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## Peggy Keens

By Gabrielle Pike.  
Photo courtesy of the family.

### A TRIBUTE TO LIPHOOK'S FIRST PARISH CLERK

Peggy Keens, Bramshott and Liphook's longest serving parish clerk, sadly passed away at the age of 95 last December.

She applied for the job of first parish clerk when it was advertised in December 1959 and retired 31 years later in 1991. When she started,

Peggy had to have her own typewriter and be able to work from home. She intended to stay for just a couple of years, to help pay for the bungalow in Chappell Close, which she and husband Walter (Wally) built for their family of five children.

During her time, the parish 'office' moved from her spare bedroom to a room in Major Coyte's house and in the 80s to a room at Bohunt with a computer and an assistant.

From writing up meeting minutes by hand to using a word

processor and later a computer, Peggy saw some major changes throughout her time.

Her biggest achievement was her participation in the purchase of land at Radford Park by the parish council, which involved a last minute flight to the Channel Islands to get a vital signature from the Countryside Commission for a grant. Despite rain and fog delaying the flight she returned with the signed contract in time.

After her husband and five children, Bramshott and Liphook was always to the fore in Peggy's mind. She contributed countless hours in voluntary roles, including writing and editing articles for the Liphook Community Magazine for more than 40 years, as well as acting as secretary for the Hampshire Association of Parish Councils.

In 1992 she celebrated her retirement by receiving the British Empire Medal for her services.

The wider Parish owe her much.

## Conford Community Rises to the Challenge!

By Jen Woodsford.



Over the past couple of years there has been an ongoing community project to restore the old and disused telephone box in the centre of Conford. It has now been successfully re-born as a mini library/book exchange for use by the local residents.

Rosemary Parry, local resident and member of the Village Hall Committee, told me about the village project.

Another local resident Kelly Inwood was the major driving force and also organised the crowd-funding that enabled it all to happen. The phone box was sent away to a professional restorer in Norfolk and it has been repainted in its traditional colour. The addition of some beautiful stained glass and etched panels were created by Conford artist Eleanor O'Brien thanks to residents sponsoring the glass panels.

The landscaping around it was carried out by villager Dave Clinkard and the planter donated by Arthur Rudd (owner of the local salvage and reclamation yard). The residents are also very grateful for the support of Angela Glass and the Parish Council who gave them an environmental grant.

Last year was the 150th anniversary of the old village school (now the hall) and it had been hoped that the box would have been finished in time for the celebrations but, unfortunately, due to the coronavirus lockdowns it has only just arrived home. The villagers will, however, mark its opening in the Spring.

Congratulations on a superb job to the local community who organised and contributed to the renovation and conversion.



## The Bramshott Time Capsule

By Gabrielle Pike.

Bramshott residents are in the process of putting together a lasting Time Capsule for future generations, creating a new village tradition. The organising committee decided rather than bury the capsule and leave it to the mercy of the elements to

nominate a Bramshott 'guardian' or 'custodian' who could look after the capsule, perhaps for a decade at a time.

The location will be marked on a sign to be kept in St Mary's Church and when it comes to be opened in a century, in 2121, descendants will know where to look. The inaugural custodian location is at Bramshott Manor, with owners Guy and Polly Vaissiere taking on the responsibility of the capsule's safe-keeping for the next few years.

The capsule's contents were carefully collected and curated by Tash Morrison, and before it is finally sealed there is still time and space to include more selected items. James Beagrie has done a fabulous job with the Time Capsule Photobook, which includes profiles of many village homes and families which can be purchased by residents as a keepsake.

In addition, a newly engraved brass plaque will soon be attached to Adrian Bird's bench on the triangle, which reads:

### ADRIAN'S BENCH

Carved from the oak tree that stood behind you for over 350 years before falling in March 2018. Funded by village donations and positioned here on April 14, 2021. With gratitude and in loving memory of Adrian Bird of Mallards, Bramshott.

# Reminiscences

by Michael Whitlock.  
Photo courtesy of  
Haslemere Herald.

## OF A VOLUNTARY CARE DRIVER



I was interested in the article relating to Bramshott and Liphook Voluntary Care in the 50th Anniversary edition of the "Community Magazine" as I was a driver for the group for many years.

I started in April 1989, having retired from full time work. I still worked part-time but could choose which days I worked so this meant that I was available to take people to various medical appointments. Most of them did not have cars and some who did were not allowed to drive them because of the treatment they were having.

When I volunteered I was visited by Harry Haskell, the chairman at that time. He was also Parish Council Chairman and involved with various groups in the village, mainly involving elderly people. His service to the community is, of course, recognised in the name 'The Haskell Centre'. He explained to me the duties involved and also, obviously, came to vet my suitability.

The work involved driving clients to various destinations, some local, others more distant. I preferred the longer journeys because it meant setting aside a whole half day of even a full day. To do a short journey in the middle of the morning or afternoon meant an interruption to a long job at home. Of course, I did the short runs because the demand was there.

The places I visited outside the local ones included Guildford, Portsmouth, Basingstoke, Frimley, Haslemere, Alton with occasional trips to Southampton and Chichester. I ought to mention at this point that the group also serves Milland Parish.

Rather than wait in my car I also accompanied the patient and sat with them in the waiting area. I could then help them in finding the department they had to visit. I became very familiar with the location of most of the clinics at the Royal Surrey, Guildford. I was also fairly adept in finding the department at the other large hospitals. I usually left the patient where they were in order to have coffee or even lunch, being a regular visitor to the restaurant at the RSCH. On one occasion a patient had to spend all day at St. Mary's, Portsmouth so I walked to Fratton Station and caught a train into central Portsmouth, spending some time there. It being Winter it was dark for the journey home.

Most of the people I transported were friendly and appreciative of the service available. The most difficult patient I encountered was a retired naval officer resident at Ludshott Manor when it was a care home. He wanted me to take him to the X-ray department at RSCH and seemed to think that I could drive him into it (try that sometime!). I explained that this was not possible but I could push him in a wheel chair. He was not very pleased but we parted on good terms so, presumably, he had a good result from the X-ray.

When I completed 20 years of service, Chris Leadbetter and I were presented with book tokens by David Lush (the then chair) in recognition of our service for Voluntary Care. A report together with a photo was published in the "Petersfield Post" (the photo is reproduced above).

My last journey for Voluntary Care was in March 2019 when, early on a Monday morning, I had to take a patient to the A&E at RSCH, a department I did not visit very much and, ironically, in the evening found myself a patient in the same department. I had fallen at home and broken a hip.

So, after 30 years' service it was suggested that, although I was still driving, the time had come for me to retire from Voluntary Care work.

In a different, but similar context, at the same time I had to give up delivering the "Community Magazine". My wife, Barbara, had started doing this but I took it over.

## Primavera in Liphook

By Alan Brett.

Primavera means "coming first",  
It means the coming of Spring,  
The first of seasonal cycles  
Which Nature's blessings bring.

\* \* \*

Past is "the winter of discontent"  
With better times to come,  
As Nature wakes the sleepers,  
Those that sing and others dumb.  
First emerge the snowdrops  
In Vestal virgin white,  
Their heads all bowed in modesty,  
A truly wondrous sight,

To seduce the early insects  
From early morn to night  
To ensure they'll come again  
When another Spring brings light.  
Crocuses, too, so colourful,  
Vie for insects' favours

With flowers on the fruit trees  
For later seasons' flavours.  
And among the leaves and refuse  
That litter all around  
Emerge the gilded primrose  
With flowers that abound,

While daffs blow golden trumpets  
To herald St. David's Day,  
"Dydd Dewi Sant" they say in Wales,  
As they nod their heads in play.

The sight and smell of flowers  
Is not there's all in Spring,  
We see nesting in their bowers  
Birds wooing as they sing.  
Each season brings its blessing,  
And each can bring its woes,  
But Spring is rather special,  
As everybody knows.

# Bramshott, Liphook & District

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Bramshott, Liphook & District Horticultural Society are looking forward to resuming a full programme of Shows, meetings, and events during 2022. This will include three flower and vegetable Shows, informative talks, a trip to a garden, a summer party and an AGM & Quiz...with some excellent tasty nibbles!



Please come and join us at this year's Spring Show on 2nd April where you can see the wonderful spring flower displays and catch-up with other villagers whilst enjoying refreshments and home-made cakes.

BLDHS are a friendly local society that welcomes new members at any time of the year. For further information



on BL&DHS please contact:

**Ann Haussauer - 01428 723045.**

*The photographs on this page are from the Spring Show 2019.*

### 2022 Programme of Events

- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>17th March</b>    | <b>Talk – Silver and white in the garden.</b><br><i>Patricia Elkington.</i> Plants for sale.<br>Church Centre. Talk starts at 7.30pm.             |
| <b>2nd April</b>     | <b>Spring Show</b><br>Bring & Buy Plant Sale including sale of Fuchsias for Summer Show Class.<br>Church Centre 2.00 – 4.00pm.<br>Admission free. |
| <b>June</b>          | <b>Garden visit – TBA</b>   |
| <b>26th June</b>     | <b>Summer Party</b>   |
| <b>23rd July</b>     | <b>Summer Show</b><br>Bring & Buy Plant Sale.<br>Church Centre 2.00 – 4.00pm.<br>Admission free.  |
| <b>3rd September</b> | <b>Autumn Show</b><br>Bring & Buy Plant Sale.<br>Sale of Daffodil bulbs for Spring Show Class.<br>Church Centre 2.00 – 4.00pm.<br>Admission free. |
| <b>20th October</b>  | <b>Talk – Growing in a small Greenhouse - Wilf Simcox</b><br>Church Centre. Talk starts at 7.30pm   |
| <b>17th November</b> | <b>AGM &amp; Social Evening with Quiz</b><br>Church Centre 7.30pm.<br>Non-members £5.00.  |

## Spalted Beech!

*By Frederick Werner.*

Terrorising revving chain,  
Rips through bark and trunk  
Deep within my once sound soul  
Your hungry teeth are sunk!

Lifeless! falling! crashing down!  
On woodland floor I lay  
I never thought the end would come  
This unsuspecting day.

Processed now by working hands  
Smoke my destiny  
Ripped and split and cut to length  
Await delivery.

Woodworkers eye latched upon  
The spalting in my grain,  
Rescued from the hungry hearth  
Life renewed again.

Neatly sliced and mitred  
Sanded, oh so smooth!  
Glued and fitted with a lid  
Troubled soul now soothed.

The deadwood stage sets off once more!  
This box its re-creation,  
Spalted beauty shown off each day  
Visionarily elation!



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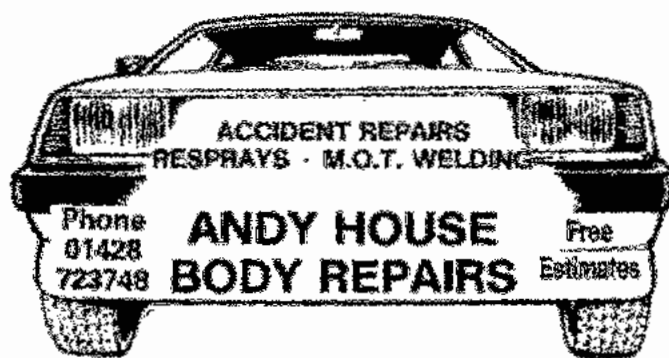
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# Malthouses and Maltings

By Jen Woodsford.

## HOPS AND MALT – THE LOCAL CONNECTION

Following on from the previous article about oasts and hops, and continuing the theme of the local brewing industry, barley is another ingredient of beer. Barley is converted to malt, and this was done in a malthouse or maltings. This brings us back to the local connection as in Liphook we have road names such as Malthouse Meadows and The Maltings. A little further away The Maltings in Farnham and Alton are now community venues. There are also many other roads locally named The Maltings such as in Whitehill and Petersfield.

The first recorded use of Farnham Maltings to malt barley for beer was in the 1830s and in 1890 was part of the Lion Brewery that owned about 80 public houses. By the early 1900s brewing and malting was the major industry in Farnham. Courage Breweries took over in 1925 until 1956 when newer methods for brewing beer proved these premises to be uneconomic. The building was abandoned and fell into disrepair until Courage offered it to the town in 1969. The conversion for public use was finally completed in 1975.

The buildings for Watney's Brewery in Alton were described as "possibly the finest maltings surviving in the county" in M.F. Tighe's *Gazeteer of Hampshire Breweries*. The original Alton Maltings building dates from about 1850 but when it became uneconomic for large scale brewing the building was left unused and unmaintained and became increasingly dilapidated. In 1995 the site was acquired and converted for community use. It has a Grade II listing as its beams are believed to be from 17th century Man of War naval ships.

The road in Petersfield that is named The Maltings appears to be a nod to history rather than being on the site of the actual maltings. They were situated at the end of Frenchman's Road next to the railway line where there is now a small industrial site. The brewery was owned by Thomas Amey and started trading in 1895. They eventually owned 20 pubs including the Prince of Wales at Hammer and were bought out in 1951 by Whitbread.

