

# Liphook

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# Honeybees

Honey bees have been around for 50 million years, mankind, in recognisable form, for less than 2 million years. Stone-age rock paintings from 6,000 BC show scenes of honey hunting so honey must have featured in our diet for a long time.

In 2015 it was estimated that bees contribute £651 million pounds to the UK economy by pollination. However, they are under serious threat through disease, loss of habitat and agricultural pesticides. Urban bees, like those on the roof of Fortnum and Masons, often do better than their country cousins.



*Photo by courtesy of Mike Young of the Ludshott Photographic Club.*

A strong bee colony in the middle of summer can consist of 60 to 70 thousand bees. This is usually made up of one queen, around 200 drones and the rest are worker bees. The queen is the largest bee and has been produced from a larva that is specially fed to become sexually mature. A good queen in her prime can lay up to 2000 eggs a day. She is not in charge of the colony. Decisions are made by the workers, including when to replace the queen. This can be because she is getting old or unproductive or because the colony is strong and needs to divide. Several larvae, in special large cells, are brought on to replace her, and when these cells are sealed the old queen usually leaves with half the colony who will have gorged on the stored honey prior to departure. Swarms look and sound very impressive but the bees in a swarm are not threatening. They are looking for a holding place where they collect together in a rugby ball shape while scout bees search out a permanent home.

A virgin queen will exit the hive on a mating flight on a sunny day and meet up with a group of drones. One 'lucky' drone gets to mate with her and then he dies. The rest return to their colonies where they expect to be fed and groomed and serve no further purpose. It is rumoured that they create a happier ambience. The worker bees are female but not capable of reproducing. They carry out all the work in the hive and have different roles at different stages of their lives – feeding and grooming the queen, taking care of the larvae,

cleaning, making wax and foraging. They collect pollen, which can be seen on their legs in a variety of colours, for protein, nectar for energy and resins to make propolis for sealing up gaps in the hive.



*Photo by courtesy of Peter Finney of Liphook U3A Photographic Club.*

The average bee will make one twelfth of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime. It can fly at up to 15 miles per hour and may travel up to 3 miles for a good nectar source. Worker bees retuning to the hive will do a 'bee dance' to pass on relevant information.

Bees see colour differently to us and are drawn to purple, violet and blue but as you will have noticed they visit flowers of other hues. They are also attracted by petal markings and scent. The bee's sense of smell is 100 times stronger than that of a human being.

Honey can have very distinctive flavours depending on what flowers the bees have been foraging especially if the hives are surrounded by one type of plant. It is rumoured that, in the Himalayas where rhododendrons are prevalent, the honey is first tested on a dog in case it is harmful.

Honey is becoming accepted as a reputable and effective healing agent not just amongst the general public but by those who practise conventional medicine. It has antimicrobial, antibacterial, anti-inflammatory and has other beneficial properties and makes a very soothing and non-adhesive dressing. In the First World War, French nuns used it and were reported to have saved the limbs of injured soldiers. At home we regularly use it on cuts and grazes and it appears to work well. With lemon and hot water, it makes a soothing drink for sore throats. It is said that a teaspoon of local honey taken daily from January onwards will relieve the symptoms of hay fever. That is if the bees have been foraging on something to which you are allergic.

I must tell you that it is not advised to give honey to children under one year of age but, apart from that, enjoy! A lot of work has gone into making it.

**Paul Reynolds**

***Front cover photograph of Bee collecting pollen by Gordon Rae of the Ludshott Photographic Club.***



# What's on in Liphook

**6 March** - 7:30pm. Millennium centre. Film & Food night. 'Downton Abbey'.

**20 March** - 6.00pm. Millennium Centre. Film preview.

**20 March** - 7:30pm. Millennium Centre. Film. 'Judy'.

**23 March** - Old Thornes, Annual sports Awards evening.

**27 March** - Bramshott & Liphook Social Club. Skittles night (Royal British Legion).

**3 April** - 7:30pm, Millennium Centre. Film. 'Official Secrets'.

**4 April** - Village Hall. Peter, Paul & Mary's Brother Charity Concert.

**7 April** - 10.15am & 1.30pm. Millennium Centre. Film. 'The Lion King'.

**7 April** - Village Hall, Peter, Paul & Mary's Brother.

**17-19 April** - Millennium centre. BLACS Annual Art Exhibition.

**8 May** - 7.00pm. Millennium Centre. LIDBA quiz night.

**7 June** - Annual Liphook Bike Ride.

## Community Magazine Spring Appeal 2020

As many of you are already aware, your quarterly Magazine is written, compiled and delivered 'free-of-charge' by residents within the community. This work is all voluntary and we continue to owe a huge vote of thanks to all those involved.

There are however unavoidable costs involving layout and printing with current expenditure exceeding £14,000 a year. In 2020 the figure is likely to be greater still as the number of houses - and therefore Magazines required - increases.

Most 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.

The majority of this income comes from Parish residents and has enabled us to devote more space to local matters and interests. 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 donations by cheque, cash or electronic bank transfer.

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Electronic Transfers should be made to Account No.: **36811260**, Sort Code **30-93-94**, stating '**Appeal**' as reference.

*Thank you. John Anthistle*

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**www.liphook.uk - then go to Community Magazine**

## The Liphook Community Magazine

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

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**The circulation is 4,150 copies per issue**

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# NOTICE BOARD

## ANNUAL PARISH COMMUNITY MEETING

**Monday 30th March 2020**

Commemorating the 21st Anniversary  
of the first Parish council meeting at the  
Millennium Centre

Progress through the year and opportunity  
to have your say, and details of available  
funding for groups and organisations.

Contact Gill Snedden 01428 723889

## LiDBA Quiz

**7pm Friday 8th May 2020**

Millennium Centre  
Theme is V.E. Celebrations

Tickets: 01428 722072

## "A Grand Evening"

**With Peter, Paul & Marys Brother**

At the Village Hall

7.00pm 4th April 2020

(See page 11 of this magazine)

## URGENT

### Changes to Liphook Library Services

Share your views online by using the  
Consultation Response Form on:

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or

[www.hants.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.hants.gov.uk/consultations)

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED FORMS  
**Wednesday 18th March.**

For more details, see page 7.

## SITUATIONS VACANT

The Liphook Community Magazine is  
looking for two people to join our  
editorial team. If you have an interest  
to write articles for our magazine please  
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Our small and friendly team meet four  
times a year each for approx. two  
hours when we discuss ideas for  
future issues and agree the writer,  
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*Hazel Williams - Editor*

## Liphook Royal British Legion

The Liphook Royal British Legion is  
hosting a fun night at the  
**Bramshott & Liphook Social Club**  
in Headley Road for a fund raising

**Skittles Evening**

on **27th March 2020 at 7.00pm.**

Teams of up to 6 persons can compete.  
Ticket price is £10.00 per person and  
includes a fish and chips supper.

Tickets are available from Liphook Travel.

## BLACS Annual Art Exhibition

**17th-19th April**

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# District Councillors' Report

## General Election

The Election team at EHDC coped well with the General Election on the 12th December. The date meant that several of the former Polling Stations across the District, including Liphook, were already booked for Christmas events. This brought about the amalgamation of three Polling Stations in Liphook and Conford, into The Millennium Centre. This arrangement worked well, with what appeared to be a high turnout of local voters and a steady stream of people through the doors between 7.00am to 10.00pm. The weather was appalling, but this did not seem to deter our stoic residents.

For similar reasons the Festival Hall in Petersfield was not available for the Count, which therefore took place at the newly re-furnished Taro Leisure Centre, opposite the EHDC Offices at Penns Place in Petersfield. As is normal the verification of the ballot boxes and the counting of the votes themselves took several hours to complete. Eventually before dawn broke, the result was declared as follows:

**Damian Hinds, Conservative Party, 33,446 votes**

**David Buxton, Liberal Democrat Party, 13,750 votes**

**Gaynor Austin, Labour Party, 6,287 votes**

**Zoe Parker, Green Party, 2,600 votes**

**Jim Makin, UK Independence Party, 616 votes**

**Eddie Trotter, Justice and Anti-Corruption Party, 196 votes.**

The turnout for this constituency was 74.7%, with the vote reflecting what happened elsewhere in the country.

## New Alton Sports Centre

The replacement Sports Centre, built alongside the old Sports Centre, was officially opened on Saturday 11th January by Olympic Silver medallist Colin Jackson and five times world champion swimmer, Mark Foster. The Centre, which cost £20 million, was built in partnership between East Hampshire District Council and Everyone Active.

On the opening day visitors were able to try out the facilities free of charge, which include; a six lane swimming pool, a learner pool with adjustable floor, a 130 station fitness suite, a six court sports hall, climbing wall, squash courts, café, spa and five-a-side football pitch. There were long queues of people waiting to try out all that the Sports Centre offered.

## EHDC Sports Awards

Staying on the Sport theme, nominations are being sought for talented local sports men and women, boys and girls, volunteers, Team Leaders, Coaches, School teams, etc. to take part in the Annual Sports Awards evening, which will take place at Old Thorns on the evening of Thursday 26th March.

The deadline for nominations to be received is Friday 28th February. This is a chance to recognise the effort put into the teams and clubs and the support given by coaches and volunteers and the personal goals which are achieved by both able bodied and disabled sports men and women. Full details are on the EHDC website, [www.ehdc.gov.uk](http://www.ehdc.gov.uk) and the categories are as follows:

Junior sportsperson of the year  
Junior disability sportsperson of the year  
Junior team of the year  
Junior school team of the year  
Senior sportsperson of the year  
Senior disability sportsperson of the year  
Senior coach of the year  
Senior team of the year  
Senior service to sport  
Senior club of the year

### Joint Category

Volunteer of the Year  
Outstanding personal achievement

The team at EHDC look forward to receiving all your nominations before the deadline and winners will be announced at the ceremony on Thursday 26th March, with Olympian Roger Black, presenting the awards.

## District Councillor Surgeries

From January, our Surgeries will no longer take place in a designated room at the Millennium Centre. Instead, we are very happy to meet anyone, who wishes to talk with us, in the foyer from 7.00pm, prior to the Parish Council meeting which is held at 7.30 pm in the Canada Room, on the last Monday of the month.


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# Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council

## Parish Projects

The Council has completed a much-needed refurbishment at the Haskell Centre (Parish Office). This has included the replacement of strip lighting with energy efficient LED lights, repainting the interior, new flat ceiling to repair a water leak and cover the old artex and finally new blinds and carpets. Arrangements are also in place to replace the old doors to the public toilets.

The programme to replace litter bins at Council open spaces has now commenced. The new bins will look more attractive and carry the council name.

The Council has approved the refurbishment of the Heather, Green and Canada Rooms at the Liphook Millennium Centre. Work will commence on 24th February 2020 for 3 weeks and any disruption will be kept to the minimum during the works.

Radford Park is currently having a significant amount of restoration work carried-out to ensure paths are kept clear and trees are managed for future generations to enjoy.

## Parish Council Grants

The Council has now agreed grant support for the 2020/21 financial year. Beneficiaries are listed below:

|                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Royal British Legion                 | £250    |
| Peak Day Centre                      | £4,000  |
| Liphook & Ripsley Cricket Club       | £1,500  |
| Citizens Advice East Hants           | £5,000  |
| Liphook Bowling Club                 | £500    |
| Liphook Tennis Club                  | £500    |
| Liphook Carnival & Bonfire Committee | £2,250  |
| Liphook in Bloom                     | £1,700  |
| Home Start Weywater                  | £500    |
| St Mary's Church                     | £2,500  |
| Bramshott Open Garden                | £1,000  |
| Liphook Youth Club                   | £550    |
| Total Grants Approved                | £20,250 |

## Information About the Council

Our Full Council meetings are held monthly at the Liphook Millennium Centre. In addition, we have Committees covering Recreation, Planning, Finance & Policy and an LMC Management Committee. Our Parish Council website lists our meeting dates, agendas and previous meetings' minutes.

All our Parish Council & Committee meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity for our Parishioners to ask questions in the public participation sessions. If you have matters that are important to you, please come and take part.

Our website provides information about our Budget and how the Council spends public money. Attending Parish Meetings will help you see how decisions are reached. The Council has approved the precept which is used to fund council activities and will increase by 2.5% in 2020/21.

