent several months in basic training, living under canvas with just two army issue blankets as a bed. They were still wearing civilian clothing. In the early years of the war the sheer number of recruits could not be adequately clothed and accommodated.

Private Jackson's diary records the privations and strict regimental conditions they endured, he also records the sight of aircraft and balloons being flown over Farnborough. They left Maida Camp and moved to Rushmoor where they were paraded before a Royal Review accompanied by Lord Kitchener, still clad in their civilian clothes! On the 16th November 1914 they left Rushmoor Camp via the London & South Western Railway to Liphook Station, encouraged by the prospect of accommodation in purpose built huts rather than tents.

However, their first impression and subsequent time spent at Bramshott did not impress the troops. He said that "The huts and their environs were nothing less than a quagmire, so much so that at times it was impossible to 'form up' on the parade ground and we had to make use of the main road (the A3) very often for this purpose." For their training ground they used parts of the Woolmer Park Estate which was eminently suitable open-warfare training as it contained large areas of scrub and moorland.

They also attended night manoeuvres in the Devil's Punchbowl. "Our 'wild Hie-lan' yells could be heard through the villages, however the inhabitants took everything in good part and the majority thought a lot of the 'Jocks'."

At Christmas the Regiment were granted leave to return home and he recalls an early morning march down to Liphook Station catching a train to London and thence home. After Christmas they shared a miserable journey back to Bramshott and, on arrival, they discovered that the windows in the huts had been left open and their blankets were soaked and they spent the night walking around in the hut to keep warm! In the first weeks of January, they began musketry training on the ranges on

Longmoor Camp. Sunday morning Church Parades for the predominantly Presbyterians was usually held in the open air. However the small number belonging to the Church of England including Private Jackson were allowed to attend services in St. Mary's Church, Bramshott where they were always welcomed.

On the 18th of February an advance party of the Black Watch and the Gordons of the 44th Brigade arrived at Bramshott to take over the billets. The Cameron Highlanders were to be transferred by train from Liphook via Petersfield, Bedhampton, Porchester and Winchester to Basingstoke. "Certain now that we were leaving Bramshott, our hearts grew light. It was whispered we were going into 'private billets' which meant a sort of heaven to us after our rough experiences. We paid our final visits to the surrounding villages wondering perhaps if we should ever meet again. To the villagers it was to be a sore parting, their 'Jocks' were leaving them at last. We were the recipients of sincere good wishes on every hand, but while regretting the loss of such warm-hearted friends, I think none of us were sorry to say farewell to the muddy precincts of Bramshott Camp".

In early July Private Jackson and the 15th Division were mobilised and were entrained via Swindon to Southampton and before boarding the troopship S.S. Courtfield they witnessed the arrival of a hospital ship and saw the long stream of wounded on stretchers being disembarked.

Private Jackson saw fighting in Loos that year and on the Somme in 1916, in Flanders in 1917 and he was present at the breaking of the Hindenburg Line at the end of September in 1918. In this narrative he captures the devotion and the courage of the soldiers of the day and his moving account leaves us in no doubt of his own sense of victory at the end of the war.

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# UPDATE FROM East Hampshire District Council

**The General Election** - EHDC Election services organised the counting of votes for the East Hampshire District Parliamentary candidates, which took place at The Festival Hall, Petersfield, and Damian Hinds was re-elected with a reduced majority. Following several re-counts, Greg Stafford, Conservative, was elected for our Farnham and Bordon constituency, and Jeremy Hunt, Conservative, was elected for Godalming and Ash. EHDC therefore, has two elected MP's for the District.

**Former Lowsley Farm development, Oak Park and Maple Walk** - Cllrs. Mouland and Glass attend the liaison meetings that take place with the developers of the former Lowsley Farm site, Taylor Wimpey and Redrow. These meetings include a Liaison officer from EHDC, a representative of the Parish Council, and a resident who lives close to the developments. Liaison meetings give the opportunity for residents to raise any concerns that they may have, and to be able to feedback directly to the developers. It is hoped that by next year new allotments on site will be open for residents. A pedestrian path to Yeomans Lane, which in turn gives access to Lark Rise, gives a safe route to both the Infant and Junior schools, and to Bohunt Academy.

