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PARISH PEOPLE

Gordon Wilson



I first met Gordon when he attended our last Liphook Magazine A.G.M. with his charming wife Jenny. They married two years ago and live in their house 'Admers' in the Midhurst Road. Before he came to live in Liphook he was living in Petersfield and was still in the Navy, working at H.M.S. Mercury, the Royal Navy Signals School at East Meon. He came to live in the Liphook area in 1983, firstly spending two years in Bramshott before buying 'Admers' in 1985.

He needed space so that his extended family could come to stay. Gordon and Jenny love village life, particularly admiring the teamwork involved in the Liphook in Bloom Organisation, the Carnival and the setting up of the Christmas lights.



Gordon is a retired Royal Navy Captain, with a M.Phil in International Relations, from Cambridge University. His career began with his first job as a commander which he at first thought might be a difficult choice. He became advisor to the Commander in Chief of the Turkish Navy, which actually proved to be a very pleasant assignment. On his arrival Gordon was a bit alarmed to see a large crowd of protestors assembled outside the Houses of Parliament. He was told not to worry. They were only protesting against the Government. Ankara was a beautiful city and his two younger of four children enjoyed their education at the Embassy School. His little girls had blonde hair and were adored by all.

His next assignment was to become Captain of the naval frigate 'Rothesay' and Gordon began to explore the qualities needed to be a good captain. He says that a captain's treatment of his crew should be seen to be fair and it is a mistake to have feelings of grandeur. When sailing through the Indian Ocean his cook made a tasty dish for him but too much praise may have been a mistake as he was offered the same dish on many following occasions.

After his retirement from the Royal Navy at the age of fifty he became a senior research fellow at the EU Institute for Security Studies and is a strategic and defence analyst who has published widely and often, commenting on defence issues on radio and television and lecturing frequently throughout Europe, South Africa, U.S.A., Australia and China as well as UK universities. To balance this very intellectual life he has followed sporting events all around the World, such as The Olympics, Rugby World Cups, British Lions and Ashes Tours.

He is an ardent art and music lover, the latter ranging from grand opera to jazz. He is a frequent visitor to Ronnie Scott's London Club. His appreciation of sporting achievements is not confined to merely watching. He was for many years one of



the country's top marathon runners in his appropriate age groups at international level but now races short distances. In the 1996 New York City Marathon (see picture) he came second in the Over Fifties Class. When I mention Gordon's name to Liphook people I find he is well known as 'the runner.'

Gordon lived alone for twenty-three years after his lovely wife Carole died and I asked Gordon if he could cook. He likes to entertain and at first tried to remember how Carole did things, complementing this with recipes from his Mary Berry's Aga cookery book. He thinks entertaining in the garden is the best way to do it, although he never barbecues, doing all the cooking indoors.

Jenny and Gordon first met among mutual friends, when at the Duke of Cumberland Arms, an inn near Haslemere and finding they were both widowed became friends. Jenny says she liked Gordon because he is the only man she ever met who keeps chocolate in his car. Gordon says he meets many more Liphook people now because Jenny likes to stop and talk.

Gordon and Jenny live in 'Admers', which was possibly previously known as 'Gunn's' Farm, believed to have been built in the late eighteenth century as one of main farmhouses in the village. The oldest part of the house is built of mellow dressed stone with original diamond latticed windows with stone mullions and internal wooden shutters. There is a tiled, gabled roof. The hand made panes of glass show imperfections which twinkle in the sunlight. The later additions, built in brick, feature Tudor style chimneys. The high stone wall at the end of the garden is what remains of the old tithe barn and there is a pretty, secluded garden. May the happy couple live long together in their lovely home.

June Wright

What's on in Liphook

7th March - Liphook Carers Group - Millennium Centre
10.00am to 12.00 noon.

8th March - River and Ocean Cruise Show - Old Thorns
Country Club - 7.30pm.

12th March - Liphook U3A Open Day - Millennium
Centre. 2.00pm to 4.00pm. See page 36 for more details.

Alternatively go to www.Liphooku3a.org.uk for more
information.

15th March - Bees in the Garden - BLDS Church Centre
- 7.45pm.

17th March - BLACS Workshop - Feather Painting -
Millennium Centre - Contact BLACS for information.

25th March - Litter Pick - Midhurst Road Car Park -
9.30am.

26th March - Annual Parish Council Meeting -
Millennium Centre - 7.30pm - Open to the public.

4th April - Liphook Carers Group - Millennium Centre
10.00am to 12.00 noon.

7th April - B.L.D.S. Bring and Buy - Church Centre.
2.00pm to 4.00pm.

13th/14th/15th April - BLACS Annual Art Exhibition -
Millennium Centre.

1st May - BLACS Demonstration - Millennium Centre
7.30 to 9.30pm.

2nd May - Liphook Carers Group - Millennium Centre
10.00am to 12.00 noon.

4th May - Village Hall Quiz Night - 7.00pm for 7.30pm -
01428 727008.

11th May - LiDBA Charity Quiz Night - Millennium
Centre.

17th MAY - BLACS Workshop - Feather painting -
Millennium Centre - Contact BLACS for information.

5th June - BLACS Pottery Demonstration - Millennium
Centre 7.30 to 9.30pm.

6th June - Liphook Carers Group - Millennium Centre
10.00am to 12.00 noon.

10th June - Annual Liphook Bike Ride - Starts at
Bohunt School.

17th June - BLACS - Drawing Figures in Movement -
Millennium Centre - Contact BLACS for information.

LIPHOOK CARERS GROUP

This informal drop-in support group for carers meets for a
get-together on the first Wednesday of the month between
10.00 am and 12.00 noon at the Millennium Centre, Liphook.

Enquiries: liphookcarersgroup@gmail.com

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www.liphook.uk - then go to Community Magazine

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NOTICE BOARD

Community Magazine Spring Appeal 2018

As most of you are aware, your quarterly Magazine is compiled and delivered free-of-charge by individuals within the community. This work is all voluntary and we continue to owe a huge vote of thanks to all the persons involved.

There are however unavoidable expenses involving design and printing and current annual expenditure exceeds £14,300. The majority of these costs are thankfully covered by our loyal advertisers but as we do not receive any external financial support from Parish or District Councils, we must make up any shortfall in funds from donations.

Most of these come from Parish residents and have enabled the Magazine to devote more space to local matters and interests. Accessibility has also been greatly enhanced thanks to the outstanding help of 'liphook.uk', who host an online version.

To assist with future funding and continued development, can we therefore ask for your help by donating to our annual Spring Appeal? You will find a green slip inserted in this issue giving details of how to contribute. As in previous years, we would be happy to receive cheques or cash but additionally, donations can now be made online by electronic bank transfer.

Cheques (made payable to Liphook Community Magazine) or cash can be sent to The Treasurer, 73 Shepherds Way, Liphook, GU30 7HH or alternatively left at Gables News, The Square. Electronic Transfers should be made to Account No. 36811260, Sort Code 30-93-94, stating 'Appeal' as reference.

Thank you,

John Anthistle - Hon. Treasurer

CORRECTION FOR VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

Please note that the date for the above event has been changed. This will now take place on

FRIDAY 4TH MAY 2018

Liphook Village Hall, Headley Road

7.00pm for 7.30pm. Teams of 6 people

Cost £10 per person to include a
Ploughman's meal plus coffee

Drinks can be purchased from The Bar

There will also be a raffle.

Contact 01428 727008 or 01428 723585

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! LIDBA's 2018 Charity Quiz Night

will be held at The Millennium Centre
on

Friday 11th May commencing at 7.30pm.
Tables of six will be able to enjoy the evening

A cold buffet will be served.

Cost £10.00 per person.

Register your interest at info@lidba.co.uk

Apology

In the Winter issue we inadvertently stated that for the first time our Carnival Queen had been crowned by an Olympian. This prompted Mike Shepherd to write and tell us about Jim Fox, to whom we offer our sincere apologies. Jim now lives somewhere in the Bath area.

"I was reading the Winter edition of the Community Magazine when I came across an article about this year's carnival and it took me back to many years ago when an old army friend of mine crowned the Queen. He was none other than Jim (Jeremy) Fox O.B.E., possibly the greatest pentathlete this country has ever produced.

During my time at Arborfield, when doing my National Service I met Jim many times. My best friend Keith and I would wait for Jim to join us in our local pub, but he would still be training, running lap after lap around the track. He certainly was a dedicated athlete and a nicer man you couldn't wish to meet. Of course he won Olympic gold medals many times."

Mike Shepherd

Heritage Centre Opening Times

The Heritage Centre is located on the Upper Level of the Millennium Centre.

Opening hours are:

Mondays 10am - 12noon (excluding Bank Holidays), Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm,
Fridays 10am-12noon and Saturday mornings,
10am-12 noon on the 2nd Saturday in the month to coincide with the Liphook Village Market which is held downstairs.

Telephone: 01428 727275

Email: liphookheritage@btconnect.com

Website: www.liphookheritage.org.uk
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The History of Liphook



5,000 years in LIPHOOK

People have lived in our village for 5,000 years or more. Tumuli on Weavers Down testify to stone-age residence; and evidence of Neolithic man from c. 3,000 B.C. has been uncovered at Gunns Farm and Tunbridge near Bramshott. The Neolithic period is pre-history and our knowledge is limited, although there are credible reconstructions of Neolithic dwellings at Butser Ancient Village, which is well worth a visit.

More is known of Roman Britain. Soldiers stationed at Bohunt Manor defended travellers on the nearby Roman road between Chichester and Silchester against the Atrebates of Sussex. Bohunt Manor Lake, dredged in mid-19th century, revealed Roman and Persian pottery and a Roman stone coffin. Coins of Emperor Claudius's reign, A.D. 41 to 54, were found at Cold Ash and there was a Roman Spa at Hollywater near Passfield. The Romans left Britain c. 410 AD, and Britain entered its Dark Ages - centuries of foreign invasion and a dearth of written records.

After the last Anglo-Saxon King, Harold, was defeated in 1066 by William the Conqueror, land was redistributed to William's supporters. In 1085/6, Williams' clerks conducted a survey establishing the value of lands as a basis for taxation. The record, listing 13,418 places, came to be known in the 12th century as the Domesday Book, an account from which there was no appeal. The Domesday record for our village lists three large manors - Bramshott, Ludshott and Chiltley and two smaller manors, outlying parts of larger manors centred elsewhere in Sussex and Hampshire - Oakhanger and Rogate-Bohunt.

Of Bramshott the record says: **'Edward de Salisbury holds Brenbresete in chief of the king. Two freemen held it for King Edward as an allod'** (a manor without a feudal overlord - the modern word 'allotment' sharing the same root). Edward is cited as the last English King since William never acknowledged Harold as legitimate. **'It was then assessed at 6 hides'** (old English 'hid' or household - about 120 acres of workable land). **'In demesne is 1 plough and 10 villeins and 3 bordars with 3 ploughs'**. (Villeins, most of the population, worked up to 25 acres as tenants, whilst also working on the lord's lands. Bordars, smallholders, owned their own dwellings with up to 5 acres). **'There are 2 mills worth**

100 pence and 2 acres of meadow and wood for 10 swine. In the time of King Edward it was, as now, worth 100 shillings.' Brenbresete manor contained Bramshott, Hewshott and Hammer Vale. 'Brenbre' typically refers to 'bramble' in place names and 'sete' probably 'settlement'. Hewshott, originally 'Twesette' is formed from 'Iwe' Olde English 'ewe'.