Malthouse Farm off Haslemere Road in Liphook is believed to be the oldest building still standing in Liphook. Winchester College bought it in about 1471 and they have a list of every tenant from 1536 to the 1850s. In 1595 it is recorded that the

tenant Thomas Boles paid rent of 9s 4d and also had to send the college two bushels of wheat and five bushels of malt annually. There are records of the same rent for over 200 years so we can assume that barley was grown throughout this time. In the 1850s it was bought by Sir William Erle (as in Erles Road) and then after World War I by Frank Moss. It remained a working farm, originally of 150 acres, under the Roberts family ownership until the 1940s when the District Council bought the fields and Malthouse Meadows was later built. I think it is safe to assume that the barley was malted in the stone barn, or malthouse, which formed part of the original farm yard and is now converted to residential use. This barn carries the arms of William of Wykeham in the end wall. William of Wykeham, 1324 – 1404, was Bishop of Winchester and Chancellor of England. He founded New College, Oxford in 1379 and Winchester College in 1382. The heraldic plaque reads "Manner Makyth Man". Part of the barn was demolished and this end wall was set further back in the 1950s when Haslemere Road was straightened and widened but the plaque was preserved, replaced, and can still be seen today.



An interesting note to end on is that in 1983 an article on Malthouse Farm, written by Laurence Giles, was published in this magazine and included a map dated 1845. This showed the names of the fields – including one named Hop Garden Field thus establishing that both hops and barley were grown here at Malthouse Farm.



### Source Material:

[www.maltings.life](http://www.maltings.life)

[www.breweryhistory.com](http://www.breweryhistory.com)

*MF Tighe's Gazeteer of Hampshire Breweries.*

*Malthouse Farm article by Laurence Giles in Liphook Community Magazine Summer 1983.*

*Photo of Malthouse Farm farmyard courtesy of Liphook Heritage Centre.*



# NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION OF Liphook Infant & Junior School



We are incredibly proud of both of the schools in the Federation.

If you have read our recent Ofsted reports, despite the difference in judgement between our schools, you will get a sense of the excellence that is embedded within them both. Our children's personal

development is outstanding, as are their behaviour and attitudes. Children in both schools benefit from a 'well

established' and 'highly ambitious' curriculum and both inspections found that our pupils feel safe at school, knowing that adults will 'help them with their worries or problems' and 'resolve any issues that arise.'

If you are new to the area and thinking of joining the federation, we would love to share more about our schools and give you a greater sense of what makes them so special. Please, just give us a call.



The children in **Year R** have been reading, acting out, drawing and writing about a number of traditional tales, including The Three Little Pigs and The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

They have also been carrying out their own experiments and investigations to learn about freezing and thawing.



**Year 1** have been learning about space exploration and Neil Armstrong, in particular.

We were fortunate to be visited by a drama teacher who took the children through their space training, before launching them to the moon.

You'll see that our astronauts were feeling a range of emotions at this point!



In **Year 2**, the children have explored colour mixing before creating their own paintings based on Hokusai's 'The Great Wave'.

They have also enjoyed opportunities to read and relax in our Federation Bus – the newest addition to our playground space.





**Year 3** love studying maths! All through the federation, we use the Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract approach which develops deep and sustainable understanding of maths in pupils.



**Year 5** pupils have loved learning about Earth and space. A mobile planetarium visited the school and the children learnt lots of fascinating facts about our solar system and beyond! The children then used their knowledge to create a range of models of the solar system.



**Year 4** pupils enjoyed learning about electricity in science. They then applied this knowledge and learnt how to programme lights to flash on and off using crumble software. The children collaborated and problem solved brilliantly. They will build on these skills in Year 5 when they will programme a space buggy to move, as part of a topic on 'Space and beyond'. The skills then build again in Year 6 when they design, make and programme a moving fairground ride.



**Year 6** really enjoyed learning about fairground rides and then designed and made rides, which they programmed using crumble software. It was amazing to see the rides spin round and light up!





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## STAFF MEMBER RETIRES AFTER 43 YEARS OF SERVICE



Bohunt school are very sad to say goodbye to Janet West, who has been a dinner lady at the school for 43 years.

Janet started in 1978 before school opened at Longmoor Road and was, instead, based at Longmoor Camp in temporary buildings.

Neil Pittaway, Head of School said "Although we will all miss Janet, who has been a fixture at our school for so long, we hope that she will be able to enjoy her retirement and have a well-deserved rest

after her 43 years of dedicated service. We would all like to wish her good luck in the future"

Neil Strowger, Headteacher said. "Janet has been a valued member of our community since 1978, when the school was temporarily located in huts on the Longmoor Camp. We shall all be very sorry to see Janet leave us as she has been an inspiration to us all. We wish her the very best of luck and hope that she enjoys her well-deserved retirement."

# Volunteering Opportunities

By Jen Woodsford.

## PART 1 - DO YOU HAVE A SPARE HOUR OR TWO?

Do you have flexible working arrangements or perhaps you are recently retired or on a break from work? Do you have a few spare hours? Would you like to give something back to your community?

Below are some of the local charities, organisations or clubs that would welcome help in some form. Volunteering does not always have to be a set number of hours every week, so if you have just a few hours available don't let that stop you from offering. It could involve a couple of hours a week, or a couple of hours a month or even something on a more occasional basis.

### Liphook Day Centre For The Elderly

Located at the Peak Centre in Midhurst Road car park the day centre is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am to 3.15pm. Clients are collected from and returned to their homes so volunteer drivers are always required. While there the clients are given lunch and have the chance to take part in bingo, quizzes and arts and crafts. They are seeking volunteers to join the fundraising team to help co-ordinate activities throughout the year to raise vital funds to keep the Day Centre open. Volunteers would need to attend the bi-monthly fundraising committee meeting and to help co-ordinate events. Volunteer drivers are always welcome. Drivers use their own cars and transport members to/from the centre 9:30-10am or 3-3:30pm. They are also given a £2 donation per drive towards petrol costs.

Volunteer helpers come in 10-1pm or 1-3:15pm and help serve refreshments, and supervise activities such as sewing, jigsaws, Bingo, scrabble, etc.

Penny, the manager, told me that if anyone is able to come to entertain their clients with chair yoga, talks, playing the piano, singing etc they are always welcome. Contact the manager on: **01428 724941** or email: [info@liphookdaycentre.co.uk](mailto:info@liphookdaycentre.co.uk)

### Liphook Community Laundry

Contrary to public belief, the Community Laundry is not part of the Peak Centre Trust, or Day Centre Charities. They are a separate small Charity, dedicated to helping the elderly and disabled in our area with their washing. Their greatest wish is to

keep the Laundry open but, and it is a huge 'but', they have not been in a position over the past two years to hold fund-raising events, to keep the Laundry afloat. They were determined to remain open during the Lockdowns, because they believe they are an essential service. The Committee do the driving required for deliveries, so at present they do not need volunteers, although that could change. They really do need your help. Should you feel able to support the Charity by donating funds, however small, so that they may continue to help the elderly with their washing, please telephone either:

Irene Ellis - **01428 723823** or Barbara Frost - **01428 723640** or email - [info@liphookcommunitylaundry.co.uk](mailto:info@liphookcommunitylaundry.co.uk)

### Bramshott and Liphook Voluntary Care

This was the subject of an article in our Winter 2021 issue by one of my fellow writers but it is well worth repeating some information about them as they still require volunteers. Volunteer drivers provide lifts to doctors, dentists and hospitals and are paid the current government mileage allowance. See the article on P2. Contact: **01428 723972**.

### Tantum Trust

The Tantum Trust is a distinctly local charity that helps to provide financial support to individuals, family groups and community groups in North East Hampshire and South West Surrey. Over the years they have helped numerous individuals and community groups - many of their clients are people who find themselves in need of short-term assistance before they can access benefits. They also give vouchers to families who could do with extra help at Christmas, in 2021 almost £18,000 worth of vouchers were distributed. They rely heavily on Trustees to take on roles such as HR, Publicity, Property Management, Finance and generally running the business and are regularly in need of the right volunteers to help carry out these functions. Their Liphook charity shop is in Station Road and they always welcome more help. Pop in to speak to the manager or for more information look at their very interesting website: [www.thetantumtrust.co.uk](http://www.thetantumtrust.co.uk)

See Part 2 on page 23.

# Local Places to Visit

By Wendy Moore.

## SKY PARK FARM – THE SKY'S THE LIMIT



*Sky Park Farm sign and sculpture.*

Sky Park Farm is in West Harting, an area famed in days gone by for the quality of its private parks of red and fallow deer. This particular farm is owned by Pierce and Victoria Noonan, who bought it some six years ago and decided to recreate a deer park from the dilapidated 75 acre farm they acquired. It opened in May 2021 as a deer park visitor centre and now you will also find a café, restaurant, butcher and a wonderful farm shop which opened in October, all housed in immaculately presented and very attractive buildings. There is also an education room with all the necessary IT, where it is hoped schools will learn more about farms and the countryside.

Sky Park Farm makes a great place for a family visit; you can stroll between paddocks along the races and see the deer – and the calves at the right time of year – and then have a cuppa in the café or lunch in the Grazing Rooms. The Executive Chef came from Caper & Berry and the Head Chef from Grayshott Spa. There is an excellent adventure play park for children and, of course, a wonderful shop.

But to tell you more about this particular farm: There are several herds of hinds, the first two of which arrived at the end of 2016. They were selected by Dominic Strutt, the Estate Manager and, incidentally, Vice-Chairman of the British Deer Farms and Parks Association, and came from Woburn Abbey and Castle Park. They were two different bloodlines, one for body and one for antler. Along with these two herds of red and white (actually red deer, but with a whiteish coat) there is also a third, smaller, Sika herd. They are all kept in separate paddocks with races in between allowing visitors to walk between the herds. Stags have been selected to ensure their genetics enhance the quality of the young and the rut starts in mid-September for the red deer, with the Sika a few weeks later. During this time the stags will roar and display - and in the wild would fight. At the farm they single sire rut to control the exact genetic cross between sire and dam. After the rut, the stags are moved to a separate paddock. When I visited in the late autumn, there were 155 deer and 80 calves in the paddocks. Gestation is seven to eight months and the calves are born around May to June. The deer are rotated across the paddocks, reflecting both the differing needs across the breeding seasons and to ensure they are receiving the best possible grass -

obviously the key component of their diet. They are also given some extra hard food concentrates to ensure they have the right balance of vitamins and minerals. Deer food can be bought at the entrance and it hasn't taken long for the herds to recognise the sound of a paper bag being rustled, so it is easy for visitors to be charmed into feeding them through the fences. A must for children.



*Feeding the Deer.*

The butchery is run by Hawie, a South African who knows his meat. Venison is of course from the farm and butchered on site; beef comes from West Sussex and can be aged to your liking.

In the shop almost half of everything it sells comes from within a 30 mile radius and they are linking up with local suppliers in the area to both buy in and sell products. Fresh milk is available from a "milk station" and you can either bring your own containers or get a recyclable bottle there. You can also create your own milkshake.

There is a beehive in the shop, with a bee superhighway high on the wall, where you can watch the bees coming in through a glass tube from the outside world. Sky Honey from the hive has a limited availability as once it's gone, it's gone.

Do visit Sky Park Farm. I had a lovely afternoon there with my grandchildren and can highly recommend it.

*With thanks to Sky Park Farm  
Photos courtesy of Sky Park Farm*



*Sky Park Farm children's adventure play park.*



# Farewell to the Over 60's Club

by Sue Knight & Jen Woodsford. Photos courtesy of Haslemere Herald.

The Over 60s Club metamorphosed from the original Darby and Joan club in September 1962 when the first meeting was held in the church hut with 36 members. They soon moved to the Methodist Church Hall but as numbers increased they moved their fortnightly meetings to the Village Hall in 1965.

The first club chairperson was Arthur Knee MBE and other founder members were Mrs Shelton and Fred Huddleston, who were both involved with the Old People's Welfare now known as Age Concern Liphook, and Mrs Good who was a later chairperson.

The club's heyday seemed to be during the 1970s and 1980s. In 1975 membership was nearly 100 and in 1982, 83. Mrs Iris Ross was a notable mainstay of the club in this era. There was an Over 60s choir led by Mrs Shelton and several day trips took place. They had Christmas parties, a Christmas Bazaar and an Easter Bonnet Parade.

Recorded minutes date back to the 1980s and show that the format for meetings changed very little over the years. Fortnightly meetings continued to be held in the Village Hall, opening with a hymn and the club prayer, holding a raffle and closing with their farewell song. Speakers gave talks on such diverse subjects as Cake Decorating, Bygone Rural Crafts, Family and Local History, Wildlife and Nature. Trading Standards, the local Health Authority, the British Legion and the Police have also sent representatives to give talks. They also held regular quizzes, bingo sessions and beetle drives. The Christmas Party, day trips and the annual lunch completed the yearly programme. Faithful long-standing leaders of the club at that time were Iris and John Ross, Monica and Gilbert Church and Beryl and Jim Bridge.