The SANG, off Lark Rise, is popular with dog walkers, although predominantly intended for use by the residents of the new development. There have been complaints about the over-flowing dog bins that are provided across the site, and this was raised by Cllr. Bill Mouland. The representative from Remus, the management company, has said that the bins will in future be emptied bi-weekly. At the hub of the SANG is a very old, very large Oak tree, which has a Tree Preservation Order on it. Ropes had been thrown into the tree, which had dislodged branches. Notices will be erected to warn about damage to a TPO'd tree, and the danger. Concerns were also raised about Goat Willow which has rooted across the SANG. Reassurances were given that this would be dealt with.

**Future housing development in East Hampshire** - Following the election of the Labour Party, it is their intention to boost housing development across the nation, and to employ extra Planning officers to facilitate this. We know that Green Belt areas will be targeted, especially those areas that are of poor quality. These will be deemed to be Grey Belt. East Hampshire District does not contain any Green Belt. EHDC is currently undertaking its new Draft Local Plan, valid 2017 - 2040, and new proposals may affect the content of the plan.

EHDC's Leader, Cllr. Richard Millard, has already sent an open letter to Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner, in which he points out the unfairness of the housing numbers allocated to EHDC, which is expected to try to take any unmet need from adjoining authorities, as well as achieving the numbers allocated to East Hampshire, when only 43% of the District can take development, as the other 57% is within the South Downs National Park. The SDNP is also working on a new Local Plan, and it will be interesting to see where sites may be allocated within the Park.

**Distribution of Community Infrastructure Levy, CIL** - EHDC was inundated with requests for funding from CIL money, collected from development across the District, and used to support infrastructure projects that help local residents. More than £1.5 million was distributed across 17 organisations, including £54,315.30 towards refurbishment of the Church Centre lavatories, and £30,000 to the Liphook Infant School playground drainage project. In addition, £136,569 was allocated to the Admers Crescent play area, to enhance access and use of the open space.

**Future twice monthly Glass collections** - With effect from October, to coincide with the new Glass and Waste Bin calendars, EHDC is introducing glass collections twice a month. Glass can be put into

any sturdy plastic container, as well as the black boxes that can be bought from EHDC. The remaining bottle banks across the District will be removed gradually, to avoid the build up of excess bottles at the sites, where commercial businesses have been known to leave their bottles.

**Bramshott Open Gardens** - Despite a lot of rain on the first day, this event was a great success and has raised another very large amount of money for local charities and organisations. EHDC supports local events across the District and Cllr. Glass was happy to give a District Councillor Community Grant towards the hire of the loos, which is a reminder to other local organisations that we each have a £3,500 grant pot, to help fund specific events or targets. We look forward to being able to support many more applications in the future. The application form can be found on the EHDC website: [www.easthants.gov.uk](http://www.easthants.gov.uk)

**Bramshott and Liphook Neighbourhood Development Plan** - Following many years of preparation, and a six week Consultation, Bramshott and Liphook Neighbourhood Development Plan has been completed. The Plan was submitted to the Independent Examiner, Andrew Ashcroft, who visited the area alone. He has considered what was produced, asking questions of the Parish Council in the process. He has reported that the Plan, with certain recommendations and amendments, has met its legal requirement and can proceed to Referendum where residents will have the opportunity to vote for or against it. If the Plan passes its Referendum, it will then be "made" at one of EHDC's future Full Council meetings. Once made, although it does not allocate development sites within the Parish, the Plan will hold weight when planning applications are submitted to EHDC. The Parish Council, which currently receives 15% of any Community Infrastructure Levy, (CIL), in the area, would then receive 25%.