To the north lay the manor of **Liddesete** (Ludshott) named from Lud, Saxon god of thunder, encompassing Ludshott, Passfield and the northern half of Conford. Domesday Book says the manor was held by Hugh de Port from King William and adds: **'In King Edward's time Alwin held it as an allod. It was then assessed at 2 hides, now at ½ a hide. In demesne is 1 plough and 5 villeins and 5 bordars with 5 ploughs; and a mill worth 7 shillings and 6 pence and 4 acres of meadow. There is wood for 50 swine. In the time of King Edward it was worth 60 shillings, now 100 shillings.'**

The third manor, **Ciltelei**, was taken by King William himself. Domesday Book says: **'Lanch held it of King Edward as an allod. It was then assessed at 2 hides, now ½ hide. There are 4 villeins with 2 ploughs. There is wood for 30 swine. It is and was worth 53 shillings'**. Liphook existed only as a collection of cottages around the king's hunting lodge. 'Lei' in a place name means 'clearing'. There is no consistent etymology for 'Cilt'

Acangre (Oakhanger) comprised Hill House Hill and the lower half of Conford - not the village we know as Oakhanger. Domesday Book says: **'Edwin holds Acangre; he says that he bought it of King William but of this the Shire knows nothing. Alwin held it of the king (meaning King Edward), now Richard holds it of Edwin. In the time of King Edward it was assessed at 1 hide. In demesne are 2 ploughs and 8 villeins and 6 bordars with 3 ploughs.'** It is no surprise that 'Acangre' is an oak 'hanger' or wood.

The fifth manor was Rogate-Bohunt, part of the large **Hartinges** manor (Harting in Sussex) awarded in 1066 to Roger de Montgomery. Domesday Book says: **'Of the land of this manor (i.e Hartinges) the clerks of St. Nicholas hold 6 hides and have there 6 villeins and 7 bordars with 5 ploughs'. So in the time of King Edward.'** St Nicholas, then a monastery, remains as a Church. The name likely derives from 'Ra' a roe-deer and 'gat', our 'gate'.

Finally some of Woolmer Forest fell within the parish. Woolmer was a royal forest in Saxon and Norman times and the personal property of the monarch who hunted there. So, there is no mention of Liphook in the Domesday record. How we grew from separate manors accommodating under 50 families - perhaps 200 to 300 people - to a village of over 8,500 with an odd name will be continued in the next edition. If you cannot wait, however, visit the excellent Liphook Heritage Centre at the Millenium Hall.

Sources:

'A Hampshire Parish: Bramshott and Liphook'
by Roger Chatterton Newman

'Liphook Calendar 1066 to 1989'
by Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society

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Liphook Library

Our library in Liphook is far more than just a place to browse and borrow DVDs, books in standard and large print formats, audio books on CD, MP3 CD (a whole book on one disc) and Playaways (easy to use digital players, which require a battery and earphones), catch up on the news in local newspapers, or use the photocopier and printer.

You will often see people on the People's Network computers or on their own laptops, making use of the free Wi-Fi which is available.

You can use one of the computers, or you may prefer to book a computer by asking in the library, telephoning **0300 555 1387** or booking online (for which you will need your library card number and PIN).

Next to the People's Network computers, you will see a partially completed jigsaw which everyone is invited to complete. Please think of the library if you have any unwanted 500-piece jigsaws to donate. We also have a Colouring area for Adults and Children. This is always available whenever the Library is open. If you don't want to take your pictures home, they are happy to display your completed Colouring sheets on our Colouring Board.

You are most welcome to join one of the existing groups and clubs at the library.

The Construction Club for making and creating using those well-known plastic building bricks has been so popular that it now takes place from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. every Saturday, having first started on just the first Saturday of each month. Parents or carers are required to stay with their children for the duration of their visit.

The Reading Club meets in the library on the second Monday of each month from 2.15-3.15pm, when members discuss their last book choice, collect their next selection and maybe consider what further titles they would like to read. Refreshments are provided. They would welcome new members.



Rhyme Time and Story Time are run on alternate Wednesdays from 10.30 – 11.00 a.m. There is one very good volunteer who runs these, but more volunteers are needed to help on a regular basis and also to provide cover for sickness and holidays. Please do contact Liphook library if you would like to help. Even if you can only manage one session a month, that would be very helpful.

Rod Sharp



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of Bramshott and
Liphook?**

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See website for further information or to download an application form.

www.bramshotteducationaltrust.org.uk



Can we help you?

IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Gertrude Jekyll Gardens

The industrious volunteers for Liphook in Bloom are not the only people for whom the name Gertrude Jekyll brings smiles of recognition. Indeed, she is probably the most celebrated garden designer of the past century, having created more than 400 gardens in the U.K., Europe and the U.S. In addition, she wrote over 1000 magazine articles - many for *The Garden* (founded by kindred spirit, William Robinson) and *Country Life*. She also authored more than 15 books - most famously *Colour in the Garden* - in her long life (1843-1932).

Gertrude Jekyll was born in London but grew up in Bramley, just outside Guildford. It was while studying at the Kensington School of Art that she fell in love with the creative art of planting and gardening. Her painterly approach to garden design reflects this early training. She also credits the painter Turner with influencing her style. Jekyll's distinctive plantings are known for their radiant colour and almost Impressionist-style schemes, contrasting 'warm' and 'cool' flower colours. Textures were also important in her approach to gardening.

Her name is forever linked with English architect Edwin Lutyens, who was some 25 years her junior. One of his first commissions was, in fact, to design her house, Munstead Wood. They were to go on to collaborate - he as the architect, she as the garden designer - on some 120 projects. He also designed her grave in the cemetery of Busbridge parish church, just down the lane from Munstead Wood.

Sadly, most of the gardens that Jekyll designed no longer exist. But we are extremely lucky that Munstead Wood, Upton Grey and Durmast House are within easy driving distance. I have visited the first two and can recommend them highly.

MUNSTEAD WOOD, NEAR GODALMING

(about 25 minutes' drive from Liphook).

Both the house and garden (now 10 acres) are Grade I listed. The garden was created on heath land that she bought in 1882.



Jekyll's home at Munstead Wood.



Out building at Munstead Wood.



Jekyll's garden at Munstead Wood.

Jekyll, who was by now age 40, applied many of her cherished gardening principles and the result is glorious drifts of colour. There is colour, form and interest throughout the year. Sadly, after her death, subsequent owners did not continue the garden's maintenance. Then, in 1963, Sir Robert Clark bought Munstead Wood. Following the removal of some 100 fallen trees, after the devastation of The Great Storm of 1987, Sir Robert approved plans for the restoration of Jekyll's original designs.

The wood garden is fairly intact. Here you will find many birch trees under-planted mainly with rhododendrons and azaleas. Wonderful in the early spring is the Nut Walk which is under-planted with hellebores. The Primrose Garden (March) is the next area to flower, followed by the Spring Garden (April) with its irises, tulips and peonies, then the azaleas and rhodos in the woodland (May), the Three Corner Garden (June) and finally the Main Border (July-November). A particular feature is the rose-covered pergola. Jekyll also included flowers renowned for their fragrance, such as Munstead lavender, which was named after her.

The house is still privately owned but you can book a tour of the garden (by appointment only) for **£7 per person** from 1st March - 30th October, Monday - Friday.

Email: contact@munsteadwood.org.uk.

UPTON GREY, NEAR BASINGSTOKE

(about 40 minutes' drive from Liphook)

Jekyll designed this garden in 1908 for Charles Holme, an important figure in the Arts and Crafts movement. This truly magnificent garden had been in a terrible state when Rosamund and John Wallinger bought it more than 35 years ago. They



Jekyll garden at Upton Grey.



Jekyll garden at Upton Grey.

contacted the University of California, who are the custodians of Jekyll's original plans, for copies of her designs. They then embarked on their project to bring the garden back to life, reinstating the features and plantings that Jekyll had created. Upton Grey is considered to be the most perfect and authentic restoration of a Jekyll garden, combining formal gardens and the wild garden of the original plans, with borders aglow with Jekyll's signature drifts of colour.

May is the perfect time to see the peonies. The herbaceous borders, the rose garden and the orchard are worth visiting from spring to autumn. As you explore the garden, you come upon fences and plant supports that the gardener has constructed from hazel rods coppiced from the Nuttery. The Nuttery in spring is quite a sight - with under-plantings of bluebells and primroses. At any time of the year a stroll over to the Wild Garden brings you to the pond which is planted with indigenous and water-loving plants. There is also an orchard and a kitchen garden as well as bowling green and tennis lawn. Jekyll truly thought of everything.

Upton Grey is open Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm, from 1st May to 31st July. **Entry is £7 per person.**

Telephone: 01256 862827.

Email: gj1908@gertrudejekyllgarden.co.uk

Web: www.gertrudejekyllgarden.co.uk

DURMAST HOUSE, BURLEY, HAMPSHIRE

(about 70 minutes' drive from Liphook)

The owners are Mr. and Mrs. Daubeney who have thus far managed to restore about 75% of the garden to its former glory. **Entry is £7 per person.** I did not visit this garden but contact details are:

Telephone 01425 402132

Email: piers@durmast.demon.co.uk.

One can visit Durmast on a National Gardens Scheme Open Day.

Mari Wallace

If you are thinking of visiting any of these gardens, please check before leaving that the opening times given are still the same. They can change.



The U3A is a self help organisation for people no longer in full time employment, providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment.

The approach is learning for pleasure, with members running their own Groups by drawing on their own experience.

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

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

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

There is lots of information on our website www.liphooku3a.org.uk



The Arts Society Grayshott

The Arts Society, Grayshott, offers you the opportunity to learn more about the decorative and fine arts:

- Attend regular lectures at Grayshott Village Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 2.00 p.m.
- Enjoy stimulating study days and tours.
- Meet new friends with similar interests.
- Take part in a range of volunteer activities.

Mar 14 Special Interest Day - 'The Ancient Maya' - Diane Davies

April 5 '20th Century Sculpture' - Linda Smith

April 9 Visit - Highclere Castle & Sandham Memorial Chapel

May 3 'As Good as Gold' - Alexander Epps

June 7 'Zaha Hadid - Architectural Superstar' - Colin Davies

June 12 Visit - Roche Court Sculpture Park and Wilton House

Visitors are very welcome. Their fee at lectures is £7

For more details contact Caroline Young on:

01428 714276

or visit our website:

www.theartsocietygrayshott.org



Pop in to LIPHOOK U3A OPEN DAY

**MONDAY, 12TH MARCH
2.00pm to 4.00pm**

This annual event is held in the Liphook Millennium Centre and is the opportunity for all our 40 plus groups to show their wares, so that members and friends can chat with the groups' representatives and find out more about them.



Photos from 2017 Open day

Visitors can also come along to find out what the U3A is all about and take the opportunity to join up if they wish. It is also a good time for members to renew their membership for the year ahead.

The Model Railway group will have their construction on display for demonstration and **FREE REFRESHMENTS** with homemade cakes, tea and coffee will be served. **Plus** Dylan's Ice Cream will be on sale.

For more information visit www.Liphooku3a.org.uk

AGE concern Liphook

We are in need of a new Chair person to take over from the current Chairman, who is standing down for family reasons.

If you can help then please get in touch and we can discuss the requirements. There is not much to do, just oversee the running of the Charity, with 4 or 5 Trustees meetings a year and the same for the Committee meetings. The Committee is made up of other organisations looking after the Elderly in Liphook. We offer advice and guidance for all sorts of things which involve usually just phone calls.

If you can help, please contact Robin Young on **01428 723255**.



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Liphook in Bloom

The Christmas lights have been taken down and stored away for another year. The days are getting longer and Liphook in Bloom team members are getting impatient to get on their gardening gloves and get out there.