Sue Knight first heard about the Over 60s Club when she met Jim Bridge outside Gables Newsagents and heard about the outing he had organised to Odiham to visit the helicopter station. Sue remembers her first meeting where she won a plant in the raffle which she still has. Around this time Beryl Bridge was both chair and treasurer and appealed for help or the club would have had to close. So, in September 2007 a new committee was formed and at the first committee meeting, which was held in the home of Avis Funge, Sue Knight took over as Secretary.



50 Years Anniversary meeting in October 2012.



Outing to RAF Odiham, 2004.

Sue fondly remembers many musical afternoons with choirs or Ukulele bands, the Summer and Autumn Tints outings using Richardsons Coaches, including the occasion when it broke down outside Midhurst, and the Christmas Shows in the New Forest. Also, the annual Christmas teas with entertainment, lunches in the Spring and garden parties at Avis Funge's in the summer. Avis Funge went on to become president and their oldest member when they closed was Betty Bias. The Age Concern minibus was well used by them with the minibus doing two tours of the village to collect members for each meeting. The club was self-funded with donations from Liphook Age Concern, LIDBA and the Carnival committee.

Gradually over the years numbers have dwindled. In 2013 there were 50 members, mostly women, although men folk joined in on the day trips. By 2019 numbers were down to about 30. Unfortunately, times have changed and there were less and less new members joining. The existing members increased in age and they jokingly called themselves the Over 80s Club. In practical terms it became more difficult to hold events as more members had mobility issues. However, their last outing, which was to Arundel in the Autumn of 2019 was very successful. In March 2020 they held their usual fortnightly meeting where Whitehill W.I. ladies sang to them and then we all went into lockdown. The Coronavirus pandemic 2020-21 proved a step too far. Over the following months initially no meetings were allowed and then guidelines were felt too restrictive for older folk to easily and safely meet so there were no further meetings until December 2021. By then Beryl Bridge, Sue Knight and the rest of the committee had sadly decided that it was time to call it a day.

Sadly, the final meeting was held in December 2021 where members were each given a present comprising a cup and saucer as a memento (previously used at their meetings) and a box of biscuits. The remaining funds were donated to Liphook In Bloom.



Beryl and Sue at the Legacy Lunch in March 2014.



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# The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



## Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council

invite residents to join us for

### A Picnic on the Millennium Green

Thursday 2nd June 2022

10.00am - 4.00pm

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

*Full details of times and activities will be published on the parish council website and notices around the village.*



*A previous street Jubilee Party. Photo courtesy of Mary Eyre.*

### **Celebrating the Huge Number of Volunteer Organisations we have in Our Parish.**

It is these very organisations that bring the community spirit, an important source of social connection and a sense of belonging, to our Parish.

Many of these organisations were established during Queen Elizabeth's reign but some started life many years before 1952. Liphook Village Hall was around in the 1890's and a bequest from Canon Capes enabled the Social Club to be established in 1901.

Liphook Carnival has been part of Liphook culture, this year they are celebrating 120 years, providing entertainment and activities, but significantly raising funds for local charities.

Our schools are highly regarded and play an amazing part in preparing our younger generation for the wider world. Churchers have recently celebrated being established for 300



*An early picture of a Liphook Carnival float.*

years; Highfield and Brookham are just over the border of our parish but have been going since 1904; Bohunt School at Liphook was established in 1978 and now boasts a brand new Sixth Form College and our Federated Schools started life as the Girls School (now the Library) and the Boys School (now a private residence in Bramshott). In addition to Mad Hatters and The Ark (our local nurseries) we also have a Forest School in Radford Park.

Liphook Scouts and Guides were established in 1972, and they will be celebrating their 50 year anniversary with a Camp during the Jubilee weekend. The Scouts and Guides Hall adjoins the Millennium Hall, providing a fantastic resource (including a climbing wall!) for young people.

Sport has played a key part in our community, supporting health and wellbeing. Liphook United Football Club was formed in 1999 but started life as two separate clubs dating back to 1903. The Liphook Bike Ride began in 1991, encouraging people of all ages and abilities to participate in an annual event raising funds for charities.

To find out more about our local organisations we are inviting many of them along to showcase their work, to get residents old and new aware of the fantastic job they do and hopefully add to their volunteer base.

Street parties are encouraged over the Platinum Jubilee Weekend (Your guide to organising a street party - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))) but let our Picnic on the Green provide an impromptu get together with minimum fuss. We shall look forward to seeing some retro picnic baskets and blankets. There will of course be additional refreshments available on the day.

Linking to the Queen's Green Canopy, our community orchard will officially be known as the Platinum Jubilee Orchard. Planting of the heritage fruit trees took place on Wednesday 23rd Feb. as an event leading up to the official weekend celebrations.

Much more is planned for Thursday 2nd June, but we would welcome your thoughts and suggestions so please contact our Events Manager at the LMC on **01428 723889** or email **events.manager@bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk**

**Editor's note:** If you would like a shout out for your Platinum Jubilee event or street party in the Summer (June) edition of this magazine, please send brief details to **fay.lcm@btinternet.com** by April 20th.

# The Churches of Liphook

## WELCOME YOU TO THEIR EASTER SERVICES

### METHODIST CHURCH

**Lent on Prayer.** Online on Wednesdays - March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 7.30pm. For the zoom link, please contact David Muskett on: [superintendent@esanddcircuit.org.uk](mailto:superintendent@esanddcircuit.org.uk)

Session 1: ACTS

Session 2: Listening to God

Session 3: The Lord's Prayer

Session 4: Prayer Continually

Session 5: Psalms

**Digital Church Lent Prayers.** Online on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am on March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th and April 6th and 13th. For the zoom link, please contact David Muskett on: [superintendent@esanddcircuit.org.uk](mailto:superintendent@esanddcircuit.org.uk)

### Holy Week & Easter

**10th April - Palm Sunday.** 10.00am.  
Worship led by Wendy Corney.

**Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th April - Holy Week Meditations.** 9.30am.  
Midhurst Methodist Church.

**14th April - Maundy Thursday.** 6.30pm.  
Agape Supper at Midhurst Methodist Church.

**15th April - Good Friday.** 10.00am.  
Worship at the Cross.

**17th April - Easter Day.** 10.00am. Easter Sunday  
Communion led by David Muskett.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

**2nd March - Ash Wednesday.**  
10.00am. Immaculate Conception Liphook.  
Mass with imposition of Ashes.

7.00pm. St. Joseph Grayshott.  
Mass with imposition of Ashes.

**Holy week and Easter.** Please see the website:  
[www.liphookcatholic.uk](http://www.liphookcatholic.uk)

### TRINITY CHURCH

**15th April - Good Friday Service.** 10.30am.

**16th April - Easter Family Fun Morning.**  
10.30am -12.00pm.

**17th April - Easter Sunday Family Service.**  
11.00am. Refreshments from 10.30am.

All services will be held at Liphook Infant School and will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel - [youtube.com/trinitychurchliphook](https://youtube.com/trinitychurchliphook)

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**27th March - Messy Mothering Sunday.**  
10:30am. Church Centre.

**10th April - Palm Sunday Celebration.**  
9:30am. St Mary's Bramshott.

**15th April - Good Friday Reflections.**  
12:00pm. St Mary's Bramshott.

**27th April - Easter Sunday Communion (BCP).**  
8.00am. St Mary's Bramshott.

**27th April - Easter Sunday Communion** (Easter Egg Hunt included!). 9:30am. St Mary's Bramshott.

**27th April - Easter Sunday Family Celebration** (and another Easter Egg Hunt).  
10:30am. Church Centre.

## Christian Aid 2022



### "Where is Love?"

After 2 years of social isolation and living in fear it is time to stand together and Re-Connect - no more anger. We

all suffered in some way, but no more than the Afghan people. For as we came out of (Covid) lockdown, they went back into (military) lockdown. Children and women were the victims again. - lack of food and medical resources and freezing weather.

We can chose, to give money at: [Christianaid.org.uk/give](https://Christianaid.org.uk/give)

And we can choose to pray, more often more passionately. To flavour our prayers with love for our leaders, our neighbours both local and global!

At this Eastertime, please pray that Jesus, Light of the World shines into the darkness and turns our fear/anger into practical compassion.

**Happy Easter Sunday!**

**Keith Ireland**

*Christian Aid Liphook coordinator*

## Liphook Methodist Church

### I don't know what you're hoping for this year?

It may be that you have a birthday coming and there's something you're hoping someone might give you? It may be that there's been something on your mind lately and you're hoping there might be a satisfactory resolution soon? Maybe you or someone you know and love is unwell and you're hoping for a swift recovery? Perhaps you're hoping for a new job? or a house move? I'm sure we're all hoping for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of us are fed up with this and we 'want to play another game'.

### I wonder what signs of hope you look for?

In the spring we see positive signs of the season with green shoots and spring flowers and (slightly) longer days giving more light. We start to feel more hopeful. Maybe it is not all dark and gloomy. Maybe we're not all doomed after all.

The examples of hope that I've given are really more about optimism. That might be balanced for some with a sense of pessimism: 'it'll probably go badly; it's more likely to get worse before it gets better ...'

Easter is different, and much more like the physical and seasonal signs that give us hope. We can look forward in hope to warmer, lighter and longer days with flowers in bloom because we know that is what happens and we can see it starting.

Jesus' death and resurrection are the signs, annually and weekly marked by Christian worship, which show that God is about life rather than death, mercy rather than revenge, love rather than hate. Jesus' resurrection shows that the renewal of all things is beginning; the new creation is something we can all be part of. Because Jesus rose there is hope for life and love on this earth as his people continue to live his life of the Kingdom of God in the new creation.

**Reverend David Muskett**

**The Methodist Church**

Sunday Worship at 10.00am  
[www.liphookmethodist.org](http://www.liphookmethodist.org)



# Church of England

## Love life, live love

Last Tuesday I had one of those days as a vicar that are both a real privilege and really sad, as I was doing my weekly rounds I kept on meeting people with real problems.

Not the sort that we all usually moan about, but real problems, life changing problems. One person had lost his son, another her husband, someone else was really worried about their daughter and another person had just been through a really difficult time in their careers. All the time I was trying to make an appointment with a friend for coffee! And yet as I sat down with each of these amazing people it was such an honour to be able to hear their sadness and to be able to lighten the load just by being there.

A friend of mine once asked me how I keep going in this job! You do meet lots of people who are really struggling and unlike any other vocation where there is a professional boundary that protects us from investing too heavily in the lives of those we're trying to help – as a vicar no such boundary exists. It didn't for Jesus who gave everything for his friends, and it doesn't for us.

So what does keep me going! Bishop James Jones once asked us all a question – he said imagine all your problems are sitting in front of you right now. What river is flowing through you, that is greater than them all? It is question I find so helpful, because again and again in heavy and difficult situations I'm able to introduce the people I meet to this incredible river of love that we call God. He helps me to know his love and lightness in the middle of all my problems and again and again he helps those I meet.

*Reverend Valentine Inglis-Jones*



**St Mary's Bramshott  
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Sunday worship at Church Centre, Liphook at 10.45am

[www.liphookchurch.co.uk](http://www.liphookchurch.co.uk)

# Catholic Church

In the depths of winter around the shortest day of the year, just outside my presbytery door was an unusual sight. A fuchsia bush which was still bearing the last flowers from last summer's bloom stood next to the new season daffodils, already in full bud and promising to open very soon. A sign that, even the darkest days cannot overshadow the memories of better times past and the hope of joys yet to come.

I write this article between two funerals – one of someone who lived almost 90 years, the other of a baby of just a few weeks old. Very different circumstances but both a tragedy for those who mourn the loss of their loved one. In each case the Church in its prayers reminds us that this moment of darkness stands between the past joys of life and love shared, be it briefly or for

many years, and the promise of eternal joy to be shared in the life to come. In a Catholic funeral the Easter Candle is placed next to the coffin to show that Christ, through his victory over death, has opened the way for each one of us to pass through the darkness of the grave to the light of heaven.

*Father Simon Chinery*



**LiphookCatholic.uk**

Church of the Immaculate Conception

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

# Trinity Church

George Michael and Andrew Ridgely of the pop group Wham! famously wore t-shirts emblazoned with the words 'Choose Life' in the video for their hit single 'Wake me up before you go-go'. Most of us can share something of the sentiment of those t-shirts, particularly now in light of all that we have gone through over the past two years. We want to choose life. Most of us can't wait to get back to what we think is a normal life. But as we look forward to getting 'back to normal', and we hope that 'normality' is not going to be suspended once again, we might wonder, is our old life going to be as good as we imagined? Will normality hold out the life we all want and ultimately need?

Well unsurprisingly Jesus and the Bible have quite a bit to say about 'life'. In John's gospel Jesus says 'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly' (John 10:10). Jesus is offering us life in all its fullness. In light of our current circumstances that is a very striking statement. I wonder what you think about that claim?