**Canada Day, Wednesday 26th June 2024** - Cllr. Mouland and I were pleased to be able to attend the annual Canada Day service at St. Mary's and to lay a wreath on behalf of EHDC. Year 4 at the Junior School had each adopted a Canadian serviceman from the Commonwealth war graves and had researched their lives, written poems about them and placed Maple leaves on their graves. The poignant service was attended by representatives from the Canadian High Commission, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, the British Legion and many parents and friends. The singing of both National Anthems, especially O Canada, reduced the Canadian Brigadier General and others to tears. Following the service, guests were invited to lunch at the Junior School and entertained by the children with the imagined story of a young Canadian boy and his sister from a farm in Saskatchewan, and their subsequent service in both World Wars. The story was based on one of the soldiers in our graveyard. This was accompanied by wartime and modern songs, all immaculately performed by Year 4.

Year 4 was invited to the Canadian High Commission on 3rd July to enact their play again, and afterwards to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, to entertain the Chelsea Pensioners. Cllr. Glass was very pleased to be able to give a substantial EHDC Councillor grant towards the cost of the coaches which were hired to take the children to London.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need help with anything to do with EHDC, or if you would like to apply for a Councillor grant. We still have grant money left in our pots.

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# Tess Burrows

By Jenny Woodsford.  
Photos by Tess Burrows.

I first met Tess at Haslemere Christmas Market a few years ago where she was selling her books. She writes for both children and adults, for children - stories inspired by her adventures and for adults - books about her adventurous challenges. After researching and meeting her I soon realised that there was much more to discover.

Tess describes herself as “dedicated to the pursuit of World Peace and the healing of the Earth”. She grew up in the South of England, was educated at Bedales School and Edinburgh University where she obtained a degree in Ecological Science. She spent some years in Australia as a forester, returning to England in 1983 with her three young sons. Sometime later Tess then experienced one of “those” moments and decided that it was time for her to “work for the Earth” and has now undertaken many challenges for charity. She has many interests connected to her ecological background but the plight of the Tibetan nation following its invasion by China and the exile of the Dalai Lama particularly touched her. She desperately wanted to help the Tibetan people and after advice, including from the Dalai Lama himself, started to both raise awareness of the situation and raise funds for schools in Tibet.



Tess calls her mission “Climb for Tibet” which aims to “take the highest from people’s hearts to the highest places on Earth”. Patrons for this cause include the Dalai Lama and Joanna Lumley. Using the six-pointed star as a symbol for World Harmony and Peace her expeditions have translated the points of the star onto the World. Her first challenge was to reach the point furthest from the centre of the Earth - Chimborazo, Ecuador in the Andes in 1998. She completed The Pacific Climb running up the World’s Tallest Mountain in 2003, journeyed to the magnetic North Pole in 2006, the geographical South Pole in 2009, Kilimanjaro the roof of Africa in 2011 and across the Himalayas through Nepal into Tibet and Mount Kailas in 2017. When I asked Tess which journey was the most challenging, she struggled to pick one out – but decided that when she was suffering from altitude sickness in the Andes, thinking she may die, and the dangers and intense cold when on the South Pole trek stand out. I hasten to add that these expeditions are just some highlights that I have picked out – other trips, some near

some far, are listed on her website. The culmination of each journey is to send a message of Peace around the World in the Tibetan tradition of peace messages on Prayer Flags which are traditionally flown from the highest point available.

Climb for Tibet has raised over £180,000 over the past 20 years enabling six schools to be built in Tibet. Tess also “gives back” to the local community in which she carries out each challenge so, for example, during the African climb donations were given to a school in Tanzania and a Maasai community tree-planting project. 100% of donations and money from her book sales is sent to these projects. Tess funds her expeditions either by specific sponsorship or extending her mortgage yet again!

To turn to Tess as an author – the money from all books sold goes to these good causes. She has written three books for children (or just those young at heart!).

Soft Courage is a story about Tess’s challenges told through the eyes of Yannick a toy penguin, climbing the Andean and Himalayan mountains and cycling the length of Britain.

Don’t Blame The Yeti is a fictionalised account of Tess’s journey through the Himalayas and Nepal to Tibet in the form of a 12 year old’s adventure.