The team hold their first meeting of the year in February. At the first meeting of the year plans are discussed and dates set. Joan Holdsworth is the new Chairperson. Although a relative newcomer to Liphook she is full of enthusiasm and we are looking forward to another blooming good year.



This year promises some stunning spring bulbs - in particular the Purple4Polio crocus, planted in Midhurst Road, together with tulips and pansies. Also there are great plans for the wildflower bed on the Millennium green. To commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1 the beds are to be planted with red white and blue, with a swathe of poppies through the middle. Fingers crossed - that should look lovely.



Liphook in Bloom would really welcome some new members and helpers. There are usually working days on the first Sunday of the month. This is when the beds and containers are planted and tidied. There is always a coffee break with time for a chat and of course a Kit Kat! If hands on gardening is not for you then maybe you could help with the watering. There is a dedicated watering team who have a rigorous rota throughout the summer. If you have a car with a tow bar you would be particularly welcome. The watering team work in twos: a driver and someone in charge of the hose.



It is not all hard work. Liphook in Bloom members enjoy several social activities throughout the year. If you would like to find out more about Liphook in Bloom please have a look at their website: www.liphookinbloomco.uk or give Joan Holdsworth a call on 01428 724016.

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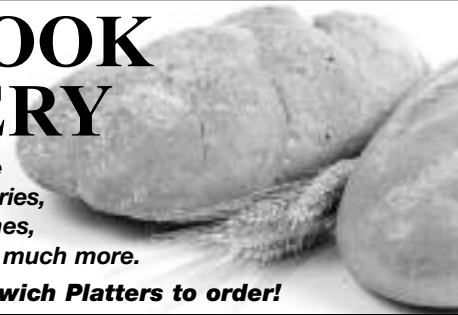
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7th April **Spring Show**
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Autumn Show Classes.
Church Centre. 2.00 - 4.00pm

June (TBA) **Visit to Fittleworth House,**
Fittleworth, West Sussex

3rd June **Summer Party**

21st July **Summer Show**
Bring & Buy Plant Sales.
Church Centre. 2.00 - 4.00pm

1st September **Autumn Show**
Bring & Buy Plant Sale. Sale of Daffodil bulbs
for Spring Show Class.
Church Centre. 2.00 - 4.00pm

18th October **Talk - "Planting for Autumn Colour"**
Rosy Hardy. *Church Centre. 7.45pm*

15th November **AGM & Social Evening with Quiz**
Bring & Buy Plant Sale
Church Centre. 7.45pm
(Non-members £4.00)

For further information on BL&DHS please contact:

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NEWS FROM

The Millennium Centre

FILMS

The film **Victoria & Abdul** has already sold out.

The film and food nights are very popular and are attracting a regular following. of people who love to come to the Film & Food nights.

MARCH

We are showing **Goodbye Christopher Robin** on Friday 2nd March.

APRIL

Liss Ballet School and BLACS have booked the whole complex for the first two Fridays of the month, so we will not have a film during April.

MAY

The film for this month is yet to be decided.

WE CONTINUE TO HOLD MANY OF THE U3A GROUPS AT THE CENTRE

PILATES CLASSES

We have a new lady who started two Pilates Classes, one for beginners and one for intermediates in January on a Monday Morning. Her name is **Louise Gilbertson** and she can be contacted via her email: **louisegilbertson2@gmail.com** or by telephone: **07866 881845, 01428 717758** for more information.

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PLANET DANCE

Thursdays and is made up of three classes (young - adults) between 5.00pm - 8.00pm.

CHEEKI MONKEYS

They are holding an event here at the hall on Saturday 3rd March which is organised by Lauren Peters. Her email is: **lauren timers@cheekimonkeys@gmail.com**

HEALTH & WELLNESS MORNING

This will continue when the Liphook Village Market returns on Saturday 10th March.

THE C.A.B are at Liphook Millennium Centre every Tuesday 10.00am - 1.00pm.

YOUTH CLUB

Kayleigh Rigby and her new group of volunteers have re-started the Youth Club. For more information, please contact her on: **0771 773 4989**. She is available 11.00am - 2.00pm and after 6.00pm. More volunteer help is always needed so please contact her if you can assist.

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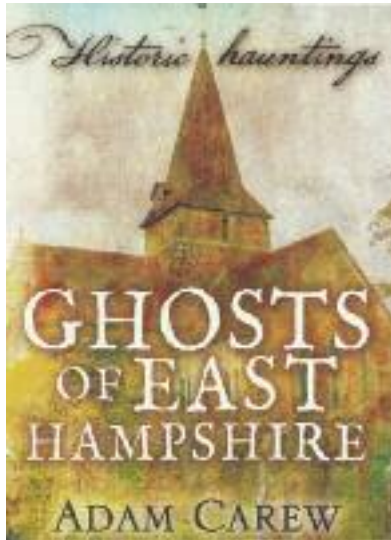


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Bramshott Ghosts Revisited



During a recent visit to Liphook Library I spied a book, 'Historic Hauntings' by Adam Carew. It was filled with ghost stories of East Hampshire, including a section on the ghosts of Bramshott, which is reputed to be the most haunted village in England. Adam is a busy Town, District and County Councillor for Whitehill, Bordon and Lindford but finds time to seek out these amazing tales. I thoroughly recommend it as an exciting read.

I was particularly interested in his book because some years ago I wrote 'Haunted Tales of Bramshott' for the Liphook Community Magazine and some of my ghosts are different from his. In recalling the spectre of a young lad Adam writes 'A pot boy, jug in hand, wearing a ragged blue shirt was seen outside what was The Bell Inn at Rectory Lane. The unfortunate boy seems to have fallen down a well. A group of terrified Victorian school children told of seeing this apparition re-enact his last moments, limping across the school yard before disappearing over the edge of a well.'

Here is my version, related to me by the late Elizabeth Pike who used to be the Bramshott School cleaner. One October's evening in 1972 she was in school, ready to start her cleaning session. The fluorescent kitchen light flickered and she took in the details of a boy dressed in knickerbockers, darned hose and scuffed, buckled shoes. 'Sorry. I'm late madam,' he whispered. His hair was fair, shoulder length and curly. Next day she told Mr. Payne the Headmaster and prised out of him the facts about a sixteen year old ostler who had worked at the inn. He slept in the hay loft, but in the evenings was allowed to come into The Bell for warmth. He was sleeping in a corner when a massive oak shelf supporting large pottery jugs of ale collapsed, crushing him to death.

Could the constant re-telling of these tales have changed the original version or are there two entirely different ghosts who have taken to haunting the same site? Do any other story tellers know of a different version?

From the 1600s onwards there was a community of Quakers living in Bramshott and they were given a greensward for use as a burial ground. This is situated in front of the present Bramshott Court and there have been more than fifty burials there, one of the first being a member of the Hounscome family who was briefly imprisoned for his belief in the 1630's, dying a peaceful death at the great age of one hundred and one. Quaker ghost stories abound.

Adam's ghostly Quaker story told of a man in puritan black, with a white shirt and a tall-brimmed hat seen near Bramshott Court. His presence had been often reported when Bramshott Court was being used as a makeshift hospital for soldiers returning from the Great War. Here is Elizabeth Pike's story. One Christmas Eve her son's friend visited them at their house in Limes Close and after just a half-pint of beer left to go home on his motor bike. Turning into Church Road he saw a soberly dressed man, wearing a tall hat,

standing by the road. Thinking there must be a fancy-dress party somewhere he waited for the figure to cross before moving on. The Quaker glided across the road to the Church gate, fading into nothingness. The poor lad was stricken with fear and returned to Elizabeth's house to stay the night. Local people believe that Christmas Eve is the time the Quakers are active and strange draughts are recorded as the ghostly Quakers move through homes causing curtains to waver. Poltergeists are also at work, uncannily moving objects about, producing 'things that go bump in the night.'

Ghosts do not always need darkness in order to materialise and Adam writes that one ghost in particular has often been seen in daylight, a young man often seen near Adams Cottage, or standing in the road, opposite the Church. He was a tall, smiling young man, often seen smoking a clay pipe. He is said to be an ancestor of John Adams who lived in the cottage. A similar ghost was seen by my friend Margaret Healey, a very down-to-earth lady who was driving to work one morning and reported seeing a youngish man, wearing a coarsely woven cape, crossing the road between 'Dobbins' and 'Adams Cottage'. A second startled look showed that he had disappeared. Her conclusion was that his weather-beaten countenance suggested that he was a gardener.

Adam has located a Liphook ghost, Captain Jacques, a notorious smuggler and highwayman who used Bramshott Church to hide contraband under the stone floor behind the altar. The impression of a devil's hoof print, designed to keep the curious away is said to have marked the entrance to the vault. His career came to an end when he was shot dead by excisemen in a first floor room in 'The Royal Anchor.' Legend has it that the captain's ghost can still be seen at the window of the room in which he died. The number of the room was six, but as all numbers have now been removed it is difficult today to identify which room it was.

Bramshott is the perfect place for ghosts. For generations the lives of Bramshott people have been tinged with wickedness, and in 1827 the then rector of Bramshott, John Monkhouse willed a sum to be used for the education of the children of parents who were not given to 'whoring, thieving, cheating, tricking, biting, over-reaching or extorting.'



With one sweep of his pen he had eliminated help for those who needed it most. With our wicked, smuggling, body snatching history it is not surprising we Bramshott folk encounter ghosts wherever we go.

Adam tells me that he is going to write a second book including more Hampshire hauntings and would be very pleased if people would send him any interesting, spooky tales. adamcarew007@gmail.com

June Wright



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ANGLICAN CHURCH

St Mary's, Bramshott.

10.30am: Joint Service at St Mary's, Bramshott.

METHODIST CHURCH

10.00am: Morning Worship for Palm Sunday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 29th MARCH

ANGLICAN CHURCH

7.00pm: Maundy Thursday Communion with a simple supper - Church Centre.

METHODIST CHURCH

7.30pm: Supper & Communion at Haslemere Methodist Church.

TRINITY CHURCH

Communion – see Web site for details www.trinitychurch.tc

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

6.00pm: Mass of the Last Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY – 30th MARCH

Events & Services Open to Everyone

7.30am: "Planting of the Cross" outside St Mary's, Bramshott.

9.30am: "Service of the Nails with IPC" at St Peters, Liss. Further details from Trinity Church website www.trinitychurch.tc

10.00am: Reflective Service at the Methodist Church.

10.30am: Walk of Witness starts from Methodist Church and ends at Church Centre.

11.30am: Hot Cross buns & children's craft activities at the Church Centre.

12 noon - 3.00pm: Good Friday Meditations at St Mary's, Bramshott (come and go on the half hour.)

3.00pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at the Roman Catholic Church.

HOLY SATURDAY – 31st MARCH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

6.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY – 1st APRIL

ANGLICAN

St Mary's, Bramshott:

8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP).

9.30am: Family Holy Communion.

Church Centre, Liphook:

10.30am: Family Holy Communion.

METHODIST

10.00am: Easter Communion.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

10.15am: Easter Mass.

TRINITY CHURCH

Dawn walk at Butser Hill - see Web site for details www.trinitychurch.tc

9.00am: Family Communion at Liphook Infant School.

9.45am: Egg Hunt for Children - Liphook Infant School.

10.30am: Family Service - location as above.

JOINT CHURCHES EVENTS

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 2ND MARCH

This year it will be held at the Methodist Church at 1.30pm with light refreshments afterwards.



CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING – SATURDAY 12th MAY

To be held at the Church Centre.