## Millennium Centre Cinema

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

Our popular monthly cinema events are held in the LMC Main Hall with online booking and payment for cinema tickets available via the new website. Our Film & Food nights are also popular, offering good food and films for a truly social evening out at affordable prices. Our films cover a wide range of genres and are shown on a

large screen. We have comfortable, retractable tiered seating for 126 people, with extra seating at the front for those with additional needs, allowing us to accommodate up to 180 people. Concessions for carers of those with additional needs are available (details on website, or please ask the LMC team). Refreshment (food, alcohol, hot and cold beverages and ice-cream) are served from our community bar before the film and during the interval which adds to the relaxed atmosphere. Card payments are accepted. We look forward to seeing you at future screenings!

## Community Funded Initiatives

CFI's are projects that are no longer funded by Hampshire County Council and examples include minor roadworks such as passing places, more attractive signage and adaptations for pedestrian traffic. The Parish Council has agreed to ring fence £5,000 in its annual Budget to help community groups who wish to undertake a project to benefit our community. There is set criterion used to assess any CFI project and an application form is available from the Parish Office, as well as fuller details of the scheme. Again, as with our grant funding, we welcome the opportunity to support our local organisations, groups and charities, so please come and see us for guidance and help.

## Get in Touch!

We look forward to hearing from our parishioners. Contact us by the following methods or come by to our Haskell Centre Parish Office on the Midhurst Road. You are also able to make appointments with Parish Councillors if you have any matters to discuss.

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## Barry Haines

I wonder if any of our readers wondered whatever happened to Barry Haines and his wife Jess who sold the Anchor Garage in the Square in June 2014 and now own a smallholding in Dorset.

Since that time my husband and I have made a number of visits and we have watched a collection of derelict buildings transformed and the serious business of raising pedigree Suffolk sheep develop.

The sheep have been raised to competition standard and Barry and Jess have entered a number of local shows, last summer entering there Suffolk sheep at the Dorset county show winning many rosettes and their ewe winning breed champion.

To achieve this the best lambs are chosen soon after birth to be halter trained and fed extra rations. Older sheep chosen to enter are shorn earlier to have grown a good fleece, are walked on a halter every morning and receive extra feed twice a day. Barry and Jess have only been competing for two years and last summer had this wonderful result. Lambing is just about to start again so they will soon be deciding this year's show entrants. Barry has also become a beekeeper with two hives on the farm and honey also won the novice class at the local show.





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# Skittles Night

27TH MARCH 2020



The Liphook sub-branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL) will be hosting a Skittles Night at the Bramshott & Liphook Social Club on Friday 27th March, meeting at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Teams for the skittles will consist of no more than 6 people. You can either come as a formed team or we can group you into a team on the night. Tickets will need to be booked in advance from Liphook Travel, priced at £10 per person, or by making a request to collect and pay for tickets at the door using the form at <https://liphookrbl.org/event/liphook-rbl-skittles-night>. The ticket price will include entry into the Skittles Night and a 'fish & Chip supper'.

If you have any questions email us at [info@liphookrbl.org](mailto:info@liphookrbl.org)

The evening will be fundraising for The Royal British Legion and everyone is welcome to join the RBL and friends for this fun evening so please organise your team and the committee is looking forward to welcoming you on 27th March.

Kelway Law, the local estate agents are kindly provided advertising support for this event.

## Singing in the Festive Season

Love to Sing saw in the festive season in Mid-December holding their Christmas concert "Mistletoe & Wine" at The Millennium Centre.

With a couple of weeks to go until Christmas the choir, with over 40 members on stage, welcomed in the festivities in seasonal style with some beautiful singing and touching harmonies. The choir gave the audience a night to remember, entertaining the appreciative crowd to some old and new Christmas songs, some more traditional carols and hymns along with some firm favourites which had the audience singing along.

The audience were not only treated to a fabulous evening of music and song, they pitted their wits against their fellow diners with a Christmas Quiz all the while tucking into some delicious Christmas nibbles and enjoying their welcome drinks.

The Director and Founder of Love to Sing, Vanessa K Breach commented "What a fabulous evening. We hope the wonderful audience enjoyed the Concert and we thank you for your continued support; I would like to thank our truly fantastic



*choir members who sang so beautifully, along with the crew who worked so hard to make the concert so spectacular. My thanks also go to Gill Snedden and her team at The Millennium Centre.*



*What a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas."*

The Concert was the culmination of a very busy Christmas period for the Choir. A very full schedule starting in early November has seen them entertaining audiences locally at Christmas Markets, performing at local groups Christmas Parties and Nursing Homes bringing along some festive cheer.

The Choir have been meeting in Liphook for over 9 years and meet every Wednesday evening at The Church Hall, Liphook Methodist Church. Catering for all abilities and singing an eclectic mix of Rock, Pop, Jazz and Musical Theatre the members, both male and female, enjoy a couple of hours of song and company.

If you would like to join the choir and mix with like minded people who like nothing better than to sing, why not pop along 7.30 - 9.30 pm for a free taster session. You can contact the Choir via email [singwithvanessa@gmail.com](mailto:singwithvanessa@gmail.com) also by visiting the website [www.lovetosing.co](http://www.lovetosing.co)

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**Claire Fewings**

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# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION

## Changes to Library Services in Hampshire

The County Council faces an anticipated budget shortfall of £80 million by April 2021. This is due to national austerity measures, combined with demographic and inflationary pressures. During summer 2019, Hampshire residents were consulted on several options that could contribute towards balancing the County Council's revenue budget. The Library Service has developed a range of proposals both to support its future vision and deliver anticipated savings of £1.04 million, by changing how council-run library services are delivered, including:

- Closing up to 10 libraries; and / or
- Reducing and standardising staffed opening hours
- Deliver library services differently within local communities, through:

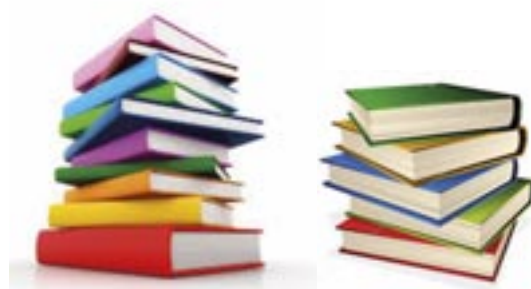
Transitioning Tier Four council-supported, community-managed libraries into independent community-managed libraries; (Liphook is a Tier Three library)

Exploring better ways to deliver library services in Hampshire's most deprived communities

Make further efficiencies and generate additional income.

### Changing patterns of demand in Hampshire

Mirroring national trends, Hampshire has seen a fall in the overall number of physical items issued by libraries from almost 6.8 million in 2009/10 to 5.0 million in 2018/19. However, the number of online/ digital library downloads has grown (the service started in 2009/10 and has increased to 360,000 in 2018/19).



**2009/10**

6.8 million borrowed

**2018/19**

5 million borrowed  
26,495 annually  
in Liphook



**2018/19**

360,000 downloads

### Proposed service delivery options

The Library Service has identified two alternative options which would each achieve the proposed £1.04 million service delivery savings. The Library Service would like to hear your views on each of these options, to inform the final decision.

#### Option One

The Library Service's preferred option is to combine a reduction in the number of council-run libraries with a reduction in the opening hours of all remaining council-run libraries, as it would enable the Library Service to operate more efficiently than: Option Two. It is proposed that 10 libraries would close – this list does not include Liphook.

#### Option Two

Alternatively, a second option would be to continue to provide all 48 council-run libraries but reduce staffed opening hours in all libraries by an average of 25%. This would also achieve the anticipated savings but has the potential to impact a larger number of residents and staff.

| Library         | Tier | Current hours per week | After 25% reduction |
|-----------------|------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Liphook Library | 3    | 17.5 hrs.              | 13 hrs.             |

This is a very brief summary taken from this consultation which is open from midday on Thursday 9 January to 11:59pm on Wednesday 18 March 2020. Assess the links below for your consultation document

You can share your views by using the consultation Response Form, available in standard and Easy Read formats:

- Online at:  
**[hants.gov.uk/library-consultation](https://hants.gov.uk/library-consultation)**
- On the consultation webpage:  
**[hants.gov.uk/consultations](https://hants.gov.uk/consultations)**
- Via post - by requesting a paper copy from:  
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Liphook U3A has over 40 Groups covering subjects such as history, computing, crafts, photography, walking, trips out to places of interest and theatres, plus many more.

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

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

There is lots of information on our website

[www.liphooku3a.org.uk](http://www.liphooku3a.org.uk)



# **Liphook in Bloom** NEEDS YOU!

By the time you receive this edition of the Community Magazine Liphook should be awash with colour. Back in the autumn we planted 9,000 bulbs and 1,800 bedding plants. Dealing with these quantities takes some doing: from the initial design concept, ordering from suppliers, taking delivery and last, but by no means least planting them all!

Liphook in Bloom is a volunteer initiative - no team member gets paid for their time, expertise or work. The members do all the gardening and our Sponsors provide the funds to pay for all the plants, compost and fertilisers etc., supplemented by a grant from the Parish Council. Without sponsorship we would not be able to put on such stunning displays.

Of course having spent time and money creating displays we have to make sure they are flourishing and during the summer we rely heavily on the goodwill of our dedicated watering team. At present there is a rota of volunteers who help with watering three or four times throughout the growing season, for about an hour and a half at a time, but we are desperate for more help. Last summer in particular proved very challenging with some very dry spells and extra 'watering duty' was essential to the survival of some plants. The more teams of 2 we have (one to drive and one to water) the easier it becomes. If you are not interested in gardening but might be able to spare some time to help with the watering you would be welcomed with open arms! If you own a car with a tow bar and would be willing to tow the bowser that would be great, but not essential.



*Doing the watering.*

We are most fortunate to be sponsored by many of the businesses in the area. However, businesses come and go and we are always on the lookout for new sponsors, not only from business, but from organisations, families and individuals. For a minimum of £60 you could sponsor a hanging basket; for sponsorship of a 3 tier container or flower bed we ask for a minimum of £100. In return for sponsorship the name of your company, organisation etc. is displayed on a plaque for 12 months, so it is an excellent way of advertising! For a minimum £5 you can become a 'Friend' of Liphook in Bloom and your money would be put towards the many floral displays throughout the village and you would receive a 'We support Liphook in Bloom' laminated sticker.



*Working on a sponsored flowerbed.*

Perhaps you love gardening. Please come and help us on one of our working days. The dates are posted on the calendar on our website, together with notices on Facebook and Liphook Talkback as well as in this publication. We usually meet at 9.30 in Midhurst Road car park on a Saturday or Sunday. We stop for a coffee, Kit Kat and chat at about 11.00 outside The Anchor and discuss how much longer we need to carry on! There is absolutely no commitment, just come and help whenever you can.



*Coffee and chat.*

If you are a newcomer to the area, volunteering to help an organisation is a great way to get to know people and make new friends. If you join Liphook in Bloom not only will you be invited to our social occasions, but you will feel good whenever you see Liphook Blooming!

If you are able to help in any way: sponsorship, watering or hands on do please contact us via our website: **[www.liphookinbloom.co.uk](http://www.liphookinbloom.co.uk)** or give our chairman Joan Holdsworth a call on **01428 724016**

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# Liphook U3A

The U3A in the UK was formed nearly 40 years ago and was loosely based on a French model that was already up and running. It is based on the principle of learning from each other at a time in your life when children and work no longer dominate our lives. There is no minimum age limit but it is obvious that retirement meets the basic requirement, so naturally most of our members are retired. The full name is the 'University of the Third Age' and whilst it perfectly describes the aims it is felt that the word 'University' in the title puts people off. We are of a generation when far fewer people attended university and it was considered that it was for the academic elite, but nothing could be further from the truth in the U3A in Britain.

The U3A started in France in 1973 and was aimed at the further education of people in their third age and though each one was affiliated to a local university no academic certificates were awarded. In many ways it was more similar to the 'Open University' in the UK. When the British model was set up in 1981 it was quite different but with similar aims. It was recognised that retired people have a wide range of skills and experience and at the same time have a willingness and time to learn more. This resulted in a model of 'self-help' and 'peer learning' where we learn from each other within a foundation organised by the U3A. There is a central organisation which oversees the principles and ethos determined by the constitution and covers items which can be centrally purchased such as insurance. Below this there are regional divisions and then individual local U3As of which Liphook U3A is one. The U3A is a charity with each individual local U3A being a charity in its own right and this lays down a framework within which we must operate. Liphook is one of 1050 local U3As and total membership in the UK is about 450,000. The U3A is an international organisation and operates in more than 50 countries including most of Europe, China, India and the USA.