Tess’s latest youngsters’ book is Call of the Snow Dolphin which fictionalises Tess’s trip over 20 years ago which was a run up the world’s tallest mountain Mauna Kea in Hawaii (tallest in that it is a dormant volcano that starts 6,000 metres below the sea and reaches 4,207 metres above). This tale is told through the eyes of a 13-year-old, the inspiration for this being Tess’s granddaughter who accompanied her more recently on her bike ride to COP26.

Tess’s three books for adults, which are the more personal accounts of her challenges, are:

**Touch The Sky** - recounting the climb up Kilimanjaro, not just climbing but also pulling a car tyre.

**Cold Hands, Warm Heart** - the story of Tess’s trek to the geographic South Pole.

**Cry From The Highest Mountain** - recounts Tess’s journey to the furthest point on Earth.



Tess told me that at the age of 76 she is still ready for more adventures. Having put any plans on hold while she completed Call of the Snow Dolphin, she will now be planning a new challenge.

She is also available to give talks about her experiences and has enjoyed speaking to many local schools, clubs and societies in the past. She doesn't appear to have any plans to take things easy yet!

At the end of our meeting her closing comment was that her

"mission is to inspire people and send out hope". Tess has succeeded as she is certainly an inspiration to us all.

For more details about Tess, to donate to her chosen charities or purchase her books please visit her website:

**[www.tessburrows.org](http://www.tessburrows.org)**

You will also be able to find Tess at Haslemere Christmas Market (in the Museum) on Sunday 1st December and Liphook Village Market in the Millennium Hall on Saturday 23rd November.

## White Joinery

*By Paul Robinson.*

*Photos by White Joinery.*

Many of you will be familiar with White Joinery and some of you, like me, will have used the company. But how much do you know about the man himself?



Neil White is very much a local man; he grew up in Passfield and he attended all three of the Liphook schools. When he left school he wanted to be a carpenter. He served his apprenticeship with Rake Joinery in Passfield and during his apprenticeship attended Guildford College. During this time he was awarded second place in the whole country for his Institute of Carpentry test paper on Theory and Practice. For the record I now know the difference between a carpenter and a joiner. In short, the joiner makes it and the carpenter fits it.

He continued working for Rake Joinery and later was co-owner until the recession in 2009 when he left to form his own company and established this in his workshops in the Longmoor Road. He now has eight full time staff and calls upon the services of up to twelve trusted sub-contractors.

Neil assesses that eighty five percent of his business is with established customers or new customers who have been recommended to him by word of mouth. The company specialises in the manufacture of windows, doors, bookcases, wardrobes, staircases, porches and kitchens. The kitchen units fitted in St Mary's Church Bramshott were sympathetically designed in keeping with the dignity of the building. They also designed and made the cabinet that houses the book of remembrance in the nave of St Mary's.

The company is often called upon to make windows, cabinets and wardrobes for elderly buildings that, because they do not conform to modern new builds, need to be specially adapted to fit.

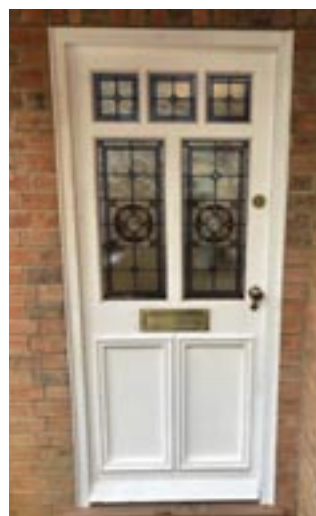


Listed buildings often present a challenge in that door frames, architrave and skirting boards need to be specially moulded to match the existing fittings. Such was the case when White Joinery were called upon to do extensive work at Highfield School, Haslemere Town Hall and a house designed by the celebrated architect Edwin Lutyens. Often this work calls for special woods such as European Oak, Ash, Walnut, Sapele, Iroko, Tulip Wood etc.



The construction and erection of outdoor porches presents a special problem in that they are made using Green Oak secured by traditional mortice and tenon jointing, fastened by pegs or dowels. The wood is extremely heavy and difficult to work.