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TRINITY CHURCH

Well, are you any the wiser?

At this point last year, I commented: We live in interesting, if somewhat confusing times! It's a fact that what you 'believe' will define how you live your life; what determines your hope and expectations measured against your fears and concerns.

So, a year later are you any the wiser? Is your life any less confused, fearful or uncertain? In our morning services we have been studying the Book of Deuteronomy; written just before the children of Israel entered the Promised Land . . . At the second attempt, it had all gone so terribly wrong on the first attempt some 38 years earlier; now parents and grandparents lay buried in the desert and the young nation of Israel stood on the threshold, a little fearfully and uncertain I'm sure, as Moses tells them he will not be going with them; then in chapter 31:7 we are told: "Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. It is the

Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

We believe in a Covenant God, who is faithful to His word and the promises made in it. And so, these promises to the young nation of Israel, still apply to God's children today – In the midst of our fear, confusion and uncertainty in the world, and times in which we live – It is the One true and living God . . . Who goes before us . . . Who will be with us . . . Who will not leave us . . . Who will not forsake us . . . Such, is the balm that comforts my soul each day as I read the news, as I listen to the confusion around me.

As Easter approaches this year, don't worry about whether Cadbury's and Starbucks put the word 'Easter' in their advertising . . . Just remember that God put His Son on the cross, so that those words from Deuteronomy remain true: The Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed

Love in Christ, Pastor Jim Downie

CATHOLIC CHURCH

As I write this, we in the Catholic Church are preparing to celebrate Lent and Easter. The world at large is happy to consume Easter Eggs and speak of various Easter events, sporting and other wise. But the festival has lost all religious connections and is detached from its Christian origins.

For us, it is the 40 Days of Lent which prepare us for this annual great renewal of our Christian commitment. We are called on to reflect on, and to seek pardon for our failings and to turn to Christ for the strength and resolution to make a fresh start. Our keeping of Lent which includes some personal self denial is a lead-in to the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before Easter. In our liturgy on this Thursday which we call "Holy Thursday" we celebrate Christ's gift of His Sacrament of the Eucharist. On Good Friday afternoon at 3pm (The

traditional time of the Crucifixion) we have the beautiful and moving commemoration of the Death of the Lord. On the Saturday night we celebrate The Easter Vigil, where we remind ourselves of God's centuries of preparation for Christ's death and resurrection and end with the joyful celebration of this resurrection. All this, of course, is a contrast with the secular keeping of Easter, which has got quite detached from its religious roots. But if you visit a Catholic Church on Easter Day you will find the parish putting its best foot forward to express its Easter joy with flowers and lights, symbols of the new life the risen Christ offers us.

Come in and see for yourself!!

Rev. Mgr. Provost Cyril Murtagh

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

It seems that Christmas is now long past, and the presents received either eaten, worn, broken (!) or given away. It is all so very quick. The build up endless, and the celebration come and gone, it seems, in a matter of minutes. The Church honours and marks the Christmas Season for a much longer time. To be precise, for 40 days after the great day itself. The end of the season is Candlemas, or The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, when Jesus was of an age to be recognised, and Mary, his mother welcomed back into society. The day is February 2nd, and for Christians it is a very special day. But, this year, (because Easter is a moveable feast) after a further 12 days, we move into Lent, the beginning of which is Ash Wednesday.

I know that many people try and give up something for Lent, remembering the 40 days when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. Trying to deny ourselves some pleasure, sugar, smoking, or even chocolate. (now that is hard!). The New Year always brings

resolutions, which sadly don't always last very long. So why do we try too hard to keep our promise? And it is the same for Lent. I remember two very crusty clerics talking to each other. One said "What are you giving up for Lent?" And the other, tetchily made his response, "Religion!". Why give up at all . . . Why not take on. We have so many lonely people in our midst who would value a visit, some care, and genuine love. Let me suggest to you this year, that instead of trying to do something that is self orientated, and not always very productive, we could do something to help another. Why not reach out and make a difference to someone else. Enhance their lives, and remember how Jesus came to visit this world, and brought his peace and his love. That surely would be far more beneficial; and in our giving of self, we will not only make someone else happier, but we ourselves be abundantly blessed.

Reverend Canon Nigel Nicholson

METHODIST CHURCH

At the Methodist Church we often ask, "What's that all about then?" So, Easter - what's that all about then?

We could begin with chocolate and bunnies and go on to symbols of spring like eggs and new green shoots of leaves on trees and flower buds.

But these are not what it's all about, these are symbols of what it's all about. They all connect with new life as the cycle comes round each year. Actually chocolate is a bit tenuous but the energy released in us from the sugar can feel like a new lease of life.

But what Easter is all about is new life in a much bigger, much more cosmic and all embracing sense. And it is founded on something focussed, individual and specific.

Christian belief, stemming from the resurrection of Jesus has developed the Jewish belief about resurrection that it will happen at the end of all things. Jesus' resurrection means that the new life of the resurrection has come forward into time so that we can be part of the renewal of all things now as we associate ourselves with him and join our present lives with his.

What Easter is all about is more than a celebration of an event 2000 years ago. It is a celebration that because that happened so we have new life and all creation will come to share in that new life as we are raised and renewed with him starting now and going on through death to our own resurrection and the new creation.

Rev. David Muskett



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



Year 6 pupils enjoyed helping at the Liphook carnival children's activity morning. Working in the community forms an important part of their civic award.



Liphook Infants and Juniors enjoyed coming back to school for an evening of stories with their class teachers. Many children enjoyed buying a range of books from the book fayre.



Pupils across the federation enjoyed taking part in a wide range of exciting activities including: a visit to see The Nutcracker, performing a range of musical concerts, a trip to Durleighmarsh Farm and lots more!



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Heritage Centre News

The day-to-day life of the volunteers in the Heritage Centre is a busy one, with a steady trickle of interested visitors who call in to see the exhibitions, books and small historical items which are on display. Many of them bring in items of local interest. Indeed when I was visiting the Centre the other day Phoebe Newman brought a paper bag in. This bag was one



used in A.E. Matthews, the Grocer's, which closed many years ago. Printed with the shop's name the bag would have been filled with one and a half pounds of flour. Of course flour is still sold in paper bags but in a lively discussion the people in the Centre criticised supermarkets for not supplying paper bags for customers to pack their fruit and vegetables in. A more environmentally friendly approach is needed. Someone living in Liss brought in a pile of Bramshott and

Liphook village magazines from the early 1900's which will provide hours of reading and cataloguing for the volunteers. Terry Smithers, who used to live in Liphook has donated a large collection of postcards and other memorabilia which should make interesting reading.

In August the Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society celebrated its fiftieth year with a party. Adrian Bird has put together a wonderful selection of memories which he has assembled in a book, **'50 Years of the Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society'**, which will be kept in the Centre. The document tells the story of the many changes that have taken place in Liphook and District over the years and the way individuals and societies have influenced these changes.



This photograph shows Roger Newman presenting a blue and white plate to the Centre. The plate was used in the Royal Anchor Hotel when Marshall Blucher and the Grand Duchess Catherine Pavlovna (sister of the Tzar Alexander of Russia) dined there on the way to the

Prince Regent's Review of the Fleet at Portsmouth in 1814, which was also attended by the Tzar and the King of Prussia.

Making a personal trip through this book I find that certain dates leap out at me.

1968. The demise of Lakehouse Farm which was situated just before the railway bridge on the Haslemere Road. My friend June lived there and was rehoused in Collyer's Crescent. The house was demolished but the scheduled road widening has never been implemented.

1976. Midlands Farm was identified as the new secondary school site which resulted in Andrew Luff being compelled to relocate his farming business to Headley.

Roger Newman's book 'A Hampshire Parish' was published. A book I have referred to many times, especially liking his stories of ghosts.

1981. Flora Thompson's statue, situated outside old Post Office was unveiled by Mrs. Hooker and Mrs. Hobson, both of whom knew Flora Thompson. Flora is now taking pride of place in the Library.

1986. Laurence Giles' book 'Liphook and the Canadians' published. The churchyard contains the many graves of Canadian soldiers who mainly died from an epidemic of influenza.

1987. Laurence Giles 'Liphook Lives' published and he began the huge task of translating The Bramshott Manor Court Rolls. Here I note that Laurence was a dedicated historian who spent much time chronicling Bramshott and Liphook's history.

The Great storm battered trees and did much damage to our sunken lanes.

1990. Ian Baker's 'Liphook and the Headley Road' published. Ian is another tireless volunteer and his book joined the collection of interesting books on sale in the Heritage Centre.

1995. A campaign to renew the Canadian Maples avenue alongside the A3 on Bramshott Common was eventually accepted by the English Nature and Highways Agency. The trees are growing well now and showing beautiful Autumn colour.

Liphook's MoD OSU depot closes.

1997. Sainsbury's buy O.S.U. Site. A momentous happening. The ball starts rolling and the Heritage Centre becomes a twinkle in the eyes of the historians. It will be ten long years before it is completed and in use in the Millennium Hall.

2000. BLPS volunteers start work on the Centre. The application to the Lottery's Local Heritage initiative failed. Laurence Giles retires as vice-chairman, to be succeeded by Ian Baker.

2001. The hundredth anniversary of the publication of Canon Capes' 'A Rural Life in Hampshire' is celebrated, particularly by me as I regard this as my handbook when writing articles about the area.

2004. Laurence Giles leaves Liphook and all his archives are transferred to 12 London Road.

2007. At last work starts on the Hindhead Tunnel and Lloyds Bank (formerly the Ship Inn) is re-roofed, the medieval roof timbers being recorded by BLPS.

2010. A BIFFA award application succeeds and £35,000 is granted (Total cost to be £50,000+) and the Heritage Centre project can finally proceed.

2011. The Heritage Centre is handed over and Ariane, Laurence Giles' widow officially opens the Centre. Volunteers are enrolled and the Centre is open for business. During the following years, up to the present day, the Centre has settled into being a mature, living, hub which serves the growing population of the area with an array of historical knowledge. I think it has succeeded beyond all hopes and I hope the brief foray I have made will stimulate all readers to visit our Heritage Centre and also peruse Adrian's detailed BLPS story. Here's to the next fifty years.

June Wright

LIPHOOK BIKE RIDE 2018

The Planning Starts



With the start of the new year the Liphook Crankers have once again turned their attention to the organisation of the 2018 ride. The first meeting of 2018 was conducted along with some representatives from LiDBA to review lessons of 2017 and start the planning for the ride. The 2018 ride will be on Sunday 10th June, starting and finishing at Bohunt School. Once again we will be writing to and visiting local businesses to request their sponsorship support. This year it is hoped than many smaller businesses will engage to make this the best year yet.

The Crankers have been keeping up their riding through the winter months with a mixture of mountain biking and road riding on the beautiful routes around Liphook and surrounding countryside.



In 2017 the Liphook Bike Ride raised over £18,000 from a combination of riders' entry fees, commercial sponsorship, charities sponsorship and individual collections. The 2017 ride was the second run by the Liphook Crankers after they took over the reigns from LiDBA who ran it for 25 years. The Crankers remain very closely engaged with the Lidba team who will continue to maintain their close links with the Liphook charities.

Ride Chair Alistair Halliday said: "We were delighted with the way that the 2017 ride went and are very pleased with the funds





raised. We conducted our own post ride review process to ensure we can continue to fine tune the event and make it even better this year.”

The website is up and running and will be open for ride entries in February. It is hoped that more charities and schools will be involved this year and anyone who wishes to be involved as a marshal, volunteer or a sponsor are asked to get in touch with the Crankers. The ride is ably supported by the Liphook Guides who run the refreshment stops as well as their renowned stall at Bohunt.