At Liphook we boast almost 600 members and we have about 40 special interest groups all run by a small committee. The groups range from ancestry to wine appreciation with walkers, bridge, current affairs computers and more than 30 others in between. There is an annual fee (£12) and a monthly meeting in the Millennium Hall at 2pm which has a fee of two pounds to cover the cost of a speaker and hall hire. Free tea, coffee and biscuits are served after the speaker has finished, turning the afternoon into a social occasion. Indeed socialising is an important aspect of being a member of the U3A. Joining Liphook U3A could not be easier and details can be found on the website ([u3asites.org.uk/liphook](http://u3asites.org.uk/liphook)). Once you have joined the U3A you can join as many of the groups (or none) as you wish, but I should point out that most of the groups charge a small fee to cover the cost of the venue that they use.

If you are interested in joining Liphook U3A but are not sure whether it is for you, then come and join us at our open day at the Millennium Hall on Wednesday the 18th of March from 2pm to 4pm. This free event is open to the public and attending does not commit you to anything and you will not be pressurised to join. The format is that the groups will each have a table in the main hall and you are free to wander in and see if anything takes your fancy. The tables will all be manned by members who will be able to answer any questions that you might have. Our Membership Secretary ([membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk](mailto:membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk)) will also be on hand to take your money should you decide to join and there will be refreshments available in a separate room with tables to sit at. Do come and see what we do and I look forward to seeing you there.

**Paul Reynolds**  
*Liphook U3A Chairman*

## A Grand Evening



Peter, Paul & Mary's Brother are running a charity concert in the Liphook Village Hall at 7.00pm on Sat. 4th April. We have called the event 'A Grand Evening', as we are setting out to raise £1000 for the Liphook Day Care Centre.

We will be supported by the ever popular, Pompey Pluckers. We are running a raffle and there will be a licenced bar stocked with a range of real ales, wines and soft drinks. So we will be offering you several different ways to help us reach our target!

This is a rare opportunity to see a full 'in concert' performance from the band who usually appear at Beer Festivals, Folk Clubs and private parties. If you have not experienced them before take a look at their website [www.peterpaulandmarysbrother.co.uk](http://www.peterpaulandmarysbrother.co.uk)

The 'Pluckers' need no introduction. They played a fabulous set for us at the Pillock Reunion, last year. If you want to remind



yourself how good they are take a look at them at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvA5q3sK6B0>

Tickets are only £7.50 with all of the proceeds going to the Liphook Day Care Centre. Many of you will know that the Day Care Centre provides an essential service for elderly of the village. A very worthy cause, deserving of all the support we can give it.

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**Mar. 5** 'The Healing Power of Plants'  
- **Timothy Walker**

**Mar. 17** **Day of Special Interest** - 'Masters of the Sea'  
- **James Taylor**

**Apr. 2** 'The Forensic Eye: Find your Inner Connoisseur'  
- **Chantal Brotherton-Ratcliffe**

**Apr. 2 - May 1** **TOUR TO LISBON**

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**Alice Holt Forest** - 4 miles south of Farnham just off the A325. GU10 4LS. OS Grid Ref SU 813 417. //chipper.obviously.hype  
**Free entry but there are car parking fees.**



Alice Holt Forest is a royal forest, once predominantly oak dating back to William the Conqueror's time, it now houses an exciting range of activities for all ages. There are opportunities to explore the walking and cycling trails, clamber over the play areas plus

a chance to find the magnificent wooden animal play structures as well as the ever popular Gruffalo sculptures. Children will love the Timberline play trail with its adventure climbing units, challenging balance beams, wobbly bridges and exhilarating slides. This is the second year for their new Activity Centre which they hope will bring even more exciting activities and events to the forest. Currently it has a range of bikes for hire for all the members of the family including toddler seats. There is also a cafe with a good range of food including vegan and gluten free, plus picnic benches and also barbecues for hire. Toilets are available at the entrance. Dogs are welcome and there is a dog wash area nearby.

**Hogmore Inclosure** - Bordon & Whitehill. GU35 0XF  
//experts.spirits.procures

**Free entry and car parking. Temporary toilets in the main car park.**

The entrance is easily missed; follow small direction signs to the Hogmore Inclosure; once inside, the road will pass through a small industrial site before it arrives at a big car park.



The Hogmoor Inclosure is the third largest nature reserve of its kind in the UK, with over 54 hectares of woodland and heathland - equivalent to 70 football pitches. It has a new natural play area that has been designed for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy. There is a zip wire and high slide for the braver adventurers as well as smaller play

areas for younger children. The main site is in development but already there are some trails to follow and many paths to explore. A range of organised activities are starting including 'Walkies', Tots Ramble, Star Gazing and Tree walks. The site is new and there is currently no visitor centre or cafe and at time of writing no signposting. More information can be found at: <https://www.deadwatervalleytrust.co.uk/>

**Queen Elizabeth Country Park** - South of Petersfield on the A3. PO8 0QE. OS Grid Ref SU718185. //lashed.tripling.chiefs  
**Free entry but there are car parking fees.**

There are over 2,000 acres of open access woodland and downland to explore by foot or bike from the top of Butser Hill, the highest point on the South Downs, down to the Visitor Centre with its shop and cafe.

There is an adventure play area for under 8's, whilst for children aged eight and over there is an extensive range of equipment at the Adventure Play Trail near the Juniper BBQ site, plus there is an assault course for those over 1.4m tall. In addition there is a forest wayfaring course which caters for a range of abilities; a leaflet is available to purchase from the visitor centre. Barbeques dotted around the site can be hired or there is the Coach House Cafe with homemade and locally sourced food. Toilets are available at the Visitor Centre.

**Lion Green** - Haslemere. GU27 1JB. //resist.loom.freshest  
**Free parking on roadside.**

Children's play area. Several local cafe's including Dylans Ice Cream.

### Liphook Playgrounds



The Recreation Ground has a refurbished enclosed playground for younger children and diagonally opposite, in the further corner of the field, can be found larger play equipment for older children. Two smaller playgrounds are

also available, one at the far end of Gunns Farm and the other opposite the Church Centre.

**Petersfield Heath** - On the B2146. //incoming.apron.character  
**Free entry and free car park.**

Petersfield Heath covers around 90 acres (36 hectares) and is a designated Site of Importance for Nature Conservation, sited in the south-east corner of Petersfield, lying within the South Downs National Park. Around 21 Bronze Age barrows (burial mounds) – one of the most complex in Southern England, occur on the heath. Some of the mounds are obvious, while others are difficult to spot. Walking paths cover the area although there are no specific trails available. The 22 acre pond is home to numerous water birds as well as having boats for hire. There are two children's play areas - for younger and older children. The Plump Duck sells refreshments and duck food. Toilets are available near the cafe.

**Stoke Park** - GU1 1EZ

**Guildford College student car park, metered but available outside college hours, this is one of the entry points, another is opposite the Spectrum. Free to enter, but with costs for the minigolf and tennis. Toilets available, cafe - opening times vary.**

Guildford's largest park, it has plenty of beautiful open green space, colourful gardens, a fully-equipped children's playground, skate park, paddling pool, boating pond, tennis courts and a minigolf course.

**Westnye Play Garden** - GU2 4BE. //island.clay.quiz  
**Free entry, no parking (but lots of paid parking nearby)**

This is Guildford's newest playground, having opened in March 2019. Located near the River Wey, opposite the restaurant at Debenhams, it is a place where younger children can experience adventure in a garden setting. The garden offers picnic seating and a great range of wooden playground equipment.

*Fay Boyett*



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### **PALM SUNDAY – 5th APRIL**

#### **METHODIST CHURCH**

**10.00am:** Morning Worship for Palm Sunday Celebration.

#### **ANGLICAN CHURCH**

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

#### **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**11.30am:** Immaculate Conception Church, Liphook.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – 9th APRIL**

#### **ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**4.00 to 6.00pm:** Messy Church Easter at Church Centre.

#### **METHODIST CHURCH**

**6.30pm:** Agape commemoration of the Last Supper at Midhurst Methodist Church.

#### **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Mass at The Sacred Heart, Bordon.

### **GOOD FRIDAY – 10th APRIL**

#### **EVENTS & SERVICES OPEN TO EVERYONE**

#### **TRINITY CHURCH**

**9.30am:** Refreshments followed by Joint Service at St Peter's IPC, Liss.

#### **METHODIST CHURCH**

**10.00am:** Worship at The Cross followed by Walk of Witness from the Methodist Church to the Church Centre.

#### **ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**12.00noon:** Good Friday Reflections at St.Mary's.

#### **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**3.00pm:** Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Bordon.

### **HOLY SATURDAY – 11th APRIL**

#### **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**8.00pm:** Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Bordon.

### **EASTER SUNDAY – 12th APRIL**

#### **ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**St Mary's, Bramshott:**

**9.30am:** Family Holy Communion.

**Church Centre, Liphook:**

**10.30am:** Family Holy Communion.

#### **METHODIST CHURCH**

**10.00am:** Celebration the Resurrection including Holy Communion.

#### **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**10.00am:** Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord, Immaculate Conception Church, Liphook.

#### **TRINITY CHURCH**

**9.00am:** Easter Communion.

**10.00am:** Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

**10.30am:** Easter Family Service.

**6.30pm:** Evening Service.

## TRINITY CHURCH

'For the times they are a-changin'. So sang Bob Dylan back in 1963 as he tried to capture the moment of upheaval in the family and the fight for civil rights, in which he lived. Much has changed in our world since 1963 and as we look back with over 55 years of hindsight it is easy for us to recognise that much of it was for the better.

Bob Dylan's refrain could not be more apt for the world we live in today. Everything seems to be in flux. Everything seems to be changing. But as we experience this change we, sadly, don't have the benefit of hindsight. We might often look around at the multitude of changes that seem to be happening and naturally feel quite uneasy about them. We can also be uneasy about the changes that could be just round the corner in the future. We do not know how changes today will affect our future or our children or grandchildren's future. Change always seems uncertain and unstable in the moment and can easily drive us to worry and anxiety which we find hard to escape.

Amidst such worry, we can find wonderful comfort in the God of the Bible who 'does not change like shifting shadows' (James 1:17). Amidst the changes of our world that can so often unsettle us, we can be confident that God is an unchanging 'ever-present help in trouble' (Psalm 46:1) and that he 'is good, his steadfast love endures forever' (Psalm 100:5). He is the unchanging and faithful God who has displayed his love by sending 'his one and only Son into the world that we might have life through him' (1 John 4:9). That is the dependable and certain good news of Easter and it is a comfort and balm for all who are weary if they will put their trust in him and his Son.

**Pastor Sean Clokey**

*Trinity Church meets at the Liphook Infants School GU30 7QE every Sunday morning at 10.30am. All are welcome to join us. For further information ring 01428 713293 or visit [www.trinitychurch.tc](http://www.trinitychurch.tc)*

## METHODIST CHURCH

### **FLOOD WARNING**

The story of Noah, the flood and the ark is well known. Famous for his boat building, zoo keeping and weather forecasting, Noah is also a figure who challenges us to think about our relationship with God and what we believe about natural disasters.

Noah was described as a man who "walked with God". It seems to imply an intimacy with God. Noah being picked out as the person God chose to save in order not to destroy humanity completely backs this up.

Noah was given warning of the flood. Recently there have been other floods of which there has been little or no warning. People ask questions about God allowing such disasters and

about God initiating them in judgement. I think it is clear that floods and earthquakes and natural disaster are not God's acts of judgement. On the one hand they are not specific enough and on the other they are not general or catastrophic enough. Neither do I think it is a question of whether God "allows" them.

Floods and other natural disasters can be seen as a warning. They are a warning about the power of the natural created order. They are also a warning about the fragility of creation - including human life. Floods, such as we saw in the north of England last autumn and in other parts of the world now, extend this warning to the ways in which human actions affect the fragile balance of creation.

**Rev. David Muskett**



## CATHOLIC CHURCH

It has now been six months since Immaculate Conception Parish, Liphook amalgamated with Sacred Heart, Bordon and St Joseph's, Grayshott.

Although change is never easy, the three communities have responded generously to what we're trying to achieve in becoming one.

Each of the three communities are different, with a different history and identity and yet are all one in belief. Even the physicality of the three church buildings cannot be compared . . . But this is a bonus!