White Joinery has, over the years, been very supportive of the village, often working with Liphook in Bloom in repairing village benches, and the Parish Council in designing the memorial plaque for the tree planted this year in memory of the fallen at D-Day.



Neil is a member of the Carnival Committee and works tirelessly in their annual events and in the run up to Carnival night itself. The White Joinery team also enter a float each year.

I have known Neil for almost fifteen years, but it is only recently that I learned that in his spare time he is a first Responder for the South Central Ambulance Service and, when on standby, is often called upon to offer medical aid be it C.P.R., De-fibrillation or basic First Aid.

Neil can be contacted at White Joinery 24 Longmoor Road, Liphook, Hants GU30 7NY.

**T: 07979 267852 e: [whitejoinery@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:whitejoinery@hotmail.co.uk)**



## CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS IN AND AROUND LIPHOOK

**AGE CONCERN LIPHOOK** - Sue Knight: 01428 723502.  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - 0800 9177 650.  
**ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY** - Dementia Helpline: 0845 300 0336.  
**ARTS SOCIETY GRAYSHOTT** - Kathy: 01428 608842.  
 w: www.theartssocietygrayshott.org  
**ARTS SOCIETY HASLEMERE** - Chairman: Mrs Madeleine Boxall.  
 w: www.theartssocietyhaslemere.org.uk  
**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  
**BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK BRANCH OF THE EAST HAMPSHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION** - Angela Glass: 01428 722375.  
**BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK HERITAGE SOCIETY** (Bramshott and Liphook) - 01428 723325.  
**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.  
**CHITLEY 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** - Barbara Miller: 01428 722859. e: ccwalkinggroup@gmail.com  
**CRUSE** - bereavement care. Confidential counselling and information: 0808 808 1677.  
**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@friendsofthesouthdowns.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@hbac.co.uk or w: www@bac.co.uk.  
**HASLEMERE CAMERA CLUB** - Clinton Blackman LRPS: 01428 727403.  
**HASLEMERE PERFORMING ARTS** - Angela Canton: 01428 652360.  
**HASLEMERE MUSICAL SOCIETY** - (Choir & Orchestra Rehearsals Mondays). Sue Ecclestone: 01428 605612. e: susan.ecclestone@tiscali.co.uk w: www.hmsoc.org.uk  
**HASLEMERE SWIMMING CLUB** - Helen Reynolds, e: admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk  
**GRAHAM INGRAM BAND (BRASS)** - Chairman, Maurice Wright: 01428 723940.  
**GREEN PARTY** - alisonevans1948@yahoo.co.uk  
**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 Chitley Way: 01428 723045. w: www.liphookhortsoc.org.uk  
**LABOUR PARTY (Liphook Branch)** - Dr. John Tough, Horseshoes, Griggs Green: 01428 724492.  
**LIBERAL DEMOCRATS LIPHOOK** - Mr M. A. Croucher: 01428 723834.  
**LiDBA** - (Businessmen's Association) Sec. Ken Charles: 01428 727438.  
**LIPHOOK ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY** - Linda Beck. e: membership@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk Andy Tubbs. e: chair@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk w: liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk  
**LIPHOOK CARNIVAL** - Dianne Heath: 07778 281379.  
**LIPHOOK & RIPSLEY CRICKET CLUB** - Secretary - Nick Clansfield: 07789 284568. e: Nick.cansfield@hotmail.co.uk Youth Co-ordinator - Steve Saycell: 07771 788486. e: stevesaycell1@gmail.com  
**LIPHOOK CARERS SUPPORT GROUP** - Sonia Meredith: 01428 288913. e: soniameredith@icloud.com  
**LIPHOOK CHURCH CENTRE** - Enquiries: 01428 725390.