The annual Liphook Bike Ride in its 28th year is, along with the famous Liphook Carnival, one of the biggest events in the village with over 1000 riders routinely taking part watched by 100's of spectators and makes a such a significant contribution to local charities.

One of the hallmarks of the ride is the wonderful way it attracts such a wide and diverse range of participants; from elite riders who are after a personal best to people of all ages and abilities riding for their first time - often in fancy dress and representing schools, charities and worthy local causes, along with the 100's of under 12's who ride the junior ride. It is great to be able to see such a large number of people enjoying themselves and making

some money for their chosen charities. We hope that 2018 will be the best yet.



Details of the Liphook Bike Ride are at www.liphookbikeride.com

Anyone wishing to communicate with the LBR team should email: info@liphookbikeride.com

Alistair Halliday



BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK

Parish Council

A very belated Happy New Year to all residents on behalf of the Parish Council. Here are a few items that I hope will be of interest to everyone.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Steering Group for the Neighbourhood Development Plan have been very involved in community engagement over the past few months running a successful Design Forum where local stakeholders were invited to come along and give their views on the key themes that the group will be focussing on over coming months. Members of the public are encouraged to get involved at all stages of the process and can do so by visiting the website at www.bramshottandliphookndp.uk or following the Facebook page @BramshottandLiphookNDP

RADFORD BRIDGE

Funding for a new bridge at Radford Park has now been agreed from Developer's Contributions by EHDC. We will now be progressing this through Hampshire County Council and will keep residents informed.

RECREATION GROUND

The new parking area at the Recreation Ground is now complete and we hope residents find parking there is a little easier.

Due to the very wet conditions this Winter we have had to close some of the pitches on occasion. We are monitoring this situation closely and will only close pitches when we absolutely have to.

GRANTS

The Parish Council has recently agreed grant funding to various local organisations/charities that have applied. We still have money left in the pot so if you are involved with a 'not for profit' organisation that provides services or facilities within the parish or where monies will be spent for the benefit of the residents, do please get in touch if there is a project that we can support. If you wish to apply then please ask for an application form by calling the Parish Office on **01428 722988**.

LIPHOOK MILLENNIUM CENTRE

The heating at the LMC failed us over the very cold spell just before Christmas. Although we did bring in some temporary heating whilst the problem was resolved, we do apologise to anyone who experienced the rather cold conditions over that period. We are monitoring this situation carefully.

RADFORD PARK

We are very grateful to all the families who are part of the Facebook group Liphook Rocks who recently carried out a litter pick in Radford Park collecting a lot of rubbish. We would encourage residents to not throw rubbish in this beautiful space and please take your rubbish home or throw your litter in the bins provided.

The idea of Liphook Rocks is for adults and children of all ages to paint a stone and hide it around the village. Many of the rocks are

in Radford Park but also all over the village. When a stone is found the finder posts a picture on the Facebook Page and re-hides it for someone else to find. This is a brilliant way to encourage children and families to use our open spaces.

VILLAGE GREEN

We have received a number of reports about dog fouling on the Village Green at the rear of the Millennium Centre. This is very disappointing as many children use this area to play on and we would ask that all dog owners pick up after their dog and make sure the green is kept clean for all to enjoy.

VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Our friends at Liphook in Bloom will be carrying out a village wide litter pick on Sunday 25th March. The Parish Council will be supporting this event and bags and litter picking tools will be made available. Meeting place will be in the Midhurst Road car park during the morning of the 25th.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This will be taking place on Monday 26th March at 7.30pm at Liphook Millennium Centre. All members of the public are warmly invited to attend to hear reports from the Parish Council about what has been happening over the last year and plans for the future. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

If any community groups wish to do a presentation during the evening we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the parish office using the details below.

The Parish Council are always keen to see members of the public at our meetings. A full meeting schedule can be found on our website at www.bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk You can also follow us on Facebook @bramshottliphookpc Telephone: **01428 722988**. Email: council@bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk

If you wish to contact me about any business related to the Parish Council I would be delighted to hear from you.

Cllr. Jane Ives

Chair, Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council
Telephone: **01428 722324/07736 682182**

1st Liphook Scouts

Recently this group received a well-deserved donation towards the cost of a new mini bus. They are now proud owners of a lovely new bright red bus which will be used to take Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to their many functions. The OLD bus was so old it was difficult to obtain spare parts.

Happy Motoring to all.

George Eliot in Surrey

Several years ago I was cruising the antique shops in Dorking, and let's face it, why else would you shop there? It occurs to me that if you wanted to buy a loaf of bread in Dorking High Street you would have a problem. I was initially looking for books and in one of the shops I came across an attractive small occasional side table in mahogany with a small worn brass plate set in the middle of the top. On close examination it said that this table had once been the property of the author George Eliot. I recall that at the time I had thought 'now that's a long way from home', as I believed that she had spent all her life in the East Midlands. But, as I have subsequently learned, George Eliot lived for part of her life in Surrey, first in Shottermill and later in Witley.

George Eliot was born Mary Anne Evans on 22 November 1819 and lived the first twenty two years of her life near Nuneaton in Warwickshire and this area in the East Midlands was the setting for almost all of her great novels and remained an inspiration until the end of her life as she expressed in 'Daniel Deronda', her last novel published in 1876 "A human life, I think should be well rooted in some spot of a native land . . . a spot where the definiteness of early memories may be inwrought with affection".

She was not considered to be a beautiful or even an attractive woman. According to Henry James: "She had a low forehead, a dull grey eye, a vast pendulous nose, a huge mouth full of uneven teeth and a chin and jawbone that do not end. Now in this vast ugliness resides a most powerful beauty which, in a very few minutes, steals forth and charms the mind, so that you end, as I ended, in falling in love with her. Yes, behold me in love with this great horse-faced bluestocking".



She moved to London where she met George Henry Lewes in 1851 when she was an editor for the 'Westminster Review'. He was an English philosopher and critic of literature and theatre. He was married at the time but was unable to divorce his adulterous wife and so Mary Anne Evans consented to live openly with Lewes in a bond that was to last twenty seven years until his death in 1878. In the late 19th century this liaison would have been considered by many in her social class to be scandalous. Through her knowledge of working class life she would have been familiar with the phrase 'living over the broom, or brush'. Unmarried couples deemed to be living together would be identified by a broom or brush left anonymously leaning against the front wall of the house.

It was Lewes who encouraged her to write fiction and she chose to write under the pen name of George Eliot because most of the female authors that were writing under their own names during Eliot's life, were publishing lighthearted romances and she wanted to escape this stereotype.

She rented a furnished house in Shottermill called Brookbank with George Lewes from May to August in 1871. The house, not far from the railway, is now divided in two, Bookbank and, inevitably, Middlemarch. The yew tree under which George Eliot sat while writing 'Middlemarch' (1872) is just visible in the garden behind. Tennyson first met her here, and used to come over from Aldworth and read his poems to her. She liked being there so much, where 'there were no interruptions except welcome ones', that on leaving Brookbank she decided to prolong her stay and moved across the road to Cherrimans before returning to London in September.

It is important to understand that with the death of William Makepeace Thackeray in 1863 and Charles Dickens in 1870, Eliot became the single most important author writing in the second half of the 19th century. Her novels 'Adam Bede' (1859), 'The Mill on the Floss' (1860), 'Silas Marner' (1861), 'Romola' (1862), 'Felix Holt' (1866) and 'Middlemarch' (1871) were all published to great acclaim.

Eliot and Lewes both so loved the Surrey countryside that they wished to establish a weekend home and found a large house in Witley called 'The Heights' which they bought in 1877 on the proceeds of 'Daniel Deronda' (1876). They had been looking for a country home there that was "neither of the suburban-villa style nor of the grand hall and castle dimensions", and finally found it: "We have just bought a house in Surrey, and think of it as making a serious change in our life - namely, that we shall finally settle there and give up town", she wrote in her journal of 11 December 1876.

This was a charming house - "It stands on a gentle hill overlooking a lovely bit of characteristic English scenery. In the foreground green fields, prettily timbered, undulate up to the high ground of Haslemere in front, with Blackdown (where Tennyson lives) on the left hand, and Hindhead on the right - "Heights that laugh with corn in August, or lift the plough-team against the sky in September" . . . A land of pine-woods and copses, village greens and heather-covered hills, with the most delicious old red or grey brick, timbered cottages nestling among creeping roses; the sober-coloured tiles of their roofs, covered with lichen, offering a perpetual harmony to the eye . . . About the house there are some eight or nine acres of pleasure ground and gardens. It quite fulfilled all expectations, as regards beauty and convenience of situation".

Sadly George Lewes was to die in London in November 1878 and in May 1880, just fifteen months after the death of Lewes, once again Eliot courted controversy by marrying John Cross, a family friend and a man twenty years her junior, and again changing her name, this time to Mary Anne Cross. While the couple were honeymooning in Venice, Cross, in a fit of depression, jumped from the hotel balcony into the Grand Canal. He survived, and the newlyweds returned to England. They moved to a new house in Chelsea, but Eliot fell ill with a throat infection. This, coupled with the kidney disease she had been afflicted with for several years, led to her death on 22 December 1880 at the age of 61.

Paul Robinson

HAMPSHIRE SEARCH AND RESCUE

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Search and rescue is not just the domain of helicopters and Mountain Rescue teams. Did you know that Hampshire has its own search and rescue team?

Hampshire Search and Rescue (HANTSAR), a registered charity, is one of many Lowland Rescue teams throughout the country which provide professionally trained volunteers to assist the police with searches for vulnerable missing people (such as children, the elderly or despondent). We are well-equipped with a control vehicle, support vehicles and the necessary computer and communications equipment to run an effective search.

Search



We are called by the police when they need extra assistance in searching for a high risk missing person. A callout is initiated and members start heading out to a rendezvous point where we set up our command post.

Casualty Recovery



One of our Search Planners will decide which areas need to be searched and which have highest priority. This is a skilled task which takes into account missing person behaviour statistics as well as personal information about the person who is missing.

Searchers are then divided into teams of between three to six people, each with a Team Leader. The teams are dispatched to their areas where they begin searching. There are two possible outcomes: either the missing person is found or, having completed the search of their area, the team reports back to the control vehicle for re-assignment.

Training and Navigation



We train up to four times a month in order to maintain and improve our competences in skills such as search techniques, first aid, navigation, radio operation, scene of crime procedures and river bank searching. We also have a specialist water response team and are developing a team using Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems, more commonly known as 'Drones'. We are available for callout 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, whatever the weather. Callouts occur at any time of day or night but of course not everyone is able to attend every time.