This April we are running a series of three events looking at this theme of 'Life'. We will be thinking about finding life that lasts and how it is closer than you think. The events are on Friday 1st

April at 7.45pm and Saturday 2nd April at 7.45pm (both of these events will be held in the Liphook Infant School community room) and then on Sunday 3rd April at 11.00am (in the Liphook Infant School hall). If you want to think more about the life that Jesus promises and how it is closer than you think we would love to see you at these events - all are welcome!

If you can't make any of these events we would still love to see you at one of our Sunday services, or maybe at one of our Easter events or services, where we would love to explore with you the life that Jesus promises to give.

*Pastor Sean Clokey*



Sunday worship (all at Liphook Infant School):

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**Market Dates**

Covered by this issue - March 12th, April 9th, May 14th





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*By Barbara Miller.*

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Liphook in Bloom desperately needs more help! We are all volunteers who just want to keep our village looking beautiful. It's not all work, we always stop for a coffee and chat on working days and have a summer party and Christmas Dinner. It is a great way to make friends, particularly if you are new to the village. Everyone is busy these days but taking time out to do something in the fresh air is great for stress relief and well-being. If you are only able to help occasionally we would still love to hear from you. The jobs aren't paid but there is a great sense of satisfaction when you see Liphook blooming and can say 'I helped do that'.



If you are able to help us in any way please give **Joan Holdsworth** a call on **01428 724903**. She would love to hear from you.



### **The Liphook Food Bank is a busy place!**

We are welcoming more and more new clients to our cabin because of the removal of the £20 uplift to Universal Credit, the increase in fuel prices and as other households hear about us. We calculate that we are providing in excess of 2,700 meals per month and rising.

In our last update, we talked about the new cabin we had hoped would be up and running by now. Sadly, it is not yet constructed as various considerations put forward by Hampshire County Council have to be solved but we are optimistic it will be built by the end of the summer 2022. Until then, we are increasing our shelving to hold more stock and hoping to take electricity to the current cabin in the next few weeks so that we can be warm and well lit without having to use our practical, but noisy and polluting generator.

Please keep supporting the Food Bank so that we can continue to help the ever-increasing number of households with parcels of food, baby products and cleaning items. There are collection boxes in Sainsburys and the Co-Op, or you can bring items to the cabin in the staff car park of Liphook Junior School, Avenue Close. We are open on Tuesday and Friday mornings between 9.30 – 11.30. If you would prefer to donate funds, please go to our website and follow the links.

If you know anyone who needs our help, please pass on the following contact details, or they can just come when we are open, and no referral is required.

#### **Liphook Food Bank**

Liphook Junior School, Avenue Close, GU30 7QE.

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# Children's Singing Games

By Chris Brown - former Headteacher at Grayshott Primary.

**There was a jolly farmer,  
And he had a jolly son,  
And his name was Bobby Bingo,  
B I N G O BINGO BINGO  
And Bingo was his name.**

The sung words of this game were noted from children playing in Liphook around 130 years ago in the late 1880s. It was a circle game danced in a ring with one player in the middle. In this Liphook version at the 4th line the circling stopped, it seems that the middle player pointed to any player to call "B". Then the spelling of Bingo carried on letter by letter around the circle as fast as possible with clapping too. At the last line they each turned around and then began again.



Fifteen games played in Liphook were noted down by a Miss Fowler and published in *The Traditional Games of England, Scotland and Ireland* by Alice Bertha Gomme: Volume One appeared in 1894 and Volume Two four years later, a total of 960 pages. Also in 1894 the publisher put out an attractive 74 page illustrated book titled 'Children's Singing Games', a sort of greatest hits selection with just eight pieces. Most games in the books have a number of local variations, the majority being sent by contributors to Lady Gomme, she noted some herself mainly from children in the London area. Information from The Folklore Society reveals that Miss Wilhelmina Fowler lived in Wakefield so she probably had a friend she stayed with locally. We do not know how she came to note down the games, maybe she wandered about and happened across children playing. Perhaps she spent time in the school playground or children were dressed in their best, or at least their cleanest, to play nicely for the smart lady visitor.

The games noted in Liphook are:

Bingo, Draw a Pail of Water, Green Grass, Here We go Around Around, Isabella, Jenny Jones, Jolly Miller, London Bridge, Mulberry Bush, Nuts in May, Poor Sarah (Mary in most versions) Sits A-Weeping, Pretty Little Girl of Mine, Sunday Night, Thread the Needle and When I Was a Young Girl.



Some of these games appeared all over the UK, some may still be played. Of course whichever local version evolved and was regularly played that was definitely the right one, and so our Liphook heritage of these 15 versions has a special value. 'When I Was a Young Girl' for example seems to be widely known and many people recall playing it and chanting the words; here are the Liphook words as noted by Miss Fowler.

**When I was a young gell, a young gell, a young gell,  
When I was a young gell, i' this a way went I.  
An' i' this a way, an' i' that a way, an' i' this a way went I.**

**When I wanted a sweetheart, a sweetheart, a sweetheart &c.**

**When I went a'courting, a'courting, a'courting &c.**

**When I did get married, get married, get married &c.**

**When I had a baby, a baby, a baby &c.**

**When I went to church, to church, to church &c.**

**My husband was a drunkard, a drunkard, a drunkard &c.**

**When I was a washerwoman, washerwoman, washerwoman &c.**

**When I did peggy, did peggy, did peggy &c.**

**My baby fell sick, fell sick, fell sick &c.**

**My baby did die, did die, did die &c.**

**My husband did die, did die, did die &c.**

(i' in the chant means **in**. **an'** means **and** and **&c.** means **etc.**).

Presumably the children's pronunciation fitted the chanted chorus. Like Bingo this was also played in a ring, the first two lines holding hands and circling, then stopping for the last line of each verse and miming appropriate actions for the words. Specific notes for this local version say; 'the children beckon each other when 'wanting a sweetheart': kneel and pretend to pray when 'at church'; prod pretended clothes in a wash-tub with a 'dolly' stick when 'I did Peggy' is said: and mourn for the husband's death.' All in all it's a bit of a melodramatic soap opera but usually played with laughter and pantomime exaggerated actions.

*Illustrations from the short 1894 illustrated book 'Children's Singing Games'. The two volumes of the book have been gifted to the Heritage Centre, with the Liphook relevance indexed; they include music notation for the games and can be seen there by arrangement.*

**Editor's Note** - Do you recall any of these games being played in Liphook and surrounding villages? Or did you know any others? As a young girl I remember 'The big ship sailed on the ally ally oh' – but this was not in Liphook. Please get in touch with the Editor ([fay.lcm@btinternet.com](mailto:fay.lcm@btinternet.com)) with your memories and they may help Chris write another article.



# It's Your Commun

Those readers aware of the Bramshott and Liphook Neighbourhood Development Plan (BLNDP) may be thinking it's been rather quiet over the last couple of years. Those who haven't heard of it may be unaware they have an amazing opportunity to influence how our parish develops over the coming years. Regardless of previous knowledge, the BLNDP Steering Group (SG) are keen to assure everyone there has been plenty of activity despite the obvious constraints and inform you of the latest progress and plans.

Producing a Neighbourhood Plan is a legal right for communities to shape development in their local area. An NDP becomes part of the council's Local Plan and the policies contained within them are used to determine the suitability of planning applications. An NDP sets out specific policies to suit the community's vision, as well as allocating sites for specific use such as community facilities, sports fields, employment, mixed use housing and more. The BLNDP SG have developed these policies and will be sharing them with residents as well as the sites with potential for development.

SG chairman Kevin Wyeth explains: "It is far too easy to say there's no more room and there shouldn't be any more development. It is well intentioned but can prove counterproductive. Areas that fail to evolve often reach the limits of outdated infrastructure to support a growing community or worse become stagnant and fall into disrepair. An NDP can help a community grow in a positive way to the benefit of existing residents and newcomers.

"It is also important to note that "development" does not always mean more houses. New housing is typically the commercial way for developers to make a decent return on their investment, but there are legal requirements to ensure the protection and development of green space to offset new buildings. A robust, well thought out NDP can ensure any development preserves the natural environment and enhances the biodiversity of a region. This is particularly important in our parish which partially sits in the South Downs National Park (SDNP).

"Whilst the BLNDP was set up by the parish council five years ago, the SG is made up of volunteers from the community who are passionate about the parish and keen to ensure future development benefits local residents. They are not paid for their work and make time despite normal pressures of daily life. The SG is made up of a cross section of residents, but is always open to new members, particularly from the villages and hamlets beyond Liphook."

"The SG works closely with the parish council and has Jeanette Kirby as a permanent member who is excellently placed to guide the SG on the more formal aspects of what a neighbourhood plan can and cannot achieve. Other key members, Chantal Foo and Louise Bevan, have worked tirelessly to ensure the plan kept going despite Covid difficulties encountered over the last two years."

The steering committee now includes Al Lindsell, Raine Ryland, Andrew Thornhill, Dennis Smith and Sarah Perryman. Some are relative newcomers to the parish, others have been here for many years, but all share a love for the area and are keen that it develops in line with the vision of the community. Kevin Wyeth volunteered to chair the SG and has been a driving force since taking on the role. He has created a YouTube channel - search "Bramshott and Liphook NDP."

There are limits to what can be achieved by the NDP. First, any adjustment to roads and associated infrastructure are likely to be beyond the practical solutions in the plan, since it has to be realistic and achievable. There are aspirational goals in the vision for the neighbourhood, but limitations are met when faced with ownership of certain elements. For example, the NDP cannot require a developer to build a bypass through the SDNP, even though the pressure on Liphook Square is immense.

There are other constraints, since much of this part of the country needs to be protected, including sites of special scientific interest, boundary protection areas for wildlife, limiting noise and light pollution as well as sunken lanes around Bramshott, historic





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sites, tree protection orders and listed buildings. Many other aspects need to be considered before a planning decision can be made. Policies required by the community should support national and council policies and cannot contradict them.

To develop the community's vision and policies, a huge amount of activity in 2017/18 took place and many may recall the events in the Millennium Centre. Local groups were brought together to discuss what makes the parish so precious to them and what they might see as future requirements to ensure it continues to thrive. There were plenty of positives and inevitably quite a few concerns. These included light pollution, the volume and speed of traffic, the lack of sports pitches and facilities for young people and a whole variety of other issues. These all need to be considered, even if they cannot be resolved through the NDP.

Kevin adds: "One of the hottest topics discussed at those early meetings was the need for affordable housing for local people and accommodation options for visitors. The parish has a wealth of high value housing which helps raise the quality of the area. This does, however, pose a problem for those less fortunate and for young local people attempting to gain access to the property ladder. Even some of the smaller homes on recent developments require deposits and mortgages beyond the reach of many. This is one of the critical elements in the NDP.

"Another hot topic is the green space, the need to limit our impact on the climate and to enhance our sense of safety, health and well-being. The parish is so lovely that in 2010 it was declared a national park. With that come a lot of constraints on future development even if there is a vision for a bypass for Liphook Square."

A few years ago a "call for sites" was made and 43 were identified. Not all have plausible options and expert consultants were brought in (AECOM) to make an assessment. They assessed the sites against various national planning criteria and the results were published in July 2020.

Working Parties were formed to assess the findings of the community gatherings and to establish what should go forward as a policy in the NDP. These were broken down into the following categories: Access and Movement; Community; Employment; Heritage and Design; Housing; Public Services and Sports and Recreation. These policies have developed through consultation with local groups and reviewed by experts. The community will have the opportunity to review and ratify these policies.

Sites deemed feasible by AECOM were then assessed by the SG against draft policies to ensure criteria important to the community were considered. It was agreed that 11 sites had potential for development. The steering group intends to host a couple of consultation meetings to present the policies and sites to the wider community. The first is due to take place in late March and the second in late May, which will offer the last consultation opportunity of the draft NDP before formal process begins ending with a community referendum.

Kevin concludes: "The parish appeals to so many people and has seen large developments in recent years. It is for this reason future developments need to consider all of the benefits and are built with a sympathetic eye to ensuring the parish maintains

*By Gabrielle Pike. Photo courtesy of NDP SG.*

these and plenty more wonderful features. We hope you agree the neighbourhood plan presents the right balance to suit the needs of our beautiful parish. To help understand what the NDP can offer feel free to attend our monthly public SG meetings at the Millennium Centre."