Sacred Heart has a modern feel, with newly installed projectors and sound systems, enhancing prayer and worship there. St Joseph's in Grayshott is much more traditional, lending itself to the more traditional styles of worship. An ambitious restoration project is getting under way there, rebuilding the sanctuary and High Altar, in preparation for Mass in Latin to become a regular feature there.

Here in Liphook, Immaculate Conception Church, which has an intimate setting, will become a centre of Prayer and Devotion. We're putting together a daily programme from 11.00am - 7.00pm during the week, to which all are welcome to attend and to participate. (Further details on this will soon be found on the parish website).

With all this change and activity, Lent is going to be a time for us to pause and reflect and to make room for the Lord in our personal, spiritual lives. This Lent is going to be a chance for us to remember the 'why' we are working hard and who it is that we serve.

I wish you all every blessing and grace in the coming season of Lent. May the good Lord bless you and your families abundantly.

**Fr John Chandler,**  
**Parish Priest**

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND

### Shame

Pity Megan and Harry. I do hope it works out for them. Whatever happens they can rest assured that everybody has an opinion and that most people in the UK, from our friends on the news channels to the local pub up the road, will have vented it. A friend of mine once went to the loo before he preached and forgot his microphone was on - he came back to cheering from the congregation! But just imagine doing that in front of the nation with the boos and cheers of the Football Crowd of life ringing in your ears.

We pride ourselves on being non-judgemental as a culture, but open up the tabloids and shame is writ large. Somehow we can never escape the hissing of the pantomime, and for most of us humble folk we live safe in the knowledge that our lives are so nondescript that it will never happen to us.

The closest I ever got to the pillory of life was a few years back when the Liphook Carnival was on. Fortunately we decided not to go, but we were surprised to hear a lot of loud Dongs emanating from the parade, like the bells of St Pauls had suddenly appeared

in Liphook. Apparently the Deer's Hut in their wisdom at the height of the bell ringing debacle had decided to dramatize it as part of the carnival parade - with a mad vicar at the front and a huge donging bell on the float. It was really funny. But I was so pleased not to be there!

Yes Shame is even alive and well in Liphook. Alive in our pubs, in our coffee shops, in our schools and care centres, in our supermarkets and in our homes. We probably spend a lot of energy ignoring it. Perhaps, like the cast of Eastenders we catch ourselves in conversations justifying and vindicating our own behaviour. If this is you, know that shame is probably part of your life as well. Like fear, it lurks in the background a powerful emotion with hugely negative consequences. But if that's you know this. Crucifixion was such a shameful death that Romans didn't even like to talk about it. When our Saviour stripped naked, completely alone and pinned to a cross was pilloried by the crowd in some profound way he was dealing with your shame. Know this and be free.

**Reverend Valentine Inglis-Jones**



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Therefore this year Christian Aid collections will go towards Kenya and building sand dams and terraces to manage what rain water falls through the year, also to improve animal health and husbandry and land management to offset periods of extreme drought and bring about a more stable economy. Please give generously.

**Keith Ireland - Christian Aid Liphook coordinator.**



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# I'd Love To Help But . . .

People are afraid of volunteering. They think that once they offer to help they will be committed for life. They often feel that they do not have the necessary skills or ability to be of help. So when they see an appeal for help, they think 'I'll let someone else do that'.

## So why does anyone volunteer?

Well, it doesn't have to be a regular commitment to make a difference. As little as 2 hours, in a year, could make a difference.

Our village is blessed with a wealth of clubs, societies and community organisations; you only have to look in the back of the magazine to see many of them listed. One of the principle reasons people move to Liphook is the great sense of community.

## But what would you get from it if you volunteered?

Being part of a group of people who work together, to help others lets you:

- Meet new people and make new friends
- Get to know your local community
- Gives you a chance to socialise
- Join in the feeling of success in achieving a common goal

There are so many organisations looking for help, you have a wide range of choices. People with administrative skills are sought after for secretarial roles, and financial skills are welcomed as Treasurers or fund raisers.

There are plenty of 'hands on' roles; working as volunteer drivers taking people to hospital, or doctor's appointments, helping with Scout and Guide troops. You could help with conservation work, assist in the Day Care or offer your time to one of the schools or nurseries in the village.

The commitment does not have to occupy too much time. You could offer to be a marshal for the Carnival (one evening a year) or come and do a working day for Liphook in Bloom (2 hours). Whatever time you are willing to offer there is a volunteering option for you.

You can contact any of the organisations in the back of the magazine directly, or if you would like any help, in finding the right option for you, please give me a call on the number below.

Giving just a little of your own time, to help others, can be highly rewarding, so don't deny yourself this great opportunity and help to support our community.

**Paul Johnson – 01428 724813**

## When Liphook Had its Own Currency

Back in the 17th century, there was an acute shortage of low denomination coins in the country. Tradesmen's tokens started to be issued mainly in London in 1648, the year before the execution of King Charles II, and the rest of England, Wales and Ireland followed. The early issues tended to be farthing but halfpennies followed in 1656 and pennies from 1663. The Royal Mint did not produce a new farthings until 1672 and halfpennies a year later. By 1674 tokens were prohibited and were called in to be melted down and so ended a short period in our numismatic history. In all there were over 20,000 types nationwide with 4,000 in London alone. Most were struck in copper or bronze and circular but rarer varieties were heart shaped, square or in diamond format. Spelling was sometimes haphazard as illiteracy was common and lettering was phonetic in style.

In Liphook there were two issues of farthing token, the first of these dated 1667 was for Henry Chitty whose occupation is uncertain. Chitty was a common local name and the family were clothiers in the Godalming area in the 16th century, branching out to Lynchmere, Headley and Bramshott so here is possibly the link to Henry.

### HENRY CHITTY. LIPHOOK TRADE TOKEN 1667. (LIPPVCK IN HAMPSHER).



The obverse reads: HENRY.CHITTY. IN on the outer ring and in the inner ring, 1667.

The reverse shows: LIPPVCK IN HAMPSHER on the outer ring and HC inside.

The second token type, dated 1668, is more straightforward and was issued by William and Elizabeth Stone who were the publicans at the Royal Anchor in the centre of Liphook. William died about 1697 and his son, also William, is recorded as buying the inn in 1706. The farthing would have no doubt bought a tankard of ale.

### 17TH CENTURY. ROYAL ANCHOR INN, LIPHOOK HAMPSHIRE, TOKEN ISSUED BY W.E. STONE, LANDLORD



The obverse reads: IN. LIPHOOK with an anchor shown centrally.

The reverse shows: HAMPSHIER.1668 with S and W E inside.

The circulation of these pieces would have been limited particularly as the common man would not have travelled far at this time in our history and often just by foot. The horse and cart was the main method of transport or by coach as chronicled by Samuel Pepys, the celebrated diarist who visited Liphook around this time. Tokens were also issued in Guildford, Haslemere, Godalming, Farnham, Alton and Petersfield as well as further afield and form an important part of our local and social history.

**Rupert Town-Jones**

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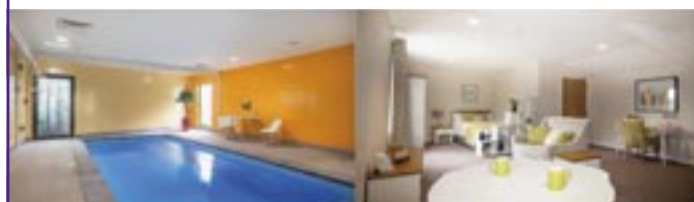
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## GETTING IN TO GEAR FOR THE 30TH ANNUAL BIKE RIDE

# Liphook Crankers

The Liphook Crankers have held their first meeting of 2020 to organise this year's Liphook Bike Ride which will take place on Sunday 7 June. This will be the 30th annual Ride and the Crankers hope to make this the best ride ever in celebration of the achievement of raising well over a million pounds money for local causes over the past thirty years.

The Liphook Bike Ride is a family and community event attracting supporters of all ages. The main ride will once again run on the stunning and celebrated 25 mile route through Hampshire, Sussex and Surrey. Alongside the junior ride on Bohunt Sports field, there will be multiple attractions such as go karting, a bouncy castle, ice cream, tea, coffee and cake and other refreshments. For those new to the event the junior riders complete laps of a marshalled ¼ mile enclosed circuit at the same time as riders in the main ride cycle the 25 mile circular route starting at 10.00am from Bohunt School.



Crankers' spokesman and Ride Chairman Alistair Halliday said:

*"We are delighted to be organising the 30th annual Liphook Bike Ride again and proud to be continuing the tradition of this great family event started by LIDBA with the first ride taking place in 1991. This year's ride on 7th June 2020 will start from Bohunt School, Liphook. As usual we will be seeking sponsorship from local businesses and anyone interested in supporting this key village event should contact [admin@Liphookbike ride.com](mailto:admin@Liphookbike ride.com) for more information and to receive our sponsorship pack.*

*"As with last year's ride, which was started by the Downton Abbey and Paddington star Hugh Bonneville, we are keen to encourage riders of all ages including junior riders up to 13 years. This year we will be reaching out to local schools to help students with their individual fundraising projects as well as engage in a healthy and fun sport. Details of how to sign up for the ride and how to raise sponsorship will be displayed on the event website [www.liphookbikeride.com](http://www.liphookbikeride.com) Supporters can also like and follow our Facebook page to keep up-to-date with the details of the event."*

In 2019 the Liphook Bike Ride raised many thousands of pounds for local charities from a combination of riders' entry fees, commercial sponsorship, charities sponsorship and individual collections. One of the hallmarks of the ride is the wonderful way it attracts such a wide and diverse range of participants; from elite riders chasing 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 100s of under 13s 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 or fundraising projects such as DofE or school trips.



The Crankers have been keeping up their cycling through the winter months with a mixture of mountain biking and road riding on the beautiful routes around Liphook and surrounding countryside. They plan to conduct their annual 5 day training camp in the mountains of Mallorca in April.

Anyone wishing to communicate with the LBR team should email:

**[info@liphookbikeride.com](mailto:info@liphookbikeride.com)**

Contact: Sarah Sear, Liphook Bike Ride Media Comms Lead

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# The Early Days a

On a recent visit to Bramshott Place Village, I noticed a fine reproduction of a photograph of a bus at the Canadian army camp at "Tin Town" on Bramshott Common from World War One, which reminded me of something written by Flora Thompson who is most famous for her unique masterpiece "Lark Rise to Candleford". She also wrote some of her finest prose between 1921 and 1927 when she lived in Liphook. Her wonderful ability to describe the natural history and rural life of our neighbourhood is shown in her features originally written for a monthly magazine called the Catholic Fireside and later published as The Peverel Papers, Peverel being her pseudonym for Liphook. In one entry for July, originally published in the 1920s, she wrote:

*I heard the full, clear solo of a bullfinch which kindly perched upon a twig, and sang to me while I waited for a bus in a country lane. Even when the bus appeared it only flew a little higher in the hedge and regarded the strange vehicle with bright-eyed curiosity. The buses are fully as delightful a feature of country life as the wild birds, indeed, they lend wings to the wingless. Here they are a recent institution, and every month now sees fresh routes opened up, and far-away and cross-country villages, names merely hitherto, become places of actual earth and easily accessible.*

*The printed lists of places upon the routes chime like bells in the memory. "Haslemere and Fernhurst, Milland and Forest Mere". What a line of good mouth-filling, ready-made poetry to be printed on the front of a bus!*

Bus at Bramshott camp next to Aldershot & District office.



The buses, like the railways, gave opportunities for travel which had not existed before. From 1898 to 1900 or 1901 Flora lived in Grayshott, which she called Heatherley in her book of that name, where she recalled:

*There were no motor buses to take people for pleasure trips or to do their shopping in the nearest town. At Heatherley, there were not even horse buses. The poorer went on foot, the richer in their own private turnout, carriage, dog-cart or governess-cart.*

Intrigued by the photograph, I made contact with Ann Yarnold of Moreton House at Bramshott whose family had a strong connection with our local buses. Her grandfather Arthur "Tango" Blake started as conductor of a horse bus in the Farnborough district before becoming a conductor on one of the two very second-hand motor buses of the Aldershot and Farnborough Motor Omnibus Company,



Service 24 Bus with destination board Bramshott Seven Thornes (sic).

which later was merged into the Aldershot & District Traction Company, affectionately known as Tracco. One day in 1907, the driver said "You have a go, mate" and so "Tango" Blake became a driver. He acquired his nickname in about 1914 when the dance was all the rage and the vehicle he drove had a distinctive motion. By the time he retired in 1947 he had driven over one million miles, covering all the company's routes, averaging 25,000 miles a year (equal to the distance round the world), was the longest serving staff member and had earned eight stars for first-class driving.