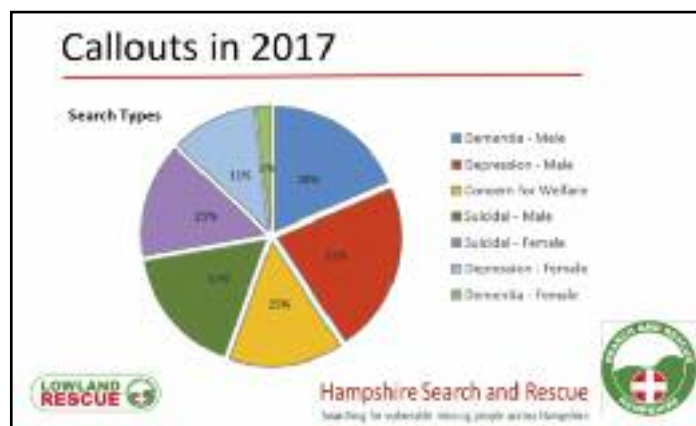
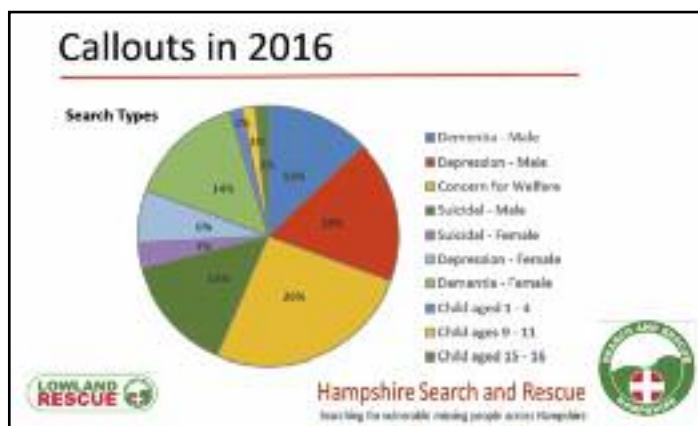
Our team covers the whole of Hampshire and, when requested, assists the teams from neighbouring counties. Since our formation in late 2003 we have responded to over 550 requests for assistance by the police. In 2016 we had 62 callouts and in 2017 the number was 54. Slightly lower, and probably a good thing.

Control Vehicle



Our Fleet





In the past 5 years we have responded to 57 callouts in what one would call the 'North' of Hampshire, with 12 of those being in the past year. This number includes a few when assisting with cross-border calls by Surrey and Berkshire. Of perhaps particular interest to the readers of this magazine, in that 5-year period there have been 15 calls roughly within a 10-mile radius of Liphook.



Our members come from all walks of life and there is no upper age limit. The only requirement to be considered is that you are aged 18 or over and, additionally for operational membership, you can walk at least five miles in two hours.



We are totally dependent on donations for our running costs and hold regular collection days and fundraising events. You may have seen our members outside supermarkets with the collection 'buckets'. Locally you will have seen our teams assisting at the Bike Ride and at the Carnival, even having one of our control vehicles taking part in the procession.

If you are looking for a volunteering role that keeps you fit and active, teaches you new skills and, most of all, saves lives then why not consider joining us? We are always looking for prospective members, both as operational searchers and for a number of important support roles, and we hold regular recruitment evenings.



Have a look at our website and get in touch or call/email our Membership Officer for an informal chat - we'd love to hear from you!

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BOHUNT STUDENTS TAKE TO CHINA FOR INCREDIBLE CULTURAL EXCHANGE

What comes to mind when you think of China? Culture? Tradition? Perhaps food? At the end of last year, 31 Year 10 Bohunt students experienced all this and more when they spent a fortnight on a cultural immersion trip to China.

Times are changing, technology, travel and business mean the need to be able to compete in a more global economy. Approximately one billion people speak Mandarin so Bohunt with its 'CLIL' immersion groups, in which a group of thirty students are taught one third of their timetable in a foreign language, introduced GCSE Mandarin alongside its exiting Spanish, German and French classes. The Mandarin immersion group took their GCSE Mandarin last summer, two years earlier than usual, achieve mainly A*s and As.



The flight to China's Shanghai Airport took 11 hrs followed by another flight to Xiamen, a hot, humid, colourful and exuberant city. Here students were able to practice their Mandarin skills in the many markets, and get first-hand experience of the everyday life of China.

Four nights were spent in XiaMen before moving on to TaiZhou. The city of TaiZhou was slightly colder than XiaMen but was still beautiful and vibrant and it was here they stayed in the homes of Chinese students from TaiZhou middle school.

A big shock to the students was that the school day in TaiZhou started at 6.30am and finished at 6.30pm, but they would not have to attend for these long hours. They were taken around the beautiful school gardens and watched the whole school doing morning exercises. Synchronised movements and exercises were carried out with military precision, lasting about 15 minutes: an epic sight as the school had around 1,200 students in one year-group alone.

One of the most surprising aspects of Chinese school life was the fascination the Chinese children had for the Bohunt students, and they were quite taken aback when they were suddenly grabbed or pulled over for a photo! The high school in TaiZhou

was where they had the most interest: Children at the school would pour out of their classrooms just to come and have a look at the Bohunt students and sometimes they would even ask for them to sign their school books.

From the first day, Bohunt students ate the traditional Chinese way, trying all the local cuisines and mastering the art of chopsticks, eating around a big circular table with a 'Lazy Susan' in the middle, each meal consisting of approximately 20 different dishes to pick and choose from. The occasional fish brain or chicken foot made an appearance . . . but this was yet another fantastic experience of the amazing trip and the Chinese culture.

Following the homestay, the students took the famous bullet train from Suzhou to Shanghai, eager to ride a train that could reach speeds of up to 311mph!

Sightseeing followed the highlight being a trip up the Oriental Pearl Tower, which involved two lifts to the top, 259metres above the ground. Views of the concrete jungle of high-rise buildings that stretched for miles, forty years ago, the Pu Dong side of Shanghai was just a small fishing village; now it is a metropolis full of awe-inspiring high rise buildings. In the evening the students stood on the Bund, where the iconic Shanghai skyline is perfectly juxtaposed along the bend of the Huangpu river. They watched the lights illuminate the night sky, and reflected on the memorable, once-in-a-lifetime trip.

Collectively, the students all agree that they have gained lifelong friends and memories, not only with fellow Bohunt students but with their exchange partners too. They have also gained more confidence in their ability to speak Mandarin.



PUPILS FROM BOHUNT SCHOOL SHOWCASE THEIR MANDARIN SKILLS FOR EDUCATION MINISTER

Pupils from Bohunt School in Liphook showed off their Mandarin skills in front of the School Standards Minister, Nick Gibb MP during a visit to London in December 2017

As one of the first schools to participate in the Department for Education's Mandarin Excellence Programme, the pupils joined 13



other schools from across England to celebrate the programme's first year – with the Minister praising the pupils for their excellent results.

The intensive language programme - which is being delivered by the UCL Institute of Education in partnership with the British Council - was introduced in September 2016 and aims to see more than 5,000 pupils in England on track towards fluency in Mandarin by 2020.

Results from the first year of the programme show that the majority of pupils are making excellent progress so far - with the majority achieving marks of over 80 percent in reading, writing, listening and speaking tests.

Pupils at the event – which took place in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office headquarters in central London - participated in a number of activities to showcase their Mandarin skills and to help them continue their learning. This included a giant game of Chinese whispers, where the pupils were split into groups and had to communicate a message in Mandarin to help them practise their Mandarin speaking. The pupils were also invited to contribute to scrolls which included the words and characters they had learnt through their time on the Mandarin Excellence Programme.

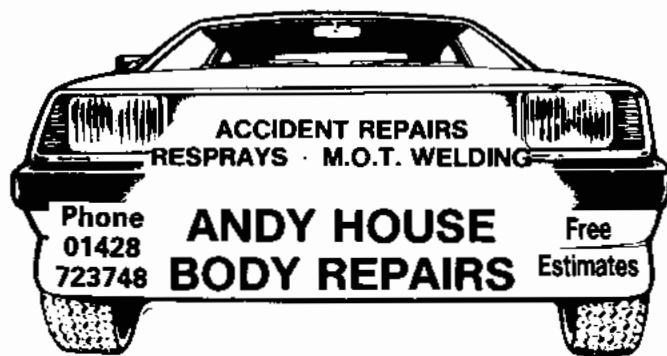
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It has been described as somewhat reptilian and almost dragon-like in looks, and the male's strange "churring" sound after sunset and into the night gives the Nightjar its name.



The Nightjar has long been one of Hampshire's "special" birds. Although its range has decreased in some areas of Britain and it is on the UK Red List as a bird of conservation concern, Hampshire remains the number-one county for Nightjars in Britain. Based on the counts of territorial males made during the most recent country-wide survey in 2004, the county holds around 19% of the national total. It travels quite a distance to reach us; geolocators placed on Nightjars in southern England found they wintered in the south of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

It visits our heathlands until it departs in September for its long return journey; about half of the UK population nest on heathlands and the rest choose recently felled forestry plantations where there is good cover from heather, bracken or scrub.

In a letter of 2nd January 1769, Gilbert White, the famous pioneering naturalist and ornithologist of Selborne, wrote "there is no bird, I believe, whose manners I have studied more than that of the caprimulgus (the goat-sucker) as it is a wonderful and curious creature . . . this bird is most punctual in beginning its song exactly at the close of day; so exactly, that I have known it strike up more than once or twice just at the report of the Portsmouth evening gun, which we can hear when the weather is still", and he considered writing a paper to the Royal Society "to advance some particulars regarding that peculiar, migratory, nocturnal bird".

The bird earned its alternative name of "goat-sucker" from a false belief that it milked goats with its huge mouth, possibly due to its habit of visiting pastures where farm animals grazed on its

evening flights to catch insects. The superstitions didn't end there. Gilbert White recorded that country people also named it "Puckeridge" as it was thought that they pecked the hides of cows, causing the distemper then known as puckeridge, although this is actually caused by warble flies laying eggs under the skin. His observations dispelled both myths, and, as a clergyman, he wouldn't have had any time for the folklore myth that unbaptised children were doomed to wander the night in the form of a nightjar until Judgement Day. This inoffensive creature was also referred to as the "lich fowl", meaning corpse bird.

As ground-nesters, Nightjars prefer areas of well-drained, essentially open land with cover such as bracken, heather or scrub in which to nest and scattered trees to use as song posts. In Hampshire, these conditions are found on the sandy soils of heathland and forest clear-fells or young plantations. Apart from the New Forest and the Thames Basin, the main populations are in the heathlands on the Wealden Heaths Special Protection Area (which includes the Sites of Special Scientific Interest of Bramshott and Ludshott Commons, Broxhead and Kingsley Commons, Devil's Punchbowl and Woolmer Forest). These sites are designated because they provide a habitat for the internationally important bird species of Woodlark and Dartford Warbler as well as the Nightjar.

In daytime Nightjars are almost invisible: they lie motionless on the ground, and at a distance the delicate markings on their feathers make them look like dried leaves. There are often pieces of wood near the Nightjar's nest – an unlined scrape in the ground to the vicinity of which a pair of birds returns season after season – and these make the sitting bird even harder to see.

Like all ground nesters, Nightjars find their eggs and young chicks at constant threat from predators such as foxes, stoats, badgers, corvids and adders, and are easily disturbed by dogs which can cause desertion by the parent birds or allow predators to destroy the nest. Its most serious threat, however, is habitat destruction such as heathland degradation and changes to forest management but organisations such as the National Trust and the Forestry Commission have specific plans that recognise those habitats that could be considered as vital to Nightjar breeding and they work to conserve such areas.

At dusk, the Nightjar leaves its daytime hiding place and takes silently to the air on long, soft-feathered wings, twisting and turning through the twilight as it follows flying insects and traps them in its gaping bill.

As a crepuscular species, appearing at the time of day just before the sun goes down, or just after the sun rises, when the light is not so bright, the Nightjar is difficult to survey but the population of Hampshire's Nightjars is undoubtedly higher than it was 20 years ago and appears to be thriving, in contrast to many other sub-Saharan migrants such as the Cuckoo and Turtle Dove whose populations have undergone major declines in recent decades.

Rod Sharp



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OPENING IN LIPHOOK, HAMPSHIRE

Longcroft® Luxury Cat Hotel

Cat owners will be delighted at the launch of an exquisite 6 suite cat hotel in Liphook!