**LIPHOOK COMMUNITY LAUNDRY** - Irene Ellis, Chairman: 01428 723823.  
**LIPHOOK DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY** - Peak Centre: 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  
**LIPHOOK IN BLOOM** - Paul Johnson: 01428 724813 & 07854 074276. e: paul@tethersend.uk  
**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.  
**LIPHOOK TENNIS CLUB** - Simon Hargreaves: 01420 474899/07717 016374.  
**LIPHOOK UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB** - Chairman: Mark Culverhouse: e: mark@football-fit.co.uk John Raeyen: e: media-contact17@liphook-united.org  
**LIPHOOK VILLAGE HALL** - Bookings: e: chair@liphookvillagehall.org.uk  
**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  
**LYNCHMERE SOCIETY** - Conservation and Natural History. Membership enquiries - Louise Searight: 01428 723715. w: www.thelynchmeresociety.org  
**MACULAR SOCIETY HASLEMERE SUPPORT GROUP** - 01428 602991.  
**M.A.D. COMPANY (Methodist Amateur Dramatics)** - 07766 083862.  
**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 YOUNG FARMERS CLUB** - 8-10pm Suzy Goring, 01420 488325.  
**RAMBLERS (Liphook & District)** - Secretary, Raj Jas: e: rajjas@hotmail.co.uk w: www.liphookramblers.wordpress.com  
**RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT CENTRE** - 01483 546400 or Freephone: 0800 0288022.  
**RIVER WEY TRUST** - e: office@riverweytrust.org.uk w: www.riverweytrust.org.uk  
**ROTARY CLUB - Haslemere**, Debbie Morley: 01428 643416.  
**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** - Sean Brady RM: 0771 100 6847.  
**ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION (Liss & District)** - 01730 895470.  
**R.S.P.C.A.** - Di Fowler: 0771 303 8429.  
**SSAFA/FORCES HELP** (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmans Families Association) East Hants Branch, Divisional Sec., Patricia Lyons: 01420 561264  
**SELF SUFFICIENCY GROUP - East Hants**, Dru Furneaux: 01730 814193.  
**STANDFORD, PASSFIELD AND HOLLYWATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** - Sue Sergeant: 01428 751326. Hall Bookings, Ron Sergeant: 01428 751326.  
**TANTUM TRUST (local charity for local people)** - Shops in Station Road (01428 727211) and in Bordon, Grayshott & Haslemere, e: info@thetantumtrust.co.uk w: www.thetantumtrust.co.uk  
**u3a LIPHOOK** - e: membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk  
**VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP (Bramshott and Liphook Parish)** - 01428 723972. Transport provided for those in need.  
**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - Sue Knight: 01428 723502.  
**WOOLMER FOREST ARCHAEOLOGICAL and HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - 1st Wednesday of month, Colin Brash: 01428 713256.  
**WOOLMER FOREST LIONS CLUB** - Ken Bassett: 01428 713285.

## CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PERSONS' CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

**ARK PRE-SCHOOL** - Helen Jackson: 0777 539 4230 or 01428 725390.

**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, 7.00 - 9.30 p.m.

### **CHILDREN'S CHILD HEALTH CLUB -**

Millennium Centre, 9.30 - 11.00am: 01428 483827.

### **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** - e: [Lisfa@Liphook-infants.sch.uk](mailto:Lisfa@Liphook-infants.sch.uk)

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

### **LIPHOOK AND RIPSLEY CRICKET CLUB YOUTH MEMBERSHIP -**

Steve Saycel: 0777 178 8486. e: [Lrccyouthcricket@gmail.com](mailto: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.** - e: [foljs@liphook-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto: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.

**LITTLE BADGERS PRE-SCHOOL** - For 2-4+ year olds

Sports Pavilion, Headley: 01428 714827.

**LITTLE LAMBS** - Tuesday 9.45 - 11.45am

Contact Church Centre Office: 01428 725390.

**MADHATTER NURSERY BOHUNT SCHOOL** - 01428 727288.

**SWIMMING CLUB** - e: [admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk](mailto:admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk)

**TRAINING BAND** - Maurice Wright: 01428 723940.

## **GIRLGUIDING LIPHOOK DISTRICT**

With guiding, girls have fun, adventure and the space to discover their potential. If your daughter would like to join our active Girlguiding District in any section then register at:

[www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/](http://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](mailto:liphook-guides@outlook.com)

## **SCOUTS**

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

and has strong links to our District Scout Network Scout Unit (18-25).