These companies were started by Aldershot solicitor William Foster and Tracco was run by his son Tom, despite a severe physical handicap. A&D held social events for its staff and their families, as indicated by this photograph of the two-day firm's outing to Southsea in 1914 which shows "Tango" Blake (the third from the left in the group of four looking out of the window on the left) and Tom Foster on the right by the front wheel.



Staff outing in 1914 with "Tango" Blake and Tom Foster.

It was not uncommon for several members of a family to work for A&D; many other members of Ann Yarnold's family did so, including her great-uncle Bill Shepherd who rose to become Chief Inspector, his daughters Phyllis (a secretary in the head office in Aldershot) and Nancy, her uncle Carl Cockerton (an engineer in the workshop and depot in Woking), and her aunt Irene Longbottom ran the enquiry office in Farnham while Irene's husband George was an engineer in the workshops in Aldershot. In addition her great-aunt Lucy Newell was housekeeper to the Foster family.



# *Liphook's Buses*

*Bus with crew and military and civilian personnel at Bramshott attributed to Bates of Bramshott.*



The first motor bus service in our area was in 1904 when the London & South Western Railway started operating a bus over the twelve miles from Haslemere to Farnham via Hindhead and A&D took it over in 1913, consolidating its position in this area by purchasing the buses of Ben Chandler, proprietor of The Royal Huts Hotel and livery stables at Hindhead, and providing a regular service from Haslemere to Hindhead and Grayshott which was extended to Headley on 1st August 1914.

*Ben Chandler's Commer outside The Royal Huts Hotel.*



Following the outbreak of war three days later, Tom Foster immediately placed the company's fleet of buses and other vehicles at the disposal of the War Office and all services were reduced to a skeleton level, with some buses converted to ambulances to transport casualties from railway stations to military hospitals. A collection and delivery service served the military camp at Bramshott and in November 1914 the Haslemere-Grayshott route was extended to Bramshott camp. In June 1915 a service ran from Haslemere Town Hall to The Seven Thorns public house at Bramshott, which was adjacent to the camp, and in August 1916 it was extended to The Royal Anchor in Liphook. This photograph, credited to Bates of Bramshott, shows a smartly uniformed driver, conductor with ticket machine partly concealed by his white overall, and military and civilian personnel. By 1915, A&D were running a service between Guildford and Haslemere and regular timetabled goods services to London from Bramshott and Witley camps, and by 1916 five steam and four petrol goods vehicles were based at Haslemere.

Manpower problems became serious with men being recruited into the army and by June 1916 only two experienced fitters were left to service a fleet of 86 vehicles. Many services were suspended and only seven services remained until the war was over; the fact that one was Haslemere-Grayshott-Bramshott indicates the importance of the service to Bramshott camp.



All of the suspended services had been reinstated by the end of 1919, when the route from Haslemere to Guildford advertised that "this service will provide accommodation for carrying milk churns and farm produce". New routes were opened in

*Bramshott choir outing in charabanc.*



the early 1920s, including Aldershot to Whitehill and Petersfield (later service 6) in 1921, and in 1923 the Guildford to Hindhead route was extended to Liphook and Petersfield (later service 24). The first bus from Haslemere to Alton via Liphook (later service 13) ran in 1924. Charabanc excursions to local beauty spots like Waggoners Wells became popular, as shown in this photograph of a Bramshott choir outing. By the time that Flora Thompson and her family left Liphook in 1927 local bus services had become firmly established and the wingless had gained wings.

**Rod Sharp**

## Sources:

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*Peter Trevaskis and Les Smith of Aldershot & District Bus Interest Group*

## We've Moved



The Bramshott and Liphook Arts and Crafts society have moved! Our demonstration evenings are now the second Thursday of the month, at the Liphook Village Hall in Headley Road.

Looking back at the end of last year, we had two wonderful demonstration evenings, the first with Liz Baldin in November, who demonstrated

her amazing talents with her impressionist landscape, and in December, Sonia Bacchus showed us how to create pictures with recycled materials.



We started 2020 with a 'Have a go Night' in January, members brought work to complete, or undertook still life painting, or took part in crafts. Prizes were won! Everyone had a good time and we'll be running the evening again in August.

Looking forward we have a full schedule of events for 2020 The demonstration evenings are free to members and only cost £5 for visitors. Please see our

website or facebook page for all this year's dates.

The highlight of our year will be the annual exhibition April 17th – 19th which will be held at the Liphook Millennium centre- this is free to visit and all are welcome. Last year saw

hundreds of fantastic works of arts and crafts, and this year will be even better, with exhibits by local artists, and Liphook schools. There will also be free arts and crafts workshops throughout the weekend.

### Why not join us?

To find out details about membership, contact our membership secretary on: [membership@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk](mailto:membership@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk), visit our website: [www.liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk](http://www.liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk), give us a call on: 07768 321291 or just drop into one of our demonstration evenings and see what we're about.



### 2020 Demonstrations Held on Thursday evenings at Liphook Village Hall

**February 13th** Ronnie Ireland - Abstract figures - acrylic

**March AGM**

### April 17th - 19th Exhibition

**May 14th** Marilyn Allis - Animals on the loose - watercolour

**June 11th** Abigail Whitmarsh - Resin flowers

### 2020 Workshops held on Saturdays at Liss Triangle Centre

**February 29th** George Boyter - watercolour skies and seas

**March 21st** Ronnie Ireland - Abstract figures acrylic

**May 23rd** Marilyn Allis - Animals on the loose - watercolour

**June 20th** Abigail Whitmarsh - Resin flowers

*Dena Tyrrell*

## Five Minutes Chat

According to the commuters at Liphook Station, picking up and enjoying a cup of coffee from the Ground Cafe provides the perfect start to their journey and is an essential part of the early morning scene. I started chatting to Christine and her customers and they persuaded her to join me for a five minute chat.

### How long have you run the mobile cafe here in Liphook?

I looked around the local area and decided that Liphook fitted the bill for me. So after getting a licence I started trading in 2012.

### When is your cafe open?

I get here at 5.20am to get ready and then open at 6.00am and keep serving until 9:09am. After that I go along to some offices serving coffee and also do events on the weekends in the summer months.

### I've noticed that you get some of the coffees ready in advance of your customers arriving?

That's right, my customers are regulars and I know what they like, so it saves time when they are in a hurry to have their drinks ready for them.

### There's lots of banter whilst you're making the coffee

Yes, we've got to know each other well over the years and I appreciate all of the support that they have given me. It's such a lovely atmosphere on a morning and we all have a laugh. And next weekend, to raise money for charity I've persuaded 5 of the women to get together with me to do a Tough Mudder - that's clambering over 10 obstacles across a 5K course.





# Heritage Centre

In November, the Heritage Centre had a special visit from eight students from Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, and their teachers. As HC volunteer Val Gaskin explained: *"The group had been visiting other points of interest in Bramshott and Liphook, and were welcomed with coffee in the Canada Room of the Millennium Centre whilst they looked at the Canadian photos and memorabilia in there. They then came up to the Archive. We'd displayed the Canadian banners along the landing and we'd put tables on the landing for them to search through our Canadian Archive boxes. Their interests varied from the Canadian Military Hospital, the Spanish flu epidemic, Canadian graveyards as well as regiments in transit, and the Canadian influence on our village. I think it was a real eye-opener for them. They took lots of copies of information from us and were very knowledgeable on the subjects they were researching. They were very grateful and thanked us for not forgetting them and their ancestors!"*



The two teachers who accompanied the students were Professor Michael Vance, Chair of the Department of History of St. Mary's University and Dr. Scott McClean, Director of Explore History Ltd. Dr. McLean very kindly provided us with details of the students' visit. He said: *"They 'visited Liphook as part of their studies into Canada and Britain during the World Wars. They had*

*been taking part in a week-long tour across the South-East of England visiting various sites of commemoration and learning more about Canada's role in WWI and WWII. The day they visited Liphook began with a stop at Bramshott where they visited the Canadian Commonwealth War Graves in the churchyard, two of the students giving presentations on two of the individuals buried there. After visiting the church, with its beautiful stained-glass windows commemorating Canada, the group made its way in to the Liphook Heritage Centre. Nothing could have prepared them for the warm welcome they would receive.*

*They began their visit with tea and biscuits in the 'Canada Room', and time spent looking over the wonderful pictures which adorn its walls. Then it was upstairs to talk to local volunteers and examine the rich archival collection which has been assembled. Over an hour was spent going through*



*the boxes of documents, and they were particularly interested in the many excellent photos of Canadians in and around the town. A picture of a Canadian Army Band in front of the Royal Anchor was particularly relevant as some of them had gone there for lunch.*

*Their understanding of Canada's involvement in the Great War was enhanced, and a number have already indicated that they would like to return for further research in the future. The students will now be incorporating their visit into two separate assignments, a journal which they are keeping of the various places visited and what they have learned from it, and a research paper which forms the final assignment of the course. I believe all of us gained a great deal from the visit. I know I will be back for further research for a book project I am working on, and hopefully in the future we will be back with another group of students eager to learn about this important part of Canadian/British history.*

*Thank you to all those that helped organise and take part in our visit. It was a simple visit of just a few hours, but a strong impression was made that will last a lifetime."*



The Heritage Centre is located on the 1st floor of the Millennium Centre. Opening hours: Mondays & Fridays - 10.00am - noon; Wednesdays - 2.00 - 4.00pm. The HC is also open on the following Saturdays from 10.00am - 1.00pm: 14th March, 4th April, 9th May. Email: [liphookheritage@gmail.com](mailto:liphookheritage@gmail.com) Telephone: 01428-727275.

**Mari Wallace**



## IT'S FULL STEAM AHEAD AT HOLLYCOMBE

# Steam in the Country

### Popular Visitor Attraction Opens for 2020 Season

It will be full steam ahead at Hollycombe Steam in the Country on Friday 10th April when the popular museum opens its doors to visitors for the first time in 2020.

Home to one of Britain's largest collections of working steam, including wonderful Edwardian steam-driven fairground rides, steam railways and various other engines, Hollycombe will be open for four days from Friday 10th - 13th April. The museum's well-liked Easter Bunny Event will be staged on Easter Sunday and Monday.

Getting the season underway on 10th April, visitors to Hollycombe will be among the first to enjoy the wonderful sights and sounds of the historic steam collection in motion. The museum's resident Hunslet locomotive Jerry M will be running along the Quarry Railway, journeying through the pretty woodland for passengers to marvel at views across the South Downs National Park.



Hollycombe's Edwardian fairground, the largest of its kind in the UK, will be thrilling crowds with traditional rides including the beautiful Golden Gallopers, steam-driven Chair-o-planes and the magnificent Big Wheel. There will be plenty for children to enjoy too, with roundabouts, Chair-o-planes and Austin Car rides just for youngsters. While visitors of all ages will enjoy the magical nature of the traditional fairground with its joyful mechanical organs, Hollycombe's very own showman at the Bioscope and many sideshows from the period.



On Easter Sunday and Monday there will be even more fun and surprises in store at Hollycombe. The friendly Easter Bunny will be on the loose handing out treats to visitors and there will be plenty of prizes for children who successfully complete the Easter Trails, hunting for clues hidden around the grounds.

Commenting on the season ahead, Simon Wildgust, Museum Manager at Hollycombe said:

"We're all very excited and looking forward to welcoming back visitors to Hollycombe. Our volunteers have been working hard to maintain the rides and steam engines and we're now eager to see the collection up and running and enjoyed once more."

"The Easter Bunny event is always a great way to start the season and has a wonderful family atmosphere, but there really is something for everyone to enjoy at Hollycombe. There will be lots for people to see and do this year as our special events continue to go from strength to strength, and more exhibitors express interest in joining us."



"For those still unsure of what to expect from a day out at Hollycombe, our Steam Festival in June is a great choice and the perfect weekend for both steam enthusiasts and novices. The collection of visiting steam engines, vintage tractors, stationary engines and classic vehicles alongside Hollycombe's many rides and attractions, is a real treat and an unmissable highlight of the season."