Longcroft Luxury Cat Hotel Liphook, part of the multi award winning and trend setting Longcroft Luxury Cat Hotel Group will be run by cat lovers Lorraine Filler and Adrian Pearce. The hotel is nestled within the South Downs National Park in the picturesque garden of their beautiful family home. Longcroft Liphook is conveniently located within the East Hampshire and West Sussex border with plenty of

wildlife to keep the feline guests entertained! The luxury hotel is custom-built, offering just 6 very spacious, beautifully appointed hotel style suites.

The five star accommodation offers each guest their very own private climate controlled bedroom leading out onto a further private safe garden play area complete with multi storey viewing platforms, the environment offered is as close to the one the feline guests are used to at home . . . if not a little better!



Longcroft Luxury Cat Hotel.

Every detail has been meticulously planned with guest welfare, luxury and hygiene in mind. Lorraine will put owners' minds at rest by sending regular updates and photographs of their special felines!

Lorraine says "After struggling to find suitable accommodation for our own three cats and spending our entire holiday worrying about how they would cope, one evening by complete chance we sat down to watch Longcroft who were being filmed for the Channel 4 documentary "Compare your Life" and something just clicked . . . we knew that we had to get in touch! Fast forward three years later; we actually had to sell our current home as after meeting the Longcroft Team it wasn't suitable so they helped us find our perfect home which allowed us to fulfill our dream to run our very own Longcroft Luxury Cat hotel from home!"

We are so excited to be able to offer the very best, loving care to our feline guests and have already received an amazing response from many cat owners about our stunning new hotel. Our beautifully appointed state of the art accommodation allows our guests the space to relax, climb and exercise in their private temperature controlled suites. We offer an authentic home from home experience where every guest enjoys the highest level of expert care and attention."

Longcroft believes partnering with their customers every step of the way is key to their success, starting from the initial contact right through to guest check in ensuring the knowledge and service level provided is consistently high quality and as a result every single one of their customers over multiple national locations have rated them - five star!

Longcroft Liphook is the fifteenth hotel to open in the highly successful Longcroft Luxury Cat Hotel Group, which is the vision of Abi Purser, who opened and still runs the very first hotel in 2010 in response to the poor standard of cat accommodation and care offered across the UK and is fully licensed by the team at East Hants District Council.

Asked what she is most looking forward to about running a Longcroft Luxury Cat Hotel, Lorraine says: *Knowing how I felt when I left my own three cats I can reassure owners that we will offer the best care available and take care of their cats as if they were our own. Seeing the guests that stay with us so relaxed and thriving whilst their owners are away is very rewarding. We provide the highest standards of hygiene and cleanliness coupled with extreme comfort and care within a safe and nurturing home from home environment. We officially welcomed our first guests in December and can't wait to show cat lovers around on our grand opening day. The response we have already received has been so overwhelming and we already have bookings as far ahead as Christmas 2018!"*



Leaving a much loved pet for whatever reason, because of a holiday or having renovation work done at home, can be really distressing. Lorraine's aim is to put an owner's mind at rest that their pet is being incredibly well looked after whilst they are away.

To make a booking or to view the luxury hotel please contact Lorraine on: **01428 621066** or email: **liphook@longcrofthotel.co.uk**

For further information please visit **www.longcrofthotel.co.uk**

Lucy Barrow, Longcroft PR

Churcher's College

JAKE'S HAIRCUT RAISES OVER £675 FOR CHARITY

Churcher's College Junior School pupil, Jake Barnes said farewell this month to his long locks for two children's cancer charities and has raised over £675 so far in doing so. The hair itself has been donated to The Little Princess Trust and the money to Children with Cancer UK.

10 year old Jake was inspired by his friend's cancer diagnosis last year and wanted to do something to make a difference. The Little Princess Trust make wigs for children having cancer treatment and Children with Cancer UK raises awareness, conducts research and supports young cancer patients and their families.

Jake explains: "I grew my hair especially to be cut off and made into a wig for children who have lost theirs due to cancer treatment. If you want to do the same thing as me your hair needs to be at least 7 inches long. I grew my hair for 6 months and had it cut in January. My hair will be donated to the Little Princess Trust. I also wanted to raise money to donate to Children with Cancer UK as they do really important work."

To promote his cause during the six month growing, Jake made a poster which local Petersfield hair salon, Salon Sixteen, put up for customers to see alongside a donation box. Salon Sixteen also cut Jake's hair for no charge to help the cause. Family and friends have all donated and to date have raised £250 in cash donations as well as the amount at JustGiving - in total over £675!

If you would like to donate, please visit Jake's JustGiving page here: <https://www.justgiving.com/jakehbarnes>

For more information about Little Princess Trust go to: <http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>

For more information about Children with Cancer UK go to <https://www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk/>



GROWTH MINDSET @ CHURCHER'S COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 6 treated the school to a super assembly all about 'Growth Mind-set'. The children explained that in order to grow and learn you needed to have a positive mind-set and believe with effort you can improve.

The children also explained Churcher's Juniors 5R's of Readiness, Responsibility, Resilience, Resourcefulness and Reflectiveness that are key skills to be an effective learner.

They performed short sketches explaining what these words mean and enjoyed a dance about the 'Power of YET' learning that you may not be able to do it . . . YET . . . but if you use the 5Rs you will achieve your goal!



JUNIOR SCHOOL SCIENCE GOPHER AFTERNOON

Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating afternoon of science at the Senior School this Tuesday. The Y7 children acted as hosts and took the children through a series of experiments.

One of the favourites was writing a secret message in lemon juice and then revealing this writing by 'wafting' the paper through a naked flame - too long in the flame and the message went up in smoke! Among the other investigations, the children created rainbows by mixing different densities of coloured salt solution and made their own slime. Science Coordinator Mr Nathan Rushin and Year 5 pupils would like to thank Mrs Mandy Westwood and the Y7 Gophers for making the afternoon such a success!



Is Your House a Castle?



According to a recent report by Knight Frank, an estate Agency, almost one in four households in Britain will be renting privately by the end of 2021 as increasing house prices and stagnant wages put home ownership out of the reach of growing numbers of people.

Around 5 million households, or 21% of the total, are in private rented accommodation, a quarter of whom are families with children. This is set to rise to 5.79m (or 24%) over the next five years, alongside 14.3 million owner occupiers and 4.3 million social tenants. Therefore, the residents of Liphook may have to face issues with renting their home and Citizens Advice at their Liphook advice centre have helped many residents who rent their home whether they are in social housing or rent from a private landlord.

One of the many issues we deal with concerns the status of your tenancy. This will be made clear in your Tenancy Agreement which you may have signed when taking up your tenancy. If you are having problems with your landlord, the type of tenancy you have would be a good starting point.

Most private tenants will be assured shorthold tenants. All tenancies that started from 28 February 1997 will automatically be assured shorthold tenancies (ASTs), even if there is no written tenancy agreement. An AST can be granted for a fixed term, or

periodic (rolling contract month to month). If a replacement fixed term is not agreed when one fixed term expires, the tenancy will continue as a periodic tenancy by law.

As an assured shorthold tenant you have the right to stay in the accommodation until the fixed term ends unless your landlord can convince the court there are reasons for eviction, for example, rent arrears, damage to property, or that one of the other terms of the agreement has been broken. You can stay on after the end of the fixed term, even if the agreement is not renewed, until your landlord gives you notice.

At Citizens Advice Liphook we have seen a wide range of housing issues. Whether you are concerned about your deposit being returned at the end of your agreement or have problems with your landlord we are able to help.

Housing issues can get very complicated and if you do have problems with renting your home you can go to the Citizens Advice website (www.citizensadvice.org.uk) or pop into our Tuesday Citizens Advice session between 10:00 and 13:00 at the Millennium Hall, Ontario Way, Liphook, Hampshire GU30 7LD.

We look forward to helping you.

Cathey, Terence, Alan and Andrew
Citizens Advice, Liphook

LIPHOOK U3A

Building a Model Railway Group

This small friendly group is reaching the end of its first year of existence, meeting in the Committee Room of the Milland Valley Memorial Hall, Iping Road Milland, Liphook GU30 7NA on the 3rd Wednesday of most months. Later in the year we are hoping to increase our sessions from 2 to 3 hours each and increase the number of sessions per year from 9 to 10.

In March we will be at the Liphook U3A Open Day with our first model railway layout, East Hants Link - which shows how a modern light rail line (tram) might form a link between Liphook, Whitehill, Bordon and Bentley, giving the local villages and towns easy access to main line railways and to leisure activities and shops. The model is in N scale (1:150).



Tram travelling in a Liphook setting.

Please come along, see all that Liphook U3A has to offer, including our layout with our group of older boys - "playing trains".

We currently number five regular members, so we would welcome a modest increase in numbers. You can be an experienced modeller, or a complete beginner, lady or gent - all are welcome. The cost, in addition to being a U3A member, is between £20 and £30 per year subject to numbers, which covers the hire cost of the room and consumables like printing costs, but not items related to layout construction. (The more members the lower the membership cost.)

If you would like more information please contact me at: model.railways1@liphooku3a.org.co.uk or see my website: www.millandvalleyrailway.co.uk

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BRAMSHOTT AND LIPHOOK

Arts and Craft Society

The Bramshott and Liphook Arts and Crafts Society is a vibrant and growing organisation offering a range of interesting demonstrations and workshops to promote art and craft in the area. In January we held our annual 'have a go evening' in which members and visitors had the chance to try a variety of new skills. The mini workshops are run by members and included collage, pallet knife abstract painting, card making, origami and watercolours. Another is planned later in the year and these are open to non-members for a small fee of £5.



Abstract workshop.

BLACS are pleased to announce the dates for their Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition at the Millennium Hall, Liphook. The public days will be Friday 13th April, Saturday 14th April and Sunday 15th April. As usual we will have the Café with a range of delicious sandwiches and cakes, there will be raffle prizes and a full exhibition of original paintings, prints, sculpture, turned wood, textiles, jewellery and cards. There will also be live demonstrations. We hope everyone will enjoy the event as much as we do.



Collage workshop.

We are also running our usual demonstrations nights on the first Tuesday of every month at the Millennium Hall, Liphook, 7.30 to 9.30 pm.. These are excellent opportunities to see artists show how to produce a piece of work and to ask questions. The demonstrations are free to members and visitors are welcome at a cost of £5. This year's programme is:

Date	Demonstrations	Tutor
11th Jan (Weds)	"Have A Go" evening	Various
6th February	Acrylics portrait	Keith Morton
1st May	Drawing figures and capturing movement	Dee Cowell
5th June	Pottery	Angela Carter
3rd July	Enamelling	Linda Connolly
1st August	Capturing Sunlight	Joel Wareing
4th September	Chinese Brush	Maggie Cross
2nd October	My life as a micro artist talk	Graham Short
6th November	Painting animals step by step	Andrew Forkner
4th December	Contemporary watercolour	Liz Baldin

Our workshops continue to be well attended and this programme is open to members and non members. These are held at the Liss Triange, Liss, 10 am to 4pm.

Date	Workshop	Tutor
17th February	Feather Painting	Mandi Baykaa-Murray
17th March	Acrylics Portrait	Keith Morton
17th June	Drawing figures and capturing movement	Dee Cowell
22nd Sept	Enamelling	Linda Connolly
20th October	Capturing Sunlight	Joel Wareing

We are a friendly bunch and new members are always welcome, so if you have an idea you would like to try art or crafts do give us a call and find out how we can support you, or if you would like to attend a demo or workshop then call the demonstration secretary, Barbara Whitbourn on **07515 663023**.