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

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

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

- **Bryan Jackson** (Group Scout Leader) on **01428 723248**  
e: [gsl@liphookscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@liphookscouts.org.uk) for enquiries about Scouting and our sections.
- **Stuart Clark** (Group Chairman) on **07900 463482**  
e: [chair@liphookscouts.org.uk](mailto:chair@liphookscouts.org.uk) for volunteer and fundraising enquiries as well as for general enquiries.
- **Sarah-Jane Anslow** (Treasurer)  
e: [treasurer@liphookscouts.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@liphookscouts.org.uk) for subs enquiries.
- **Alison Jackson** (Scout Shop) on **01428 723248**  
e: [alisonjackson@btopenworld.com](mailto:alisonjackson@btopenworld.com) for 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:  
[fay.lcm@outlook.com](mailto:fay.lcm@outlook.com)  
by the copy date shown on the Inside Front Cover*

# Haslemere Food Festival 2024

**Saturday 21st September – Lion Green, Haslemere,  
10.00am - 4.00pm, FREE ENTRY**

Celebrating all that is great about local produce, a feast of culinary delights will be tantalising the taste buds at the eighteenth annual Haslemere Food Festival.

The festival highlights the variety of high quality produce that is available locally and the range of products currently available from award winning suppliers in the town and surrounding area. Visit our facebook page for further details:

[@haslemerefoodfestival](https://www.facebook.com/haslemerefoodfestival)

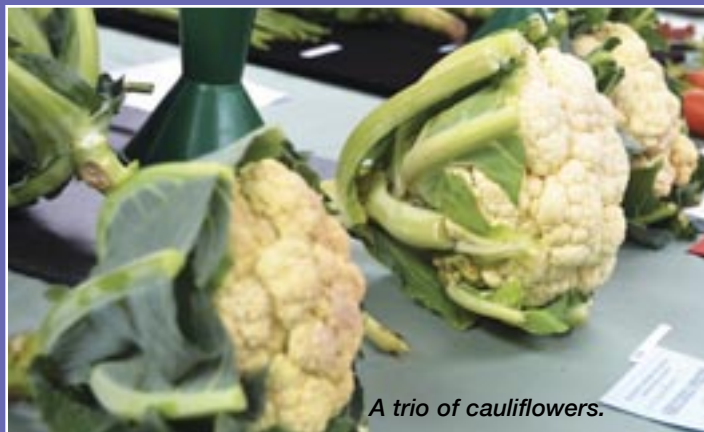


*Back cover photos of Liphook Horticultural Society Show taken by Brian Simmons.*





*A colourful flower display.*



*A trio of cauliflowers.*



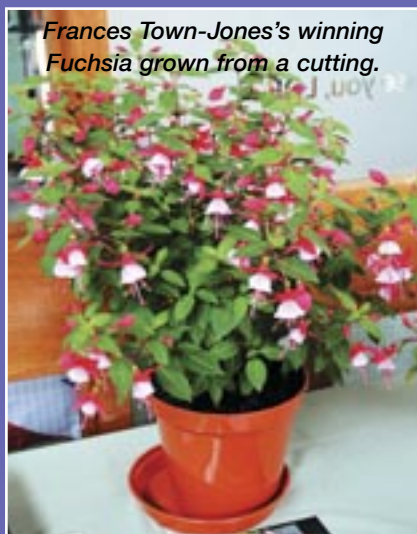
*Harry won the Muriel Ceaser Cup.*



*Marie Claire Keyser's Lily was judged the Best Exhibit in the show.*



*The flower classes.*



*Frances Town-Jones's winning Fuchsia grown from a cutting.*



*Edible Necklaces in the children's classes.*



*Chloe with the Hugh Coyte Trophy.*



*A lovely display of Victoria Sandwich cakes.*



*The Hydrangea class.*