For more information visit:

[www.bramshottandliphookndp.uk](http://www.bramshottandliphookndp.uk) and

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3exBli6Afr1VMcxbo8nOA/videos>

## LIST OF SITES

1. **LIP-004** - Land at Church Road in Bramshott. Affordable residential .
2. **LIP-016** - Land at Orange Lodge, Midhurst Road. Affordable residential and specialist.
3. **LIP 9-11** - The Square - windfall site. Affordable residential and specialist site.
4. **LIP-013** - Countywide Stores. Mixed use site.
5. **LIP-016** - 48 London Road. Residential affordable site.
6. **LIP-014** - Land at Penally Farm, Hewshott Lane. Mixed use development site.
7. **LIP-20** - Land at Devils Lane. Residential affordable and specialist, multi- use games area (MUGA) and sports facilities. Subject to LIP-017 (Chiltley Farm) being approved.
8. **LIP-24** - Land adjacent to Passfield Mill Business Park. Increase business centre. Added potential but may not comply; possible conflict with EHDC local plan policy.
9. **LIP-28** - Land south of Passfield Mill Business Park. Planning for car parking. Employment and commercial facilities. Permission already granted.
10. **LIP-005** - Land at Bohunt Manor. Recreational and leisure community uses, MUGA Shortage of play areas in parish. SDNP may look at this as "major development".
11. **LIP-011** - Paddock and Stables land, Westlands Longmoor Road. Affordable residential and low-level tourism accommodation.



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# Volunteering Opportunities

By Jen Woodsford.

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### Liphook Food Bank

You can donate non-perishable food and other products at their collection points in Sainsburys and the Co-op or at their base at the Junior School or offer your services at the food bank itself, see P 17. For information on donations or volunteering see their website: **www.liphookfoodbank.com/#givesupport**

### Liphook In Bloom

Liphook In Bloom always welcome more volunteers to help with the flower beds in the centre of the village. See their article on page 17 in this issue of the magazine, have a look at their website: **www.liphookinbloom.co.uk** or give Joan Holdsworth a ring on: **01428 724903**.

### The Heritage Centre

Are you interested in local history or have IT skills? The Heritage Centre is upstairs at the Millennium Centre and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Run by a friendly bunch of volunteers more help would always be welcome. Have a look at their website for more details: **www.liphookheritage.org.uk** or ring: **01428 727275**.

### Liphook Carnival

The carnival is normally held at the end of October and is a great social and fundraising event in Liphook's calendar. Lots of opportunities to get involved. Have a look at their website: **www.liphookcarnival.org.uk**

### Community Magazine

And last, but not least, there is us, your community magazine. Maybe you could deliver a few magazines to the houses where you live? Or you could just offer to be a "back-up" to help with deliveries in times of sickness or holiday. Would you be able to write a short item? Do you write poetry or like taking photos of the local area? Contact our editor Fay Boyett, email: **fay.lcm@btinternet.com** or for distribution Sue Knight on: **01428 723502**.

Of course, this list is not exhaustive and does not include national bodies as details of those can be easily found online. Also volunteering opportunities with children and young people have not been mentioned. The Scout and Guide movements and the library come to mind but there will be many other possibilities.

I hope this has helped some of you with ideas of new projects for 2022!

# Highfield & Brookham Schools

## BRIGHT AND BREEZY START TO A NEW SPRING TERM



*Happy Highfield children all smiles after the Christmas break.*

It's only been a matter of days but eager children at an independent school in Liphook have picked up exactly where they left off before the Christmas break. The Spring Term at Highfield and Brookham Schools may be less than a week old, but already it's been incredibly busy – and it shows absolutely no signs of slowing down!

Year 2 youngsters at Brookham took an exciting trip to the

South Downs Planetarium in Chichester which they described as "out of this world", Year 4 immersed themselves in a day of rich and colourful African adventure complete with drumming, beading and dance courtesy of Southampton-based African Activities, and Year 8 went straight into study mode ahead of this week's mock exams.

But there's much more still to come as this week also sees the start of the popular house creative writing competition, the resumption of external sports fixtures with netball and rugby matches against friendly rivals from Amesbury, Eagle House and Edgeborough, and a fun-filled boarding trip to Coral Reef Waterworld in Bracknell.

Add in a return visit from intrepid adventurer Nick Carter who will regale Year 5 with his amazing travel tales, cushion concerts, scholarship visits to Benenden and Bryanston and a Year 3 Burns Night ceilidh and it promises to be an all-action January.

Highfield Headmaster Phillip Evitt said: "One thing I truly love about our schools is the sheer enthusiasm of our children. After the Christmas break, one could perhaps expect a degree of tardiness and listlessness, but that's definitely not the case with our wonderful children."

School trips and specialist groups and individuals who visit schools add real breadth and depth to the curriculum, enabling children to get involved in a hands-on way while learning through real-life experiences.

Mr Evitt added: "This first week of term has again seen a happy and seamless transition back into school life from all year groups, both in and out of the classroom, and it's been an absolute pleasure to hear the vibrant sounds of busy and excited pupils around the school once more. And I'm delighted to say that the children have so much more in store."



# Sisters Are Doing

***"We knew nothing, thought it was a good idea, learned something and are still learning some more!"***

This is what Sarah Hanney and Lucy Walters, who have both been celebrating business anniversaries last year, said about their continued success. Both were in their early 20's when they started, both had no experience in running a business, just determination, both hoped for the best and both gave it a go.



*Sarah and Lucy outside L&S Gift and Coffee House.*

Sarah took over Liphook Art & Framing, an existing business in Headley Road, ten years ago, while Lucy started a new business, L&S Gift and Coffee House, in Liphook Square five years ago. Sarah said: "We both made brave decisions, made it up as we went along but it's been totally worth it. Having your own business is a 24/7 job, but we love it. We both thrive on a challenge and there will be a lot more to come." Lucy added: "When I started the cafe, there were no expectations, but I was determined to make it work. The shop had been empty for over a year, but even during the first viewing I had a good feeling straight away."

The family has lived in Liphook for the last 27 years. The sisters went to Liphook Junior and Bohunt Schools and Lucy continued with South Downs College where she studied Human Sciences and Beauty. Together they embarked on a trip to Australia and after Sarah returned to England, Lucy and husband Michael, who had known each other since infant school, stayed on for almost two years, travelling and jobbing all over the country.

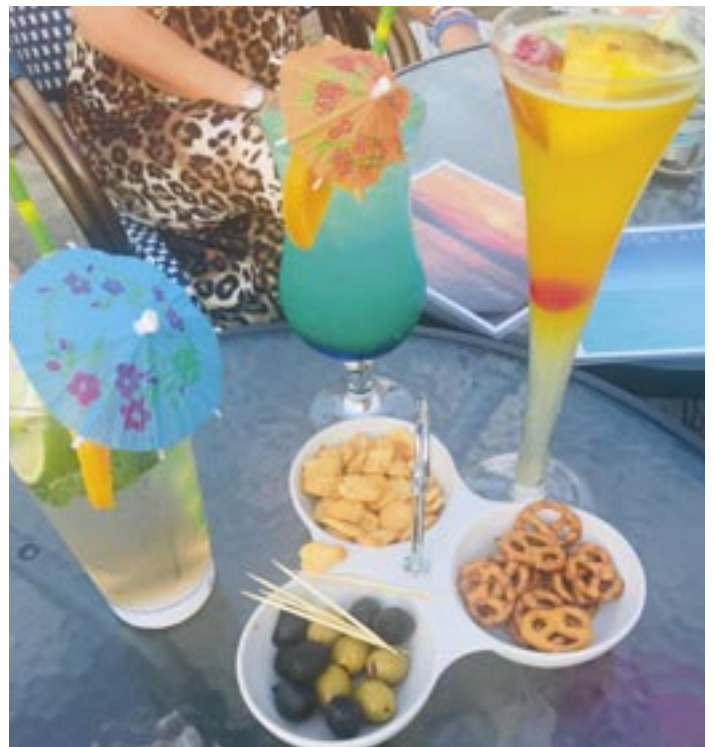
In November 2011 Sarah decided to buy Liphook Art & Framing, which had come up for sale. "I have always loved art but because of my age - I was in my early 20's - and lack of any



*Liphook Art & Framing Shop. Photo courtesy of Sarah Hanney.*

business experience, only one bank agreed to loan me half the money I needed. But our wonderful late Granny Betty believed in me and loaned me the rest." Sarah had to take a course in picture framing, which she passed with flying colours, before taking over the shop.

When Lucy returned home, she first worked in a Farnham surgery for three years. In 2016 she and Michael made the decision to take over the former Carla boutique in Liphook Square and transform it into a café and gift shop. Again, Granny Betty, who had run her own hairdressers, helped with advice and gave her blessing and support. "I was also in my early 20's and didn't realise how much hard work it would be. But the location appealed and at the time there was nothing like it in Liphook. Thanks to a lovely group of friends and our family, who could tackle absolutely everything, we were able to convert the shop. The first year was a complete learning curve for us all and we regularly used social media to let customers know what we were doing."



*L&S MOCKTAILS.*



# it for Each Other

By Gabrielle Pike.

Since then Lucy and Michael took over the adjoining building next to the cafe, turning it into an attractive Beach Hut, which provides additional seating.

While in Australia, Lucy dreamed she would own a cocktail bar one day and now her dream has come true. Always keen to introduce something new, L&S Café have been holding cocktail evenings with food most Friday and on some alternate Saturday evenings last year, which have become hugely popular with customers. "It all started on a balmy summer evening in June 2019, when we decided to hold our first 'Mocktail' evening, while we were still waiting for our alcohol licence to be granted. The event was such a great success that we decided to re-introduce it after Covid lock-down was lifted in 2021, serving proper cocktails," Lucy fondly remembers.

Both businesses have made a lot of changes and upgrades over the years – learning along the way what to do and what works. L&S Café now employs between eight to ten staff, and Liphook Art & Framing has also expanded with two staff, a refit and new plans.

During the first lockdown the sisters delighted customers with free deliveries of afternoon tea and children's art and craft boxes, which became an overnight success. Deliveries were made as far away as Guildford, Midhurst and Chichester, while take-away drinks and food continued to be available at the cafe in Liphook Square.

"We were determined to keep business going, no matter what and we have helped each other out all the time," said Sarah. "There is always another project we want to do and we have lots of ideas. "We'd like to combine the two shops somehow and are planning more events for this year. We also brought back our popular Christmas Market and Christmas Tree sale."



L&S MOCKTAILS - Sarah, mum Karen and Lucy.

In addition, Lucy is involved in a charity called "Rocky Road Rescue" where she is part of a small volunteer team. They save Romanian dogs from the streets and put them into foster shelters. She helps to find homes in the UK for the dogs and has already been very successful, adopting some dogs herself. The rescue dogs travel from Romania to England on a 'happy bus' to be fostered and then adopted into a happy home.

## A Pirate's Poem!

By Ellie,  
Aged 11.

I was on the edge  
The water lay before me  
The pirates parrot on his shoulder  
No one will remember me.

The pointy sword upon my chest  
In front of me his evil grin  
My feet slip and fall  
His grin turns to sin.

As my feet lose grip of the board  
Waves crash against the boat  
The ocean tide envelopes me  
Handing me a blue coat.

I said hello to the fish  
Who had their life I control  
And then there was me  
Who was never going to be whole.

The pirate's shadow was above me  
He could see me looking up  
It is quite a pretty death you know  
Someone knew how to shut me up.

Then I started falling  
Falling through the blue  
Blue turning to black  
Just like the life I went through.

Finally I reached the end  
Of my adventure of death  
And now I knew that because of him  
I would never breathe another breath.



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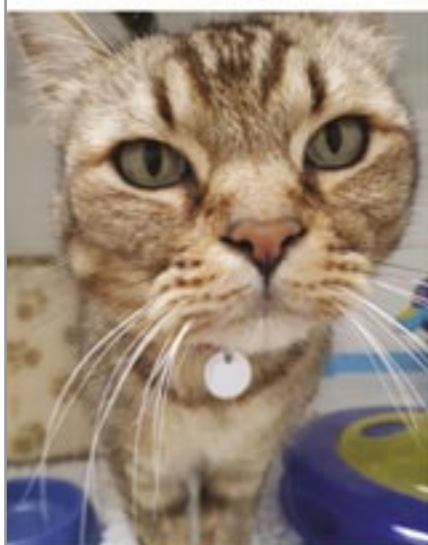
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# Guilty Pleasures

By Marilyn Ambrose for  
Countryside Companions.

One of the naughty but nice things about winter walks is going into a pub with a roaring open fire to have lunch (even if it does make your glasses steam up upon entry). We are not talking dainty sandwiches here but sausages, a hearty stew or pie, with mash. It has been mild (and dry) enough recently for the noble amongst the group to continue bringing a picnic, but the open fires at The Three Horseshoes at Elsted on our Elsted Marsh and Didling walk in early November, the Woolpack Inn at Elstead and The Good Intent at Puttenham come to the fore when I think of Countryside Companions' autumn walks, not forgetting the open fire which welcomed us to our Christmas lunch at the Jolly Drivers in Liss, after a new seasonal walk around Durford Wood and Rogate Common.

Yet, for me, the highlight in our recent programme was the Hambledon to Hascombe walk we did in early December, despite the fact we had to have a picnic lunch as the pub could not accommodate us due to a 25 strong walking group getting there first! This walk had more feel good factor than an open fire and even had the warmth, as we were blessed with yet another lovely sunny autumn day. We started from Hambledon Church, which is situated at the top of a very narrow lane (post-walk extract from our Whatsapp group messages "thanks for your help avoiding the hearsel!")