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The Flower Arranging group meets monthly in the Canada Room at the Millennium Hall, on the 2nd Thursday of each month. We are small group which is steadily growing. Most months we have a set theme for an arrangement and we also have occasional

This year, for Christmas, we met our greatest challenge - making a garland to display over a fireplace in Greenbanks Nursing Home. We all raided our gardens for festive greenery and met in our group leader's home to prepare hundreds of sprigs ready for the following day. This was when we assembled the foliage along a long length string, wiring it all firmly in place, before placing on baubles, ribbons, pine cones and dried orange. Our garland was done!

By now it was time for lunch and we all adjourned to the carvery at Old Thorns for a very enjoyable meal before returning to Greenbanks to place the garland over the fireplace in the entrance hall. Residents and staff alike came to exclaim over our hard work and it truly looked very impressive.



Poets Corner

Angelica

An English country lane
Meandering down
A green tunnel
Driven through high hedges
And sloping banks
Where flowers cascade in spring.

Tall spires thrust up
Their leaves unfurling
Above his head
Flowering umbrellas
Nod together
Whispering in the wind.

The mind's eye
Works upon the scene
Inspiration for a
Nightmare world
Where man plays
Fast and loose
With nature's schemes
Creating triflids
Monstrous giant plants
That can uproot themselves
Lash out their tendrils
And destroy.

And so a quiet country lane
Gives birth to science fiction's
Most fantastical of plants.

Ruth Howes

The Forge

The Anchor Garage, empty, stands,
Where once the air was filled with sound.
The rev of engines, smell of oil,
Cacophonies of noise all round.

And on this site mechanics wielded
Tools of trade, deployed their skill.
With whistling banter interacted,
Above pneumatic tyre and drill.

But hidden deep within this site
A link with Liphook's distant past,
Pre-cursor of this motor age,
A listed wall; one built to last.

When Village Hall was farmer's barn,
And Annexe stood by Anchor Inn,
Horse and trooper crossed The Square,
And, restless, stood by Forge's din.

As Windibank, the Blacksmith, brought
His hammer down on iron and steel,
The fiery sparks flew all around,
And trooper calmed his horse at heel.

Now modern shop abuts the site,
Enfolds the Forge, and tales of when
The Windibanks re-shod the steeds,
Of farmers, troops and Gentlemen.

So if you pass at dead of night,
And hear the sound of hammers fall,
And feel the breath of horses near,
Remember then, the listed wall.

Angela Glass

Inspired by

Pygmalion and Galatea



He stood before the slab of marble
on his artist's floor;
He thought and pondered how to start
and what had gone before;
He laboured on through night and day
and then beheld with pride;
The smooth perfection of a form
that he had been denied.

From those skilled hands the marble stands,
a statue with a smile;
He'd fashioned her and shaped her form
and held her with his eyes;
He climbed upon her pedestal
and bravely stole a kiss;
She softened then and came alive
Her lips becoming his.

Linda Foster

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PARISH COUNCIL - Bramshott and Liphook - The Haskell Centre, Midhurst Road, Liphook, 01428 722988.

PEAK CENTRE - Booking Secretary, Ann Hall, 01428 727751.

PETERSFIELD AREA WILDLIFE GROUP - Mr & Mrs Oakley, 01730 2663920.

PRESERVATION SOCIETY - Bramshott and Liphook - 01428 722162.

RAMBLERS - Liphook & District - Secretary, Caroline Lemka, 01428 713727. Web: www.liphookramblers.wordpress.com

RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT CENTRE - 01483 546400 or Freephone 0800 0288022.

RIVER WEY TRUST - Adrian Bird, 01428 722162.

ROTARY CLUB - Haslemere, Debbie Morley, 01428 643416.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - Lt. Col. J.M. Jack, 01428 724002.

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION - Liss & District, 01730 895470.

R.S.P.C.A. - Jane Sim-Davis, 01428 723736.

SSAFA/FORCES HELP (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmans Families Association) East Hants Branch, Divisional Sec., Patricia Lyons, 01420 561264

SELF SUFFICIENCY GROUP - East Hants, Dru Furneaux, 01730 814193.

STANDFORD, PASSFIELD AND HOLLYWATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Sue Sergeant, 01428 751326. Hall Bookings, Ron Sergeant, 01428 751326.

TAI-CHI - Diana Forbes, 0777 569 6249.

THREE BORDERS KNITTING CLUB - 01428 606957, 01428 712055.

U3A LIPHOOK - Email: membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk

VILLAGE HALL - Bookings: Mrs M. Madgwick, 01428 729080.

VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP - Bramshott and Liphook Parish. 01428 723972.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Sue Knight, 01428 723502.

WOOLMER FOREST ARCHAEOLOGICAL and HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 1st Wednesday of month, Colin Brash, 01428 713256.

WOOLMER FOREST LIONS CLUB - Ken Bassett, 01428 713285.

WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION - Mrs S. Martin, 01428 641907.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PERSONS' CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

INFANT SCHOOL

PTA - Lisfa@Liphook-infants.sch.uk

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

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

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

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

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

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

LIPHOOK UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB - Chairman, Nigel Marr,
01428 727661, Secretary, Martin Feast, 01428 722677.

LIPHOOK YOUTH CLUB - John Tough, 01428 724492.

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

LITTLE CHERUBS NURSERY - Mrs M. Powers, Liphook. 01428 723438.

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

MADHATTER NURSERY BOHUNT SCHOOL - 01428 727288.

MATRIX MAJORETTES - Mrs Julie East, 01420 487804.

METHODIST YOUTH - Mrs Sharon Tikaram, 01428 723801.

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

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

ROCK CHILDREN'S CHARITY - Robin Oliver, 01428 722734.

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

ST JOHN AMBULANCE & NURSING CADET DIVISION - Liphook
Member in charge, John Tough, 01428 724492. Millennium Hall
every Wednesday. Cadets 6.30 - 8.00pm. Adults 8.00 - 10.00pm.

SWIMMING CLUB - admin@haslemerswimmingclub.co.uk

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

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

TRAINING BAND - Maurice Wright, 01428 723940.

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

GUIDES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Barbara Ellis via liphook-guides@outlook.com

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

SCOUTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Any changes please notify Hazel
Williams on 01428 722084*

BROOKLANDS MUSEUM

Aviation Day

I wonder how many people realise that the birthplace of British Motorsport and Aviation is just 30 miles north of Liphook? The Brooklands Museum is in Weybridge, Surrey and can rightly make this claim – whether you are interested in cars or ‘planes, it’s well worth a visit.

Though probably best known for its huge concrete race circuit, Brooklands was also the home of the first flying schools in the country and the base for many of the UK’s first aircraft builders. With companies such as Vickers, Hawker and Sopwith as long-term residents, it is no surprise that today’s Museum houses a big aircraft collection and they celebrate this association with an annual Aviation Day.

Last years event not only allowed access to many of the aircraft built on-site (Viscount, Vanguard, VC10, etc.) it also made full use of the recently restored race-track ‘Finishing Straight’ to allow exciting engine-running by a number of the older aircraft. Three of the most significant were:

Santos-Dumont Demoiselle Type 20



An accurate bamboo-framed replica of the original 1909 design - you may remember a similar one in ‘Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines’. Santos-Dumont was a Brazilian millionaire who built his first successful biplane in 1906 and the later Type 20 is widely regarded as the worlds first viable light aeroplane. Various engine types were used in-period but this replica is powered by a DAF air-cooled twin-cylinder car engine. A true aviation pioneer, Santos-Dumont generously waved his patent-rights to allow others to build his design but sadly suffered from MS and eventually took his own life in 1932. He did however, live to see aviation transformed over those 30 years.

Sopwith Camel



Britain's most successful 1st World War fighter. Though not introduced until 1917, it is credited with shooting down nearly 1300 enemy aircraft. Components for around 550 Camels were produced by Hawker at Kingston before being transported to Brooklands for final assembly and first flight. Total production utilising the facilities of the UK’s other manufacturers was just under 6000. Though exceptionally manoeuvrable, the Camel was not all good news – many trainee pilots were killed attempting to master the very tricky handling. Power came from Bentley, or in this case Clerget, rotary-engines – it is very strange to see the crankshaft stand still and the cylinders with propeller rotate around it!

Vickers FB27 Vimy



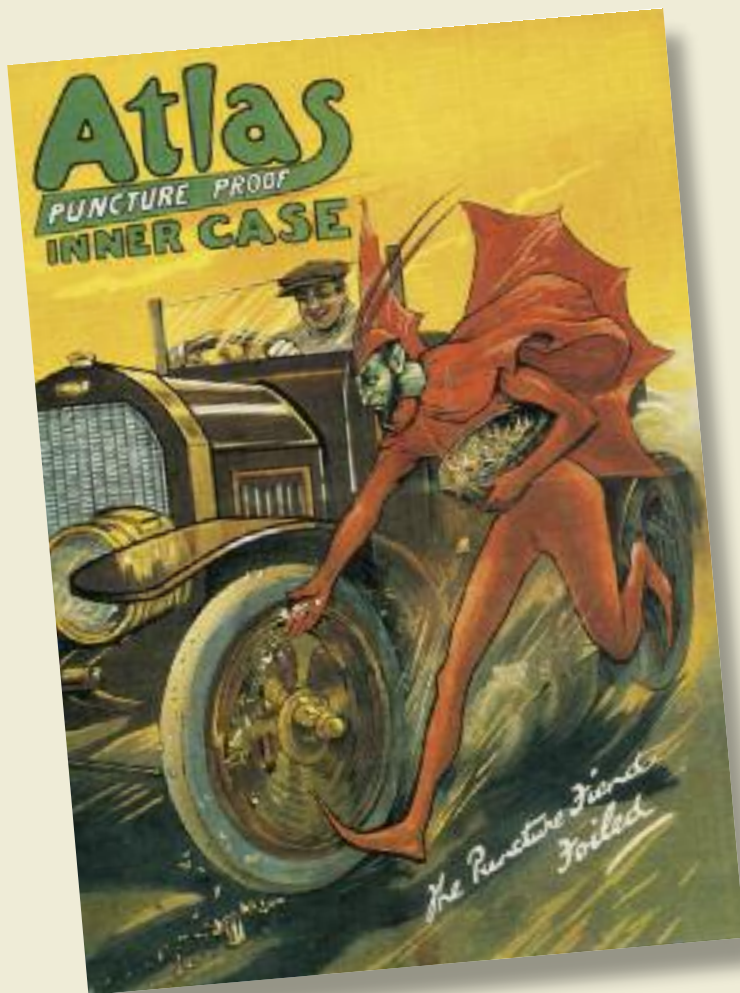
The Vimy was designed as a ‘heavy’ bomber but was just too late to be employed in WW1.

Its fame stems however, from pioneering long-distance flights made in 1919, first across the Atlantic and then to Australia. This replica was commissioned in 1994 - not as a museum piece but to re-enact those epic journeys. Since then it has flown to Australia, Cape Town and crossed the Atlantic, re-enacting that first non-stop trans-Atlantic flight made by British aviators Alcock and Brown. The only major deviation from original specification is the engines, the 1919 Rolls Royce Eagle V12’s being wisely replaced by, initially, Chevrolet V8’s, then BMW V12’s and now Orenda V8’s. With a cruising speed of about 75mph, it took some 19 hours to cross the Atlantic.

Harrier and Hurricane in Brooklands new ‘Flight Shed’



John Anthistle



ADVERTS FROM THE PAST

They were once a common sight around businesses and shops and date back to 1910/1911.