Hollycombe will open on select days from Easter weekend through to mid-October. Full priced admission tickets cost £18 for adults, £16 for seniors and £14 for children and are valid for one year from the date of entry.

Attractions at Hollycombe include Britain's largest traditional fairground, two steam railways, a working farm housing a collection of agricultural machinery, Listed Gardens, steam rollers and visiting road engines and many more examples of working steam on site.

Exhibitors looking to join Hollycombe can email:

**events@hollycombe.co.uk**

For details on all Hollycombe's open days and special events in 2020 visit **www.hollycombe.co.uk**, or email:

**info@hollycombe.co.uk**

For volunteering opportunities contact:

**volunteering@hollycombe.co.uk**

*Rebecca Liedtke*



# Bohunt School at Liphook

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM 'SPRINGS INTO LIFE' AT BOHUNT SCHOOL LIPHOOK

Set in the School's new horticultural area, students in year 9 have been taking turns to discover the great outdoors spending their first few mornings learning about practical outdoor activities including the history of the Swedish Trangia, safety in and around the camp and how to find suitable wood for whittling!

The outdoor classroom comprises a fire pit, wooden benches and work stations for activities plus canopies for shading and protection. The outdoor classroom can be used by as many as 20 students at a time and offers fresh air to keep young minds alert and freedom to explore alternative spaces within the grounds. Bohunt Educational Trust champions outdoor education and learning. Our outdoor classroom is an addition to the other activities in which students participate whilst at school. Some of these include the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, bush craft camps and recent expeditions to Mongolia, Greenland and the Himalayas.

**Trevor McDermott, Head of Outdoor Learning for Bohunt Education Trust said,** "We are launching outdoor learning across the Trust to normalise the outdoors. We want to make it accessible to all - including those from disadvantaged backgrounds. We believe, and there is evidence to suggest that by going back to these lost skills outside of the classroom, we can increase student confidence, self-esteem, resilience and grit. Being outside has benefits for mental health and well-being by reducing stress and providing a sense of separateness from the classroom indoors."

**Marie, a student in year 9 said,** "We love the new outdoor classroom. Having dirt under our fingernails and building a shelter and campfire are useful skills that many of us have never learned before. It was a great place to spend time out of the classroom whilst still being within a learning environment. It boosted my self-esteem as I felt less enclosed. It gave me freedom to move around and support my peers".

**Felicity, also in year 9 said,** "the outdoor classroom doesn't feel like school. I felt like we could talk about things that were on our minds and have fun".

**Virginia Green, Careers and Advice and Guidance co-ordinator at Bohunt School said,** "I think the general consensus is that we all wanted to do this every week! The students came up with some innovative ideas for the next session and whatever amazing food we can make whilst outside in the classroom is definitely a bonus!"

Bohunt Education Trust's approach to outdoor learning as a pivotal part of its innovative curriculum prepares students for life beyond school.

## MANDARIN EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME (MEP) INTENSIVE LEARNING ACTIVITIES DAY

For the fourth year running, three Bohunt Educational Trust schools (BET); Bohunt School Liphook, Bohunt Worthing and The Petersfield School have participated in an intensive 'Mandarin Excellence in School' learning activities day, initiated and sponsored by the DofE and the British Council.

On Wednesday 22 January, students across BET who learn Mandarin in school celebrated the Chinese New Year 2020 with language and cultural activities. Over 250 students joined in with the activities which included calligraphy, Chinese brush painting, paper cutting, Chinese Kung Fu and traditional dumpling making.

In the afternoon, the Mandarin GCSE classes of Y9 to Y13 at Bohunt School Liphook joined students from the other schools to enjoy student performances and a music concert by the British rock band TRANSITION. The band is famous for playing rock music with Chinese lyrics and they already have over three million YouTube views for their Mandarin song 'Sorry My Chinese is not good'. Transition delighted the students with their special appearance at the school.



**Head of Mandarin at Bohunt School in Liphook and Bohunt Education Trust Mandarin Coordinator Rose Ren said,** "The MEP Intensive Learning Day is an important part of the BET MEP project. It is designed to consolidate language skills and motivate cultural learning as well as allowing students to experience an intensive day spent practising Mandarin, the day offers many opportunities for cultural immersion."

**Sarah Bean, Mandarin teacher at Bohunt School said,** "My tutor group had a fantastic day and enjoyed all the activities. They were really into the Kung Fu and a few asked where they could join a club! Many songs were pizza themed (we've just started learning food!) They definitely enjoyed the band, I think I can expect to hear a lot of 对不起 and 我爱你 (their favourite songs) this week and beyond!"

**Aman, a year 8 student from Bohunt Worthing said,** "I thought it was great to look at the different parts of Chinese culture. It is a nice experience when learning Mandarin".

**Ryan, also a year 8 student from Bohunt Worthing said,** "I thought it was a great opportunity for us to meet students from across BET and develop our cultural understanding and Mandarin skills. Bohunt Liphook was fun because of the workshops provided."

With future events like this scheduled across the Trust, there is clear emphasis on the importance given to studying Mandarin and the Trust's commitment to deliver the best standard for its students. Complete immersion in the language from Year 7 until the end of Year 11 enables students to reach their highest expectations, reflected in GCSE results and beyond.

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# Our Tree

Our tree was a *Sequoiadendron giganteum*, the sole living species in the genus *Sequoiadendron*, and one of three species of coniferous trees known as redwoods that occur naturally only in groves on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. The oldest known giant sequoia is 3,200-3,266 years old.

The tree was first discovered by a European in 1841 and introduced to Britain in 1853 by William Lobb.

'Tall tales (as shown on the National Trust Web site: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)).

*In 1852, Lobb visited San Francisco, where he first heard of mammoth conifers in the foothills of California's Sierra Nevada range. Lobb knew this 'vegetable monster' would trigger an enormous craze in British horticultural circles, and hurried to the Sierra foothills to see the remarkable tree in its native habitat.*

*He found about 90 towering trees and reported that a felled tree had measured 300 feet with a diameter of over 29 feet near its base. A section of this 3,000-year-old tree was displayed in San Francisco where its hollowed (and carpeted) slice of trunk could comfortably accommodate a piano with an audience of 40.*

*Lobb collected seed, shoots, and seedlings. In fewer than two years' time these would give rise to thousands of saplings, snatched up by wealthy Victorians to adorn great British estates.*

*The larger-than-life conifer, so symbolic of the vast American wilderness, suddenly became a status symbol in Britain. John Lindley of the Horticultural Society, who was assigned the task of naming the introduction, opted for the decidedly un-American 'Wellingtonia gigantea' to commemorate the lately deceased Duke of Wellington an action which caused indignation across the pond which persisted for years'.*

The tree which graced our garden was just 116 years old, with a girth of 25ft and height when felled of about 150ft. It had been planted to grace the then gardens of Chiltley Manor and was included on the list of trees designated to be preserved when the now estate was built.

We are not sure what caused the early demise of our tree. It may have been that the roots were compromised when the house was



January 2009.

built in 1962, or that it sustained a lightning strike, there was significant scarring near to the apex of the trunk. It was certainly not Honey Fungus, a condition associated with Redwoods.

Perhaps the position it occupied was detrimental. It had been planted in what is possibly one of the highest points in Liphook and had sustained considerable wind damage in the last 30 years.

The tree came into our care in September 1987 just three weeks before the Great Storm (of 16th October) which swept through Britain. Like many other trees in the area the storm did not entirely spare our tree, a precursor we found, of things to come. Sadly, our tree's position was open to south westerly winds, that over the years buffeted it endlessly. Branches would be tossed in all directions, and when heavily laden with cones and foliage, oscillate, each branch together with its foliage moving as one, but independently of the other branches. Then, when the stress eventually became too much, part, or all the branch would inevitably detach itself landing in either our, or our poor neighbour's garden.



June 2015.

January 2020 - the last day .



Despite this; After all, we consoled ourselves had not the tree been the reason we had bought the house and weren't we privileged to live in its shadow. This glorious tree brought boundless joy to us and our children. We sat in its shade in the summer and marvelled at its beauty in the winter snow. The crevices in its spongy bark provided homes to many different and diverse insects, which in turn brought: Tree Creepers; Blue tits; Great Tits and Nut Hatches to feed. Great Tits nested in its hollows and Squirrels cavorted in its branches, its trunk their playground and its branches their highway. And, in the days before Sainsbury's arrived, it was a gathering place for flocks of starlings as they returned to roost in the then OSU site\*.

We delighted in the ever-changing colours of its bark, the shadows cast and the reflections of light through its branches. It is sadly missed.

*\*The starling population has fallen by 80% in recent years, meaning they are now on the critical list of British Birds.*

**Patricia Worrall**

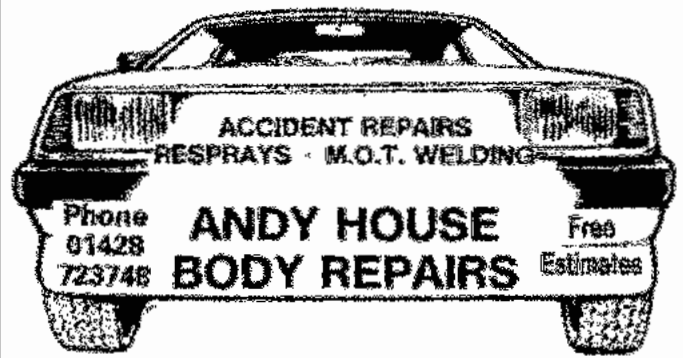
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# NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION OF *Liphook Infant & Junior School*

## Community Choir

We have recently formed a community choir within the Federation and children and parents from across both schools come together on a weekly basis to enjoy singing together.

The benefits of singing on our mental health and wellbeing are often spoken about in the press and the members of the choir could definitely testify to that. Parents and children alike have enjoyed singing with each other and performing for others since the choir was formed at the end of last year.



## Design and Technology

Year 4 enjoyed designing, making and evaluating electric lamps and torches.



A visitor from Hollycombe Steam Fair inspired our Year 6 children to design, make and evaluate fair ground rides. They used coding and crumbles to programme them to move in lots of different ways!



## Music

Year 4 pupils enjoyed a wonderful hour of music when they went to see a children's concert performed by Southern Pro Musica Symphony Orchestra. Maybe this will inspire some of our children to become future musicians!



An exciting evening was had by all when members from the Junior Choir joined with other schools as part of the Young Voices concert which was held at the O2 arena in London.



## Read, Read, Read!

Thanks to the generosity and kindness of our parents at our school events, our 'friends' association, LISFA, were able to fund the purchase of over £2000 worth of new books recently.

Alongside these purchases, we have bought new bookshelves for the school library and now have a vibrant, inviting space to complement the fantastic painted mural containing many of the children's favourite book characters which already adorns the library walls.

The children visit the library at least once a week and enjoy listening to and reading stories, sharing and recommending books and generally enjoying the fantastic library space!





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## CHILDREN RAISE OVER £1,100 FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

# Highfield & Brookham Schools

The younger years kicked off their day of fun-filled fundraising by participating in 'The Big Morning Move' Every child bought in £1 to take part in this event meaning they were keeping fit and healthy while fundraising!

Reception children enjoyed a morning of Pudsey related craft activities, while children in Year 7 used their entrepreneurial skills and organised a jam-packed programme of fundraising events, and the most popular event of them all - the stocks! Nine brave teachers took turns in the stocks as the eager children paid to throw sponges of freezing cold water at them!



### Named As One Of The Top Schools For Cricket

Highfield and Brookham in Liphook is delighted to have been named one of the top 50 prep schools in the country for cricket by The Cricketer magazine's School Guide 2020.

The recent introduction of girls' cricket is one of the school's stand-out achievements and they now have 30 teams. Additionally, every other year since 2001 the school has embarked on a cricket tour to Barbados which girls are likely to join in 2021.

## Technology Comes to Liphook Day Centre!

For years the Liphook Day Centre has been taking care of elderly people in the village. It provides a welcoming, warm environment where people can spend the day with friends, playing games, enjoying a home cooked lunch and most importantly getting out of the house to meet others and enjoy some company.

The Centre has been exploring ways of raising much needed funds to keep it running, all sorts of events have been organised which are helping to bring in income, but recently a new service has started which it is hoped will meet a need and also raise funds.

Anyone who has seen the younger generation walking along the road or on the bus head bent over a smartphone fingers tapping furiously appreciates that the world is racing ahead with new technology. For many older folk computers, iPads and the like can be a bit of a mystery and those that do try to embrace the future sometimes find themselves pulling their hair out in frustration.