*Savanna view at Thursley.  
Photo courtesy of Mukund Patel.*

It starts off through open fields full of beet, then along a sunlit tunnel of coppiced chestnuts with a fabulous carpet of pale brown autumn leaf fall, up to Hydon's Ball for far reaching



*Coffee stop looking south from Juniper Valley. Photo Terry Boyett.*

views. Through woodland for a coffee stop at Juniper Valley, past some amazing rural properties before emerging at the idyllic lunch setting of Hambledon Pond, which is surrounded by inviting benches - apart from the stunning setting, they were also inviting because they all face the sun and the morning dew had therefore dried off!

Suitably reinvigorated, we started the afternoon with one of the four hills on this route, giving silent thanks to the Haslemere Ramblers who had paid for the

handrail to assist us up the short but steep slope. This took us up to the Greensand Way which we followed through varied terrain all the way back to the car park, initially walking along a steep sided wood which gave occasional glimpses of Dunsfold down in the valley. During this section it struck me that whilst we could all have lifted our feet a bit higher, none of us did and one of the delights of the day was the sound of the swishing leaves in that still valley.



*Puttenham walk with the sun  
shinning through the trees.  
Photo courtesy of Mukund Patel.*



*Stone seat at Hydon's Ball dedicated to Octavia Hill, one of the founders of the National Trust. Photo courtesy of Terry Boyett.*

No words really do justice to any walk so rather than talk about it, why not join us on one of our upcoming walks – on March 17th Sidney Wood to Alfold is a 7 mile circuit or 31st March we are walking a route on Hankley Common. If you would like to join us on either of these (or any other of our regular Thursday walks), please contact Chris Bullard, our Chairman on **01428 722974** or Fay Boyett on **01428 722698**. We would love to share our weekly walking pleasure (guilty or not) with you.

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# Update from the East Hants District Councillors

## Partnership with Havant

At the time of writing, East Hampshire District Council has formally agreed that it will be withdrawing from the joint management agreement that it had with Havant Borough Council. This will be subject to a business case that is being brought forward for discussion.

The Council has also agreed that it will offer Gill Kneller who is the current Chief Executive of both EHDC and Havant Borough Council, the role of Chief Executive for East Hampshire. Havant Borough Council will also be discussing the proposed withdrawal from the joint management agreement, at their next full Council meeting, and will be recommending that Kim Sawyer, who is currently interim Chief Operating Officer, be confirmed as the acting Chief Executive until an interim Chief Executive is appointed for Havant.

The Council Leader, Richard Millard, emphasised that EHDC had worked very successfully with Havant Borough Council for the last 12 years, but that it was time to pursue a different direction in the future. EHDC would be able to pursue its wellbeing and welfare agenda at pace, concentrating the officer team on helping local residents. There would also be emphasis on greening the Local Plan, currently being re-drafted, and putting pressure on Government to prioritise the green agenda.

EHDC would be keeping its options open regarding any potential devolution proposals that may be published in the Government White Paper.

## Pods for Homeless People, in Bordon

Work has now started on the conversion of the former Pinewood Village Hall, in Bordon, to accommodate ten individual “pods” for homeless people. The project, that is being undertaken by Velocity RDT, should be completed by the autumn, and will provide comfortable and safe accommodation for homeless people, while using an asset that had fallen out of use. There will be seven units within the former hall, with three others outside.

Once completed, the homelessness charity, Two Saints, will provide management support and maintenance of the building, which will have photovoltaic solar panels, a sophisticated i-mist fire suppression system and alarm, building sensors to monitor the health of the building, CCTV to improve safety, and sedum rooves for the external pods to reduce water run-off, improve insulation and encourage biodiversity.

These pods will provide local accommodation, for those who need it, locally.

## Bramshott and Liphook Infrastructure Delivery plan

EHDC is currently reviewing, as part of the Local Plan, its draft Infrastructure plan for all parts of the District. The District Council has recently approached Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council, and sent out a document that covers the infrastructure that they understand Bramshott and Liphook has, in order to ensure that the information they have is correct and accurate. This is an informal consultation which is designed to fact check

the information on existing infrastructure, and will feed into the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, to support the emerging Local Plan. It is anticipated that this will eventually appear on-line, in map-based format, in accordance with the Government's intention for a reformed planning system to be more digitally accessible.

EHDC requested feedback from the Parish Council, in the form of track changes, or comments, on the Word document, by 5.00pm on Friday 25th February.

## Network Rail Closures between Guildford & Petersfield.

As part of the Portsmouth direct line upgrade that is to take place, the line between Guildford and Petersfield was due to be closed between Saturday 12th to Sunday 20th February 2022.

This was part of what is described as a huge investment in railway infrastructure that will improve customer journeys for years to come. In particular, this is part of a Farncombe to Petersfield re-signalling scheme which will see a new digital signalling system, at the Rail Operating Centre in Basingstoke, as well as the upgrade of 12 level crossings.

Buses were provided to replace rail services, between Guildford and Petersfield, which meant longer journey times. Although disruptive, it was felt that a closure of the line for a fixed period was better than repeated line closures over weekends.

## COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY GRANTS Help with your Platinum Jubilee Celebrations?

In this Platinum Jubilee year, there will be many events and street parties planned across the District, but in particular within Bramshott and Liphook. Your District Councillors will have a new Grant pot, from March/April, from which we can assist local groups who may have plans to hold an event, or produce a commemorative item, for the community. We would be very pleased to help you to achieve this, provided you represent a group or association, rather than an individual.

Please visit [www.easthants.gov.uk](http://www.easthants.gov.uk) and put “Councillor Community Grants” in the search bar, to take you to the correct page. You will find information there to help you to see the criteria, and to help you fill in the form, which can then be sent to any one of us for signature and submission. Applications cannot be retrospective, but if you plan something for June, or indeed the rest of the year, then please take advantage of this opportunity. Your event or project does not have to be a commemorative occasion, in order to qualify.

We hope that by the time you read this, all restrictions will be behind us, and that life will be back to “normal”, in many respects. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need our help, and we wish everyone a sunny and successful year ahead.

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# Bramshott & Liphook Heritage Society

## THE ELIZABETHAN GATEHOUSE, BRAMSHOTT GRANGE

*By Val Gaskin.*



*How the Tudor House may have looked (no pictures survive).  
Drawing by Margaret Clark.*

One of our most treasured local Listed Buildings, The Elizabethan Gatehouse, nestles in the green parklands of Bramshott Place. As a survivor of one of the greatest periods in the Parish's history it is true to say it is an important part of our local Heritage. When the Tudor Bramshott Place was built in the late 1590's by John Hooke, a wealthy Cloth Merchant, it represented 'new money' in the area. The Hooke family's wealth had been accumulated largely from speculative dealings during the Reformation and from successful trading as clothiers in Surrey.

The layout of the house was a masterpiece of Elizabethan architecture, a substantial building of red brick and erected in the customary 'E' formation as a tribute to the Queen, Elizabeth 1st. Fashionable at the time, the use of brick was a statement of the status of the building and the wealth of its owners. The local material, stone was considered very much second best.

The impressive Gatehouse could possibly have been one of a pair which flanked the entrance court and would have seen many comings and goings during the 'game' of power and one-upmanship which took place in this turbulent age! If walls could talk, what a tale it could tell!

The Tudor house was demolished in 1850 and subsequently redeveloped by Sir William Erle, a Senior Judge, into Bramshott Grange, but to his credit, he kept the gatehouse in situ.

King George V Hospital was added in 1921 and later demolished in 1982 when no longer needed. However, the Tudor Gatehouse still stood firm, overseeing events, receiving remedial work as and when

it was needed. The development of Bramshott Place by Inspired Villages has meant that the Gatehouse is assured of the attention it requires from time to time in order to preserve its appearance.

Recently, when it was reported to be shrouded in mysterious plastic, it caused some consternation amongst our Heritage committee on the condition of the building. We have since discovered that there was no mystery at all; far from being neglected this beautiful example of Elizabethan architecture was about to undergo yet another make-over in order to maintain its timeless good-looks! With all the care and attention a grand old lady deserves, the Gatehouse was about to be given a considerable amount of Tender Loving Care! Recognised Specialists in Conservation have been contracted to carry out the project, which includes using new bricks made in the traditional way and in keeping with the original ones. The repointing of the brickwork will be done in a traditional way effectively restoring the Gatehouse to its original look.

By Spring, when this magazine is distributed, the remedial work will have been completed. Representatives of our Heritage Society have been invited to visit the Site and see for themselves that the Elizabethan Gatehouse has been restored to its former glory, thus upholding its reputation as being a source of great pride in our village.

If you are interested in more in-depth research into the chequered history of Bramshott Place, and the people who resided there you are most welcome to come into our Heritage Centre. See the Hooke Coat of Arms, and Family Tree, how their living in Liphook impacted on the village, and read of John Pym and his connections through his marriage to Anne Hooke at Bramshott Church.

Our opening hours are listed below, or can be found on our website at **[www.liphookheritage.org.uk](http://www.liphookheritage.org.uk)**

Come in and meet us in person on any Monday 10.00am to 1.00pm, Wednesday 10.30am to 2.00pm or Friday morning 10.00am to noon, in the Millennium Centre.

To volunteer, contact us by email at: **[liphookheritage@gmail.com](mailto:liphookheritage@gmail.com)** or call or leave a message on our answerphone on: **01428 480835**.

## Moonshine

*By Richard Gould.*

The moon of night was still shining  
As the morning's sky arrived  
Pale, but shining none the less.

You could watch it finally disappear  
From the western sky  
Hidden from view, hidden by the light  
To be seen by those  
Now in night across this world

For us we have daytime  
To immerse in but for some  
The sun holds no allure.

They can't wait until the sky darkens  
Once more and that the clouds  
Are few and far, then the Moon will  
Rise and shine across  
Its velvet drape, dusting ghostly silver

For the clouds that trespass  
In an innocence  
Yet the beauty is retained.

The moon of night was still shining  
As the morning's sky arrived  
Pale, but shining none the less.

# Real English

Many Liphook residents will be aware of the plans to convert the former Countrywide store on Station Road into a bar and restaurant (indeed work is already underway) but maybe less familiar with the people behind these plans and what makes them tick. I went along to the offices of Real English Drinks Group - [www.redgroup.co.uk](http://www.redgroup.co.uk) – whose businesses encompass drinks, hospitality and events - near the railway station to find out.



My visit was kindly hosted by Real English Drinks Group Non-Executive Director, Mark Window (pictured) who showed me around the premises which is the home of the Real English Drinks Distillery. Located in the premises of the former Liphook Motors garage which closed in 2018, the building has been extensively refurbished with the distillery on the ground floor and administrative offices, laboratory and kitchen (complete with a small bar!) on the first floor. Chatting to Mark over a coffee we discussed how the business came into being and what their plans for the future look like.

The story starts in Haslemere in 2019 where the old Post Office in West Street was purchased by fledgling business Real English Drinks House set up by local businessman Douglas Howard. Douglas was previously a senior manager with a major retailer and with an entrepreneurial flair no doubt inherited from his father (ex Haslemere Town mayor, Brian).



At the same time Neil and Robyn Patterson who have extensive knowledge of the wine and distilling business having lived and worked in South Africa for a number of years had relocated to Surrey to set up a distillery also based in Haslemere for UK clients. After first meeting and subsequent conversations the two business joined forces to form the company.

The red.h bar in Haslemere is essentially three operations in one – a working Post Office, a shop serving a range of wines, spirits and beers all locally sourced and a restaurant/bar. As with most hospitality businesses the last two years have been challenging. But they must have got something right as the Haslemere site has survived the pandemic and is doing well. So well in fact that sister restaurants are being opened in Midhurst and – as noted above – in Liphook.

As with any growing business, space quickly became an issue and the Haslemere distillery site, together with other operations dotted around the locality, were being outgrown. The old garage site in Liphook became available and so work in converting it to an operational distillery commenced with the move completed in 2021. Since then, much hard work has been undertaken in establishing Real English Drinks Distillery as a major force in the premium spirits trade.

Mark was very keen to explain the product range; firstly the red.h range of Gins, Vodkas and Rums (see picture) as well their latest new product named 'Chronic – Northern Lights' for the serious vodka connoisseur. The Real English Drinks Distillery are also the sole producers of the AU Vodka brand, the fastest growing premium vodka brand in the UK. Aimed at the high-end cocktail bar trade, AU Vodka are regarded as innovative and exciting with a range to match.

All of the products made in the distillery cater for the retail trade as well as pubs and restaurants. Markets include UK and overseas with a strong emphasis on the USA and business is growing fast. All the distilling is done on site with the base spirit being supplied by Kimia UK in Essex and the finished products are bottled, labelled and shipped at Liphook too. It is a major operation and very well managed and on my tour, I noted the high levels of health, safety and hygiene. The site employs around 35 people from Liphook and the surrounding areas.

The Real English Drinks Group has a third arm, Real English Drinks Events and their successful Oktoberfest celebration on Lion Green, Haslemere last September will be a springboard for future high-quality events. And all utilising their own product ranges.

Turning to the restaurants once more, the Midhurst site in North Street (previously Pizza Express) opens for business in March and recruitment is underway. This will be followed by Liphook with a summer 2022 opening planned. With such a large building the team are looking at ways of best utilising the space to offer more than



# Drinks Group

By Simon Catford. Photos courtesy of Real English Drinks Group.

just a very enjoyable dining and eating experience. Many of the wines served at these three outlets are supplied by the General Wine Company, further underscoring the Groups commitment to the local community. And more outlets are planned for the medium term.

And their green credentials are impressive too; they have partnered with sustainable business Bazoo – the ‘tree-less’ toilet paper company. Made entirely from bamboo, this innovative product is shipped through the Groups supply-chain operations with large stocks being held at the Liphook site. A slight diversion from alcoholic drinks but the future perhaps?

So the Group have some wide-ranging, exciting and growing businesses on their hands and all based in and around Liphook. They have assembled a highly professional team who between them have decades of experience in the retail, hospitality and the wine / distilling industries and at senior level as well as a team of highly skilled operatives. The final word then must go to Mark, “We are so very grateful for all the support the Group have been given by the people of Liphook and Haslemere as we set up and grew our businesses, whether as a customer, supplier or employee. We couldn’t have done any of this without you all and we look forward to serving the community in the years to come. Thank you one and all”. **Cheers!**



## Fortune Favours the Stubborn Brave!

By Liam Jenkins. Photo courtesy of Cranthorpe Millner Publisher.



Summer 2021 maintained an eerie Indiana sense about it (showing my age here). Time felt as if it was moving so quickly but succinctly standing still. I hit a personal milestone last year; it saw my debut young adult novel, Dylan McFinn secure a book deal with a UK publishing house, Cranthorpe Millner. Quite the achievement for someone who just scraped through their senior school years, daydreaming and watching TV does sometimes pay off kids”

Since signing with my publisher, I have been asked how I transitioned from Self-publishing to a book deal? Well, hard work, focus and tenacity helped me get over the finish line and get the book published and in the public domain. Otherwise, my stories would still be in a draft folder on my laptop, gathering digital dust. Realistically thinking, how did I achieve the jump? Well, what I did know was that being self-published wasn’t the end goal. It was just the very beginning of my literary journey. I want to clarify that there’s nothing wrong with being self-published. Many authors make great livings from excellent self-published works every day.

For me, I saw it as just a milestone, no need for a real celebration - I patted myself on the back, recalibrated my plan of attack and began my research on publishing houses that I thought would suit my style of writing. I drafted my submission email, elevator pitch and synopsis and fired off those emails. Then I played the waiting game. Three years to be exact! I was over the moon when asked to send the complete manuscript. The rest is soon to be history. How did I achieve a publishing deal? I think being patient and never giving up on myself and my goal. Developing skin so thick it would make any Rhino envious.

My advice to any aspiring author is to set your goal, whatever that may be. Set it and **DO NOT DEVIATE** from it. Set the most audacious goal you can think of because you may achieve it. The road to success will twist and turn to what may feel like nothing and then take steep rises to the clouds. Sometimes, you may even feel like your progress is at a crawling pace but remember you must keep going. Continue to learn your craft, wear your dreams and aspirations on your jacket lapel and ignore the naysayers. This is the first milestone of many for me. I’ve just sent a letter to Steven Spielberg the other day...boy's gotta dream?

My debut young adult action-adventure story Dylan McFinn and the Sea Serpents Fury - was available in all good retailers from 22nd February and on the Cranthorpe Millner website at: [www.cranthorpemillner.com](http://www.cranthorpemillner.com)

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# Help Save Liphook Carnival

By  
Gabrielle  
Pike.

## GET INVOLVED

Carnival chair Sally Cameron and her team are making plans to bring back Liphook's biggest community event in October. "This year will mark the 120th year of the Liphook Carnival", reveals chair Sally Cameron. "While I appreciate we have not hosted the carnival for the last two years, we feel 2022 is the year to celebrate, hopefully turning the tide on the pandemic and its limitations and of course celebrating the Jubilee year. The carnival provides an amazing evening of entertainment. We raise funds throughout the year and have planned a Family Fun Day on Saturday July 16th, a sponsored walk on Sunday, September 4th and a quiz night on Saturday September 24th."

The carnival always takes place the night the clocks go back, which this year will be on Saturday, October 29th.

"All monies raised during the year help fund the Liphook carnival and 100 per cent of the donations raised on carnival

day go towards local charities and good causes. One of our main charities will be the Liphook Food Bank.

"For the carnival to go ahead each year we rely on volunteers to support the fund-raising events and assist with the planning and execution of the carnival. This takes time and most of our current supporters also have full time jobs. We are desperate for new people to get involved with the Liphook Carnival to make sure it continues into the future and have therefore set a deadline of Tuesday, April 19th to make a decision on the future of this fantastic, traditional event. It would be a real shame for Liphook to lose its carnival. It all depends on whether we receive new volunteers and continued interest before the April deadline. Everyone is very welcome to join the team or help out at specific events."

Please contact Sally on **07717 313440** for more details on how to get involved.

## Liphook u3a

By Gwenda Pate.

This year the national University of the Third Age is celebrating its fortieth anniversary. The organisation was set up for the benefit of retired people who want to learn and keep fit. It is a UK wide collection of over a thousand locally run interest groups, with more than 430,000 members, which provide opportunities for those no longer in full time employment to come together and learn for fun. Across the UK, u3a members draw upon their knowledge and experience to teach and learn from each other for pleasure; with learning as its own reward.



*The Walkers Group winning square.*

As part of the birthday celebrations there was a quilt competition which was u3a-wide on the theme of Positive Ageing with the strapline Learn Laugh Live. This quilt is envisaged as a Moment in History for future generations of u3as, showing engagement by many members, raising local and national profiles and demonstrating the skills and talents of u3a members to the public. It is

intended to form part of the u3a Archive in a permanent repository. There were to be forty squares in the quilt to represent the forty

years of its existence and each u3a was invited to submit a square. One of the judges was Stuart Hillard from The Great British Sewing Bee. Our Walkers Group made and sent in a square which was a winner. It will be included in the finished quilt which will tour the country during the birthday year.



*Strollers Group near Foley Manor.*

It's all voluntary; a typical u3a will be home to many activity groups covering hundreds of different subjects - from art to zoology and everything in between. It's local, social, friendly, low-cost and open to all.

Liphook u3a has almost six hundred members with forty groups covering many different interests, as well as a monthly meeting which is held on the first Monday of each month, except where there is a Bank Holiday when our meeting is on the second Monday. The meeting has a speaker each month and they cover a very wide range of topics. This is followed by a social time with tea or coffee and biscuits, and often the opportunity to meet the speaker and chat. In common with other u3a's we have a wide range of interest groups with something for almost everybody. The History Group, which covers British History, used the December meeting to visit the newly revamped Petersfield Museum which was fascinating and followed this with a delicious meal at Liphook Golf Club.

The Strollers meanwhile spent one of the January meetings walking near Weavers Down on a beautifully sunny morning. A good meal at the Deers Hut was a just reward for their endeavours.

New members are always welcome. To find out more contact: **Membership1@liphook.org.uk**



*Some of the History Group enjoying lunch at Liphook Golf club.*














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# Churcher's College

By Amanda Inkley.

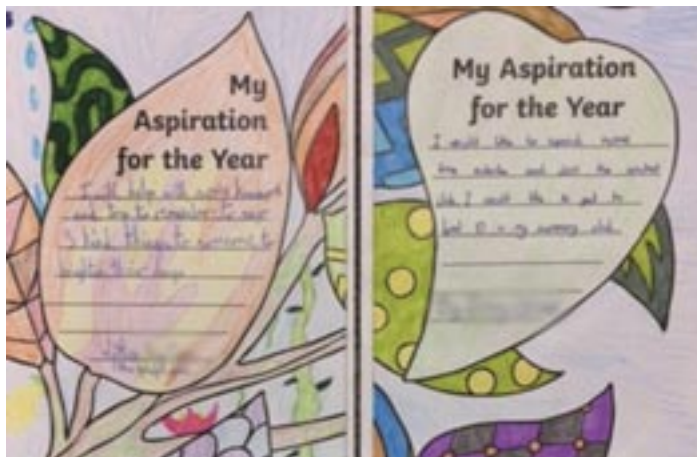
## New Year's Eco Resolutions!

At Churcher's College Junior School and Nursery we have been thinking about our New Year resolutions and aspirations. As a school community with the help of the wonderful Eco Council we are hoping to make a big difference by all working together and we want to make some green new year's resolutions for 2022!



The Eco Council notice board.

Every time anyone at CCJS makes an 'eco choice' or 'eco swap' made at home, our eco council, will put a leaf on our eco tree. The message from our Eco Assembly is "no one is too



small to make a difference."

Parents and children can post a message in the school eco box and the Eco Council make a leaf for each and every eco effort.

We hope that by putting up every small leaf, over time, even the small 'eco choices' will create a big impact. This will show all of us in our school community that every little helps if we all work together.



Our Eco Recycling Station.

Eco Council give eco tips and swaps every week in our weekly newsletter to the school community and they would like to share some of their eco tips with the Liphook Community.

**"... get a soda stream. This means we use less plastic bottles."**

**"... if you do lots of washing you can get a laundry egg, it saves lots of plastic bottles and lasts a long time."**

**"I think people should car share as this is much better for the environment."**

**"Don't forget to take your water bottle with you when you go out ... so you can refill it and not buy bottled water."**

## Kipps - The New "Half a Sixpence!"

The Haslemere Players March production is KIPPS, the contemporary stage version of the timeless musical treasure Half a Sixpence, which cleverly reinvents this classic show for the modern age - but with even more Flash-Bang-Wallop!

Running from **Tuesday, 22nd - Saturday 26th March** - with a matinee on the Saturday, Kipps has been masterfully rewritten by Julian Fellowes, (Downton Abbey) with a brilliant new score by the Mary Poppins Musical team. This upbeat musical dazzles with joyous verve, cracking humour and amazing song and dance numbers.

Arthur Kipps, an orphan, is an over-worked draper's assistant at Shalford's Bazaar in Folkestone, at the turn of the last century. He is a charming but ordinary young man who, along with his fellow apprentices, dreams of a better and more fulfilling future.

A chance meeting with Mr. Chitterlow, a burgeoning playwright, leads Kipps to find that he has unexpectedly inherited a fortune, which then propels him into high society and confuses everything he thought he knew about life in general.

He has the attention of two young ladies in his new world and Arthur soon learns that if you want to have the chance of living the right life, you need to make the right choices - so who will he choose? Look forward to a fabulous night of fantastic and uplifting entertainment!



Tickets are available from Haslemere Hall:  
**01428 642161. [www.haslemerehall.com](http://www.haslemerehall.com)**

# Liphook Golf Club Centenary

By  
Simon  
Catford.



Captain Nick Lees (pictured) on a damp and dreary day in early January to find out more.

One hundred years ago this year saw the birth of the Liphook Golf Club with the company being formally incorporated on 5th January 1922. A century later the Golf Club is marking this anniversary with a range of celebrations and events. I met with Club

“The course was designed by Arthur Croome, a leading authority on golf at the time,” explains Nick. “He was an exponent of the ‘strategic’ school rather than ‘penal’ style of design which required players to ‘think’ their way around the course rather than just whacking the ball. This philosophy has stood us in good stead over the years and with the simply stunning local heathland, heather and gorse that covers the course, golfers from all over the world come to play here – and enjoy themselves enormously - such is our reputation!”

Also joining in the Founders Day celebrations will be the Chief Executive of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, Martin Slumbers, course architect Tom Mackenzie who oversaw the recent reordering of some of the holes in 2018 and world-renowned golf course artist Graeme Baxter who will be flying in from Texas to unveil a commemorative painting of the course commissioned by the Club. “We are really pleased that these important people from the golfing world will be able to join us on the day.” states Nick.

But first a quick history lesson. After the end of the First World War and as the country struggled to get back to normal (sounds familiar?), four local landowners joined forces to plan, build and operate a golf course at the edge of Liphook village. Whilst other courses locally were already in existence, these four gentlemen had the drive and vision to build what is now regarded as one of the premier courses in the UK (recently ranked 55th) on land known then as Wheatsheaf Common. And so with capital assets of some £5,000 (a lot of money in those days), Oliver Hawkshaw of Hollycombe House, Edward Lee of Foley Manor and Alfred Cotton of Forest Mere combined with Henry Poland who lived in Bramshott to set about their task with passion and determination.