This is why the management of the Day Centre have introduced a new service that it hopes will help people to get the most out of the new technology by providing training, fixing problems and helping people who are less familiar with computers to find their way around their machines.

Some people with Windows 7 are wondering what will happen now that Microsoft has withdrawn support for their beloved system, they might be thinking of upgrading to Windows 10 (which can involve a hefty system update!). This and many other issues can be dealt with by the Day Centre's Computer Clinic. It operates by appointment on Friday mornings, but arrangements can also be made for house calls if required. The fee is £20 per hour or part but if we can't fix your problem there is no charge.

If you think we can be of any help please contact us on the Day Centre's number **01428 724941** or by ringing John Novell on **01428 289027**.

# Dreams Come True

## Can you help make more Dreams Come True?

### Who are we?

Since our first Dream recipient, Shirley, met the Grand National winner Bob Champion in 1988, Dreams Come True have fulfilled the dreams of more than 6,300 children and young adults with serious or life-limiting conditions within the UK.

We are the only dreams granting charity that fulfils the dreams of children and young adults with such a wide range of medical conditions, locations and ages. Our head office is based in Liphook from where we have fulfilled 160 dreams in Hampshire alone.

The effects of dreams are so far reaching. It serves to enrich their lives, build their confidence and self-esteem, and bring lasting joy by creating very special memories that they and their families can remember forever.

We have realised all types of dreams. We have helped children and young adults to meet their heroes, enjoy amazing experiences, visit special places and much more. For some, a dream is simply to enjoy everyday activities, so we're also happy to provide specialist items such as disability trikes, wheelchair swings, sensory equipment and technology.

### How can you help?

To help us make even more dreams come true, we are looking for support in Liphook and the surrounding areas, to help raise awareness of our charity, our Dreams Families and to help us fundraise.

There are a variety of different ways you can support us;

- Speaking to your clubs and schools about Dreams Come True
- Holding a bucket collection
- Raising awareness by distributing posters and collection pots
- Taking part in events across Liphook and the surrounding areas

and lots of other amazing volunteer opportunities!

Anyone can choose to volunteer for us. Whether you are retired, in full time work or are a student; our volunteer roles are flexible and can work around you!

## Fiona's Story

Fiona has been volunteering with us for the past year and lives locally in Liphook. Volunteering has given her a chance to attend a lot of different events as well as learn new skills. She recently volunteered at Comic Con in London with her daughter Emma and met some interesting characters (see picture).

*"I discovered Dreams Come True by accident a few years ago and decided that this was the charity for me once I had some free time, I wanted to volunteer for a charity that focused on enriching lives of individuals and since Dreams Come True is quite small I'm able to read about the people who have benefited from the charity and even met some of them at their events."*



*Since Dreams Come True has its head office in Liphook I can help in the office as well as at the fundraising events. This allows me to feel part of the charity as I try to allocate 1 day a week to helping out."*

To find out more information of how you can get involved in volunteering or supporting Dreams Come True locally please email: [info@dreamscometrue.uk.com](mailto:info@dreamscometrue.uk.com) or call 01428 726330.

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Blakely is 5 years old and has severe intestinal failure meaning he needs to take a lot of medical equipment with him everywhere he goes. Blakely's dream was to go to Disney with his family as he loves all the characters. Blakely's dream came true when he got to go to Disneyland Paris last September.

*Sophie Gunner*

## BRAMSHOTT, LIPHOOK & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

# 2020 Programme of Events

**19th March**      **Talk**  
"Herbs - Their growth and uses" - Belinda Allen.  
Church Centre. Talk starts at 7.30pm

**4th April**        **Spring Show**  
Bring & Buy Plant Sale  
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Church Centre 2.00 – 4.00pm. Admission free

**June**              **Garden Visit - TBA**

**7th June**        **Summer Party**

**18th July**        **Summer Show**  
Bring & Buy Plant Sales  
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**5th September**      **Autumn Show**  
Bring & Buy Plant Sale  
Sale of Daffodil bulbs for Spring Show Class  
Church Centre 2.00 – 4.00pm. Admission free

**15th October**      **Talk**  
"How to grow better tomatoes" - Doug Stewart.  
Church Centre. Talk starts at 7.30pm

**19th November**      **AGM & Social Evening with Quiz**  
Church Centre 7.30pm – Non-members £5.00

For further information on BL&DHS  
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*Anne Govier*



# The Stirrup Tap

## Giddy Up folks it's a Horsebox Box Gin Bar!

Converting a 1960's single horsebox into a gin bar has been a labour of love! It started with a dream: 'to run a mobile bar serving local artisan gins' and it became a reality when an event organiser booked Catherine's bar for a local music festival. The horsebox had sat in a field for over 16 years, unloved and overlooked until given a makeover to restore it to its former glory. Using local suppliers, the horsebox was sand blasted, resprayed and the interior was transformed into a working bar using recycled materials.



Catherine spent years working in the international 5-star hotel industry where she gained plenty of customer service knowledge believing that a bar combining a gin education with a fun experience was her end goal. She sought a range of small Artisan Gin producers from Hants, Surrey and Sussex choosing organic, socially responsible and award-winning gins to stock in her bar.

The Stirrup Tap is available for hire, suitable for parties, weddings, festivals and local fairs & markets. The horsebox is designed to be fully self-sufficient and is happiest in a field - naturally! Willing to hack out across Hampshire, Surrey and West Sussex hosted by a team of vintage inspired Landgirls. Look out for The Stirrup Tap at an event near you this Spring . . .

## Here is a small selection of gins available in The Stirrup Tap:

### Wessex Gin – Secret Garden Gin 40.3% ABV

Subtle juniper notes followed by a meadow of floral notes including hibiscus, lavender and rose with touches of honey and spice, best served with Fever-Tree Mediterranean tonic and plenty of ice.

### Cocktail recipe: Lavender Bees Knees

**Ingredients:** 60ml gin, 22ml lavender honey syrup, 30ml lemon juice.

**Method:** to make the lavender syrup, combine hot water with honey and stir until evenly mixed. Add lavender, stirring to combine, allow to cool for 30 mins, then pour through a fine mesh strainer to remove lavender. Combine all ingredients in a shaker full of ice, shake vigorously for 10 seconds, double strain the fluid into a cocktail glass and garnish with a lavender sprig.

### Village Spirit Collective – Vann Lane Summer Spirit 42% ABV

Created by a team of 'Ginfluencers' from Hambledon, this pink gin is an irresistibly crisp gin made with local rhubarb and honey gathered from local beehives, balanced with subtle hints of pepper and basil. Best served in a 'Copa de Balon' glass filled with lots of ice and Fever-Tree Indian tonic.

### Cocktail recipe: Summer Basil Smash

**Ingredients:** 50ml gin, 25ml fresh lemon juice, 15ml sugar syrup & fresh basil leaves.

**Method:** smash a large handful of basil leaves in a cocktail shaker with a muddler, then add all remaining ingredients gin, lemon juice, sugar syrup and lots of ice. Shake for 15 seconds and strain into a cocktail glass to create this bright green summer drink top with a sprig of fresh basil.

*Catherine Menzies*

# Liphook Library

Liphook library has a cohort of fabulous volunteers who help us deliver an excellent service.

We have three volunteers who take it in turns to run our weekly Storytime and Rhymetime sessions on a Wednesday morning, 10.30-11am. These sessions are full of fun with interactive nursery rhymes and stories and are a great place to meet and make friends with parents who have younger children. During the Easter holiday we will be running an Easter activity alongside this session where you can make an Easter Bunny.

We also have a small team of Home Library Service Volunteers who visit library customers in their own homes who would struggle to visit the library themselves. Each volunteer is matched up with a customer and arranges home visits convenient to both. The volunteers get to know their customers establishing what they prefer to read and what format is suitable for them. They then visit the library on their behalf picking books and returning them.

The library service offers a wide range of resources for those who struggle with reading smaller print or who would like to be reminded of days gone by. The Reminiscence collection holds items such as scrap books, scent boxes, jigsaw puzzles and flash cards that evoke memories. There is also a 'Pictures to Share' book collection that can be enjoyed by those living with dementia.

For those who like to read magazines and newspapers but struggle with the size of the print, Liphook library can offer the 'try before you buy' loan of a 'Boom box'. This device can be used with a USB stick that has been loaded with the contents of the audio magazine or paper of your choice by the library. The Boom box is designed to be very simple and easy to use.

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*Rosemary Redman*

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# O Canada!

**Huron Drive? Ontario Way? Quebec Close?** Why the Canadian names, I asked myself when I moved here five years ago. Many long-time residents know all about the 'special relationship' between the Canadians and Liphook/Bramshott but for me it was all new.

I learned that during World War I three of the main bases for Canadian forces in England were in this area. The soldiers being trained here established a settlement to provide for their needs. 'Tin Town', as it was called, consisted of iron huts that were cafes, church and YMCA huts, a post office, a bank as well as an entertainment area, 'Funland'. There was great camaraderie, not only among the soldiers but also in their relationship with the locals. It was quite common for soldiers to be invited to dine in residents' homes. Village girls attended dances at the Camp; many of them married Canadians. The Bramshott base was like a home away from home.

We are all aware of the terrible death toll of World War I. In the cemetery of St. Mary's Church, Bramshott, there is a Canadian section with 318 graves which are maintained by the Canadian War Graves Commission. Sadly, the date of 1919 on many of these graves shows that many of these men died as a result of the 'flu epidemic.



An avenue of maple trees was planted alongside the A3 by Canadian soldiers in 1919. When the A3 was made into a dual carriageway, many trees had to be felled. There was a hue and cry against this from the Parish Council and the Bramshott and Liphook Preservation

Society resulting in a re-planting of imported Canadian maples in 1995. There is a stone plaque and memorial seat - made from some of the felled trees - to commemorate this event.

During World War II, Bramshott Common was again used as a camp for Canadian soldiers. A tragic raid on Dieppe took place on 19 August 1942. The Canadians provided nearly 5000 of the 6000 soldiers who took part - and suffered 68% of the casualties. Six hundred of the wounded were brought to the Canadian Hospital at Bramshott.

Rest and relaxation were not neglected. The YMCA and Salvation Army had huts where men could relax, write letters; there was also a cafe. The Canadians were once again made welcome in the village and many local girls married soldiers who were particularly remembered for their kindness to village children - giving them sweets, chocolate and gum - and cigarettes and food to families as rationing was still severe.

The link between the Canadians and Bramshott and Liphook remains strong. In 1945 Canadians raised money for a communion chalice and new stained glass windows for Bramshott church which display the coats-of-arms of the Canadian provinces. On Armistice Day 1946 the Canadian Red Ensign which flew over Huron Camp - the last Canadian camp here - was presented to the church. In 1954 a canopied stall, a desk and lectern were given to the church by Canadian veterans and well-

wishers. Members of the congregation have since made needlepoint kneelers with Canadian motifs; the first two of these were dedicated at the Canada Day service in 1986.



I was pleased to attend this year's Canada Day church service. The event was attended by the Canadian High Commissioner as well as representatives of the Queen, the Royal British Legion and the Canadian Veterans' Association. Even more poignant were the Canadian veterans themselves (there are still approximately 100 living in the United Kingdom) and their families who come annually from far and wide - Southampton, Hailsham, New Milton, Brighton.



The Year 4 students from Liphook Junior School, whose curriculum includes World War II, were also present - and when their voices rose above the rest in singing 'O Canada', it was thrilling for the entire congregation.

Weeks before, the pupils visited the cemetery to choose a soldier to research on a Canadian historical archive website. Each then wrote a piece - a reflection on what they'd learned about their soldier. Some of these were read out in the church service. When we gathered in the cemetery for the laying of wreaths, each student placed a large, hand-crafted cardboard maple leaf on the grave of their soldier.

Back at the school, a lovely lunch awaited the guests. The students' 'reflections' on their soldiers were beautifully displayed in the school hall. Amongst the dignitaries seated at the top table were: Lt Col (ret'd) Leslie Clarke, Treasurer of the Canadian Veterans' Association and Derek Bailey, Vice Chairman of the Guildford and Aldershot Branch; Gordon Campbell, High Commissioner for Canada; Col. Marv Makulowich of the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff; Brigadier Green, President of the Royal British Legion (Liphook).

After the meal, the Year 4 students returned and sang a medley of songs which included 'White Cliffs of Dover', 'We'll Meet Again', 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary'. The finale was another rousing rendition of 'O Canada' which the children sang with such gusto that it brought tears to everyone's eyes.

Back in 1942 a journalist in a Canadian magazine called 'Torch' wrote: "For 25 years the kindly people of Liphook have remembered and honoured the Canadians. Each year each (Canadian) grave is decorated with flowers and a Memorial Service is held. This year was no exception, war or no war, and such is the constancy of the British character, we may be sure that 100 years ahead, Liphook will still remember." How right he was!

**Mari Wallace**












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# Churcher's College

## JUNIOR SCHOOL AND NURSERY ARTS WEEK



At Churcher's College Junior School and Nursery the last week before half term was Arts Week. This year the children decided they wanted to support their partner school in Nepal – UWS Mude and they were keen to learn all

about the culture of Nepal and what daily life is like for the children there. The children spent the week immersed in all

things Nepalese. The week started with an assembly by a visiting music workshop and culminated in a fantastic art exhibition of children's work, raising over £400 for our partner school in Nepal. We have received pen pal letters from Nepal and they warmed all of our hearts as the Nepalese children shared information about themselves.



## GREENFINGERED PUPILS THANK PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Pupils at Churcher's College Junior School & Nursery are very grateful to the Parents' Association for managing to raise enough funds through various events to purchase a wonderful new greenhouse for the school.



The greenhouse will be used to help children understand the nature of growing your own produce as well as promoting sustainable living.

A huge thank you to the Parents' Association for this wonderful initiative.



## CHURCHER'S COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL YEAR 5 SCIENCE GOPHERS

Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating afternoon of science at the Senior School recently. The Year 7 pupils acted as hosts and took the children through a series of experiments.



One of the favourite experiments was making teabags fly using a bunsen burner - just like how hot air balloons work! Among the other investigations, the children created rainbows by mixing different densities of coloured solution and made their own slime. The Year 5 pupils would like to thank Mrs Westwood and the Year 7 Gophers for making this such a fun and memorable afternoon!



# Liphook Carnival 2019

Even the weather could not dampen the fantastic Carnival Procession and Bonfire and Firework display for Liphook.

We had some amazing floats take part; the work that had gone into the construction was phenomenal.

It was great to see the MAD Company join us for the first time in a few years and the Rock Choir who made their very first appearance.

Barry and Gina Poulter turned up in their wonderful Wolseley from Bordon where Barry runs a breakfast club every second Sunday from 10.00 - 1.00pm, April to October in the BOS Club (Bordon & Oakhangar Sports Club)

The Carnival Queen, Jessica Manns, The Prince, Brandon Wilson, The Carnival Princesses, Amy Wright and Ava Windle all looked absolutely fabulous and Mrs Alison Appelboom-Meadows, Amesbury School Governor did a grand job of crowning our Carnival Queen.

The new change to return the procession back down Longmoor road proved very popular and is something we will continue.

We had some new volunteer marshalls this year, who along with our regular marshalls did a sterling job keeping the procession moving and the public safe and well advised.

The **judges** carried out their duties with fun and enthusiasm and awarded the cups to the worthy winners.

For the first time **The Stirrup Tap** joined us on Station road offering artisan gins, along with the **Links** bar and the **Liphook Bakery** who provided a Hog Roast. This proved amazingly popular and we will continue to grow this next year.

We had three amazing bands join us this year, **Batala Portsmouth** from Portsmouth. A Samba band playing Reggae, founded in 2001 by Paul Garcia, originally from Salvador de Bahia (Brazil).

**Dolphin Marching Band** from Poole in Dorset. They are a non-profit Youth Marching band who have been a popular visitor to the Liphook Carnival previously.

**Panache Steel Orchestra** which was their first visit to our Carnival, founded in 2007 in Antigua.

Following the Carnival, the Committee ran the usual Litter Pick around the Village, where they were joined by some willing volunteers from Liphook Junior School, carrying out their Civic Awards.

## SPONSORS

**Old Thorns** again are our main sponsor for Liphook Bonfire and Firework display. A big employer in the area, offering a classy retreat, contemporary rooms plus a spa, golf course, cocktail and champagne bar and a state of the art gymnasium and sport facilities.

**Amesbury School** sponsoring us for the second year. Co-Educational, independent prep school in Hindhead, Haslemere. Founded in 1870 and is the oldest prep school in the area.

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## HELPERS

We would like to thank the Marshall assistance received from **South Central Event Services**, based in Portsmouth. They help out at events such as the Great South Run and other Carnivals and major events in the Country.

**Hants Search and Rescue.** They are a professional team of volunteers who assist us hugely every year. The team leader is Mark Mendoza who brings a real sense of duty and professionalism.

## COMMENT

We had an amazing evening, truly inspired by so many fabulous floats and I was completely blown away with the sheer hard work that was clearly evident. The funds raised on the evening were slightly down from last year, due to the poor weather conditions, just under £2,500; which will be distributed at the AGM in February to local good causes. A big thank you to those that took part and made the evening a great success. The crowds were brilliant to turn out on such a wet evening and they added to the atmosphere and made the Carnival very special. A big thank you to our Sponsors, Judges, Marshalls, Barbara Frost and her team, Money Collectors, Local Businesses that have supported us throughout the year and finally a big thank you to a pretty amazing Carnival Committee for their hard work, determination and sense of humour. Looking forward to the next 2020 Carnival and hope to see you all there. Anyone wishing to join the committee or become a friend of the Carnival please get in touch on **07717 313440**.

## WINNERS

### Adults

- 1st Liphook in Bloom
- 2nd Twins of Liphook

### Children

- 1st Liphook District Guides, Brownies & Rainbows
- 2nd Liphook Scouts - *Toy Story*

### Push & Pull

- 1st Grayshott Stagers - *Honk*

### Trade

- 1st DPM Leadwork - *Cluedo*
- 2nd White Joinery - *Heroes*

### Pubs & Clubs

- 1st MAD Company - *Aladin*
- 2nd The Deers Hut - *Moonlanding*
- 3rd Liphook & Bramshott Social Club - *Bulls Eye*

### Walkers

- 1st Bob Corne - *Scarecrow*
- 2nd Rock Choir - *Liphook & Headley*
- 3rd Findlays - *101 Dalmations*

**The John Carver Best Newcomer Award** Rock Choir

### Best Classic/Vintage Car

- 1st Barry & Gina Poulter - *Wolseley 15/60*

**Best Overall** The Deers Hut

**Tim Wheatley Memorial Cup** MAD Company

**Best Illuminated** Liphook in Bloom

**Best on the Move** MAD Company

*Sally Cameron - Chairperson*



# Poets' Corner

## The Arrival of Spring in Benidoleig

The Sun Of Spring dances upon  
A thousand blue mosaics  
Of swimming pools that have lain  
Idle during winter months

Now comes the seasonal tease  
Those first few breaths of warmth  
Lighter and longer days  
For us to submerge within

It flickers as if an insect  
With addled senses unsure  
Of where to rest forever  
Flitting from there to here to there

Flitting from here to there to here  
Oblivious to its' broader  
Surroundings of bough blossom  
Swaying emerging blooms

The birdsong chorus stretches  
Their lungs and larynx  
As it joyously proclaims  
The new birth of the season

*Richard Gould*

## A Flush of Success

I work to an Ideal Standard,  
I fit Burlington, Bayswater, Rak.  
I can do it in duck-egg, or darker,  
Close-coupled, free-standing, or black.

I find the Old London quite heavy,  
With the Chatsworth a touch more refined,  
Though the York has a certain alignment,  
That gives it more "umph", to my mind.

I always quite fancied the Floral,  
But some folk have thought it too much,  
The Victorians doted on ivy,  
Enhancing their basins, and such.

I really prefer something dainty,  
Like a primrose or small periwinkle,  
You don't want the full Chelsea Flower Show,  
When you go to the loo for a tinkle.

Post-Brexit what will I be doing?  
Will Villeroy Boch still be there?  
Or will it be banned from the bathroom,  
And hidden away 'neath the stair?

Will Plumbase be open for business,  
With porcelain piles in the sale,  
Tottering towers of toilets;  
Will rock-bottom prices prevail?

Whatever the ultimate outcome,  
Whatever you may want to do,  
There's a smell of success in your bathroom,  
When an expert like me fits your loo.

*Angela Glass*

## Wintry Weather Over Arundel Wetlands

The sky's a clear bowl of light in early day,  
Wind sweeps drenching clouds away  
Earth sodden, mired, puddled,  
Sun gleams on surface water  
Creates shimmering steel.  
Clouds rise from horizon's rim  
And spread outwards,  
Puffs of smoke trail  
Into milky patterns,  
Grey masses, dense and darkening, follow.

Through reed-beds  
Spasms of rain spit.  
Clouds blacken, water spouts from sky,  
Wind whips through reeds  
Subdues and crushes,  
Colours dim.  
Water sweeps through wild woods  
Sighing and swirling.  
Long live the weeds  
And the wilderness yet.

A skein of lemon light  
Unravels in the western sky.  
The storm clouds swiftly flee  
Driven by blustering air.  
Iridescent lights edge  
Misty clouds with rainbow colours.

Clear skies emerge.  
Low winter sun  
Dances dizzily across water's surface.  
Colours emerge electrifying,  
Orange of willow,  
Blood red of dogwood branch.

Then through the clear air  
A startling swiftness of flight,  
Arrow straight,  
Electric blue-back,  
Bronze-burning breast,  
As kingfishers catch fire.

Light dims, sun sets  
The darkness spreads  
Until stars prick the blackness  
Earth's wrapped, subdued, dimmed.  
The heavens are alive.  
Look, look up at the stars  
Look at all the firefolk  
Sitting in the air.

*Ruth Howes*

*(with thanks to Gerard Manley Hopkins)*

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**THREE BORDERS KNITTING CLUB** - 01428 606957, 01428 712055.

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

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

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - Sue Knight, 01428 723502.

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

**WOOLMER FOREST LIONS CLUB** - Ken Bassett, 01428 713285.



# CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PERSONS' CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## ARMY CADET FORCE - No. 6 Platoon, 'A' Company, 1st Battalion

Hants & I.O.W. ACF - Detachment Commander: Staff Sergeant  
A. Steven, 07796 268095, Parade Night: Tuesday at Wolfe House,  
Bordon, 7-9.30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## INFANT SCHOOL

**PTA** - Lisfa@Liphook-infants.sch.uk

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

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

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

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

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

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

**LIPHOOK YOUTH CLUB** - John Tough, 01428 724492.

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

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

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

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

**MATRIX MAJORETTES** - Mrs Julie East, 01420 487804.

**METHODIST YOUTH** - Mrs Sharon Tikaram, 01428 723801.

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

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

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

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

**SWIMMING CLUB** - admin@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](http://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](mailto:liphook-guides@outlook.com)

**Girlguiding Liphook District Commissioner:** Rachel Topping, to  
contact use [liphook-guides@outlook.com](mailto:liphook-guides@outlook.com)

## SCOUTS

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

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

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

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

- **Bryan Jackson** (Group Scout Leader) on **01428 723248** or by email:  
[gsl@liphookscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@liphookscouts.org.uk) for all enquiries about Scouting and our  
sections.

- **Stuart Clark** (Group Chairman) on **07900 463482** or by email:  
[chair@liphookscouts.org.uk](mailto:chair@liphookscouts.org.uk) for all volunteer and fundraising  
enquiries as well as for general enquiries.

- **Sarah-Jane Anslow** (Treasurer) by email at:  
[treasurer@liphookscouts.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@liphookscouts.org.uk) for subs enquiries.

- **Alison Jackson** (Scout Shop) on **01428 723248** or by email:  
[atalisonjackson@btopenworld.com](mailto:atalisonjackson@btopenworld.com) for all uniform or equipment  
enquiries.

The sections and their leaders are as follows:-

- Willow Beavers - Mark Boosey
- Ashdown Beavers - Mark Stocker
- Maple Beavers - Sheila Woods
- Downlands Cub Pack - Kevin Carrig
- Oakhanger Cub Pack - Trevor Holden
- Wheatsheaf Cub Pack - Jez Turner
- Shackleton Scout Troop - Nigel Woods
- Scott Scout Troop - Neil Caie
- Stirling Explorer Unit - Stuart West

*Any changes please notify Hazel  
Williams on 01428 722084*