“A ‘Founders’ lunch to be held in February kicks off a year of events celebrating our centenary,” says Nick “and we are delighted to have been able to track down some grandchildren and great grandchildren of these four Founding Fathers who will be joining us on the day.” By the time you read this the event will have taken place but Nick was looking forward to welcoming many past-Presidents, past-Club Captains, past-Ladies Captains and life members to give thanks for their commitment and hard work in continuing the excellent stewardship of the Club over the years.

Back to the history book; the first nine holes were opened for play on 2nd September 1922 and the clubhouse was accommodated within the then Wheatsheaf pub (now the Links) with the pro’s shop, caddy master’s office, workshop and machinery store close by in the ‘Black Huts’. The full 18 holes was completed in June 1923. “In those days clubs were made of wood, usually hickory,” says Nick “and so we will be holding a ‘Hickory Club Day’ in September where players will be encouraged to dress in period costume and try to get round the course with these heavy sticks of wood. It is not for the faint hearted as we are all used to modern clubs which are lighter and hit the ball much further so we will be exhausted by the 18th,” laughs Nick.

This bit of fun will be the culmination of a week-long ‘Golf Festival’ where a series of competitions and events will be held for all levels of skill and experience over seven days. “We even have some overseas members who will be returning to join us – very impressive.”



*Liphook Golf Clubhouse.*



Other social events earlier in the year include a 'Cabaret' evening in April and a formal luncheon with a guest speaker from the golfing world in May.

Turning to the golf once more, a 'Centenary Series' of competitions are planned throughout the year in a 'Fed-Ex Cup' style with categories for every type of player. The hand of friendship has been extended to other Clubs in the South East who are also celebrating their centenaries. "And so we are pleased to be able to welcome teams from Gerrards Cross, Tadmorton Heath, High Post and Hadley Wood Golf Clubs for an inter-club match in May. And I am particularly excited about the Pro-Am event we are also holding in May, the first in Liphook's recent history," says Nick. "If all goes to plan, we will have some 125 members playing alongside 44 professionals from the PGA South Region, competing for some excellent prizes. If the weather obliges, we are set for a spectacular day!"

But the year's efforts will not all be Club-focused. "Myself and the Ladies Captain, Sally Hardie, have chosen to support the 'Over the Moon' charity - [www.overthemooncharity.com](http://www.overthemooncharity.com) - for

our centenary year. This charity helps families with sick and disabled children in the Three Counties during times of financial difficulty; a very worthwhile cause. And we are working with local schools on a 'memory box' initiative where we will lock up a range of modern everyday items to be opened in fifty years' time. I doubt I will be around to see that however!" confirms Nick.



*Golf Club clock.*

In summary then, the Founding Fathers vision for Liphook Golf Course has – over the last century - given the community a flourishing and beautiful amenity that can be enjoyed by both members and visitors alike. "The Club is in good heart with members very excited for the year ahead. We are extremely proud of what has been created over the years by all those who have given so selflessly to the betterment of this wonderful place. Hopefully the Founding Fathers are looking down from above with a real sense of pride at what they started." Fair play to that!



*Golf club view across one of the greens.*

*Photos courtesy of Liphook Golf Club.*

## John Redhouse & Redhouse Mews

*By  
Rod  
Sharp.*



*John  
Redhouse.*

Knowing that Simon Catford was writing an article about RedH (see page 32 of this issue), it occurred to me that readers might be struck, like me, by the similarity of the name with Redhouse Mews, the 1990s housing development which is a short step away from the RedH site in Station Road. It turned out that it is purely a coincidence. As always, the Heritage Centre and their helpful volunteers have been a valuable source of information.

The site of Redhouse Mews was previously occupied by the original coach houses and stables of the Railway Hotel, now itself converted into flats. John Redhouse (1842-1913), formerly a Q.M.S in the Royal Engineers, was the first landlord of the Railway Hotel (c. 1890-c. 1910), a Parish Councillor (1896-1913), a great supporter of Liphook football, cricket and athletics, and member of the Athletics Committee of the Horticultural and Athletics Society (an intriguing combination for a society!). Active also on the committee of the Bonfire Boys, which had, in 1901, started the Liphook Bonfire and Carnival tradition, he arranged for meetings to be held in a room at the hotel.

His descendants also took an active role in our village activities, including his grandson Arthur Johnson who was featured in our Spring 2019 issue, and his great-grandsons Paul Johnson, and Richard King who was a regular commentator at the carnivals and one of the Liphook friends who took a double-decker bus on a memorable trip around the world in 1969 (see our Summer and Winter 2019 issues).

The name Redhouse Mews was suggested by Laurence Giles of the Liphook & Bramshott Preservation Society. He might have appreciated the coincidence of a new licensed premises called RedH opening in Station Road so close to the former Railway Hotel and Redhouse Mews.



*Railway Hotel Mews.*

## CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS IN AND AROUND LIPHOOK

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**BOWLING CLUB, LIPHOOK** - Bruce Penny, 01428 722013.  
**BRAMSHOTT EDUCATIONAL TRUST** - e: clerk.bramshott.trust@hotmail.co.uk  
**BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY (2nd Thursday of the month 7:30pm)** - Membership - Caroline: 07768 321291. Contact: Dena Tyrrell: e: dena.tyrrell@gmail.com  
**BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK BRANCH OF THE EAST HAMPSHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION** - Angela Glass, 01428 722375.  
**BRIDGE CLUB - Liphook, Friday Evenings** - Mrs M. Paterson, 01428 723177.  
**BRITISH RED CROSS** - Mrs C. Saunders, Chase Community Hospital, Conde Way, Bordon. 01428 488801.  
**CANCER RESEARCH U.K.** - Shop - 20 Station Road. 01428 724664.  
**CHILD WELFARE CENTRE CHILD HEALTH CLINIC** - 9.30am - 11.00am. Wednesdays. Millennium Centre. Contact: 01428 483827.  
**CHILTLEY BRIDGE CLUB** - Mr C. French-Lynch, 01428 727939 or Dick Roberts, 01428 722061.  
**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU** - National Number: 03000 0231 231.  
**CONFORD VILLAGE HALL TRUST** - Mrs R. Parry, 01428 751364 and Deputy, Mrs G. Woodward, 01428 751474.  
**COUNTRYSIDE COMPANIONS WALKING GROUP** - Christine Bullard, 01428 722974. w: www.cc-walkinggroup.co.uk  
**CRUSE** - bereavement care. Confidential counselling and information. 0808 808 1677.  
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**FLORAL DECORATION SOCIETY** - Liphook - Wendy Evans (Sec), 01428 722212.  
**FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH DOWNS** - 01798-8750732, e: enquiries@southdownssociety.org.uk  
**FURNITURE HELPLINE** - Gerald Robinson 01420 489000.  
**GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION** - Pam Higgins, 01428 751572.  
**HAMPSHIRE BADGER GROUP** - Mick Neeve, 01420 87366.  
**HASLEMERE BORDER ATHLETIC CLUB** - E: Contact@hbac.co.uk or w: www@bac.co.uk.  
**HASLEMERE CAMERA CLUB** - Clinton Blackman LRPS, 01428 727403.  
**HASLEMERE PERFORMING ARTS** - Angela Canton, 01428 652360.  
**HASLEMERE SUB AQUA CLUB** - Thursdays at Herons Leisure Centre, 7.45pm for lecture, 8.45pm for pool training. w: www.haslemeresubaquaclub.com  
**HASLEMERE SWIMMING CLUB** - Helen Reynolds, e: admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk  
**HASLEMERE TOWN BAND (BRASS)** - Chairman, Maurice Wright, 01428 723940.  
**HERITAGE CENTRE** - 1st Floor Millennium Centre, 01428 727275. e: liphookheritage@gmail.com  
**HOCKEY CLUB** - Haslemere Ladies (Home ground at Woolmer Hill) - Pauline McBrown, 01420 477409.  
**HOLLYCOMBE STEAM AND WOODLAND GARDENS SOCIETY** - Mr R. Hooker, 01428 724900.  
**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** - Bramshott and Liphook - Secretary: Ann Haussauer, 41 Chitley Way. 01428 723045. w: www.liphookhortsoc.org.uk  
**LABOUR PARTY** - Liphook Branch - Dr. John Tough, Horseshoes, Griggs Green, 01428 724492.  
**LAMPS** - Dave Rowlandson, 01420 475195.  
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**LIDBA** - (Businessmen's Association) Sec. Ken Charles, 01428 727438.  
**LIPHOOK ACADEMY OF DANCE** - Rebecca Paris, 01428 725267. Liphook, The Steward, 01428 722711.  
**LIPHOOK CARNIVAL** - Sally Cameron, 0771 731 3440.  
**LIPHOOK & RIPSLEY CRICKET CLUB** - Secretary - Nick Clansfield, 07789 284568. e: Nick.clansfield@hotmail.co.uk Youth Co-ordinator - Steve Saycell, 07771 788486. e: stevesaycell1@gmail.com  
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**LIPHOOK CHURCH CENTRE** - Enquiries: 01428 725390.  
**LIPHOOK COMMUNITY LAUNDRY** - Irene Ellis, Chairman, 01428 723823.

**LIPHOOK DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY** - Peak Centre, Bookings Sec. 01428 727751. Centre No. 01428 724941. e: info@liphookdaycentre.co.uk  
**LIPHOOK DIABETES UK COMMUNITY GROUP** - Sandy Maroney, 01428-725193. e: sandy.maroney@hotmail.co.uk  
**LIPHOOK FOOD BANK** - w: www.liphookfoodbank.com, 07871 287295 e: liphookfoodbank@gmail.com  
**LIPHOOK HISTORICAL WARGAMES GROUP** - Trevor Maroney, 01428 725193.  
**LIPHOOK IN BLOOM** - Joan Holdsworth, 01428 724016 or Phil Jordan, 01428 724903.  
**LIPHOOK & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB** - Nick Harling, e: idmrc-Secretary@outlook.com  
**LIPHOOK MILLENNIUM CENTRE** - 01428 723889. w: www.liphookmcc.co.uk  
**LIPHOOK MODELLERS CLUB** - John Clare, 01428 729967.  
**LIPHOOK TABLE TENNIS** - Peter Ritchie, 01428 727815.  
**LIPHOOK TENNIS CLUB** - Simon Hargreaves, 01428 474899/07717 016374.  
**LIPHOOK UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB** - Andrew Oxtan, e: chairman17@liphook-united.org John Raeyen, e: media-contact17@liphook-united.org  
**LIPHOOK VILLAGE HALL** - Bookings: Mrs L. Miller, 07751 832983.  
**LIPHOOK VILLAGE SURGERY PPG** - 01428 728270.  
**LIPHOOK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** - Secretary, Muriel Bullingham, 01428 741237.  
**LISS IN STITCHES** - Deirdre Mitchell, 01730 267214.  
**LOVE TO SING CHOIR** - Liphook Methodist Church Hall. Contact Vanessa K. Breach, 07766 083862 .  
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**M.A.D. COMPANY** - (Methodist Amateur Dramatics), 07766 083862.  
**MEALS ON WHEELS** - Apetito, 0808 271 6600.  
**MUSICAL SOCIETY** - Haslemere - Choir and Orchestra, Rehearsals Mondays. Sue Ecclestone, 01428 605612.  
**MYAWARE CHARITY (Myasthenia Gravis)** - Mrs J. Finney, 01428 776467.  
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**ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION** - Liss & District - 01730 895470.  
**R.S.P.C.A.** - Di Fowler, 0771 303 8429.  
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**u3a LIPHOOK** - e: 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, Jeanette Kirby, 01428 729404.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SWIMMING CLUB** - admin@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.

### GIRLGUIDING LIPHOOK DISTRICT

With guiding girls have fun, adventure and the space to discover their potential. If your daughter would like to join our active Girlguiding District in any section then register at: [www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/) and the unit leader will contact you directly.

Guiding Sections:

#### RAINBOWS AGES 5-7

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

#### BROWNIES AGES 7-10

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

#### GUIDES AGES 10-14

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

#### RANGERS AGES 14-18

1st Liphook Rangers - Wednesday

#### VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

Young Leaders ages 14-18  
Adult Volunteers 18+

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

[liphook-guides@outlook.com](mailto:liphook-guides@outlook.com)

### SCOUTS

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

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

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

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

- **Bryan Jackson** (Group Scout Leader) on **01428 723248** 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: [alisonjackson@btopenworld.com](mailto:alisonjackson@btopenworld.com) for all uniform or equipment enquiries.

#### Scouting sections:

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

*Any changes, please email to Fay Boyett:*

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## Flora Thompson's Fight to Write

*By John Owen ("Jo") Smith and Rod Sharp.*

Flora Thompson is best known as the author of *Lark Rise to Candleford*, now regarded as a classic of rural observation.

But she didn't write the book until she was in her 60s. So what was she doing in the years between the time which she was writing about and the time that she wrote it?

Find out at Liphook Millennium Centre Canada Room at 8.00pm on Friday 22nd April when local author and playwright John Owen ("Jo") Smith will talk about his play *Flora's Peverel* which brings to life the period 1916-1928 in Liphook (her 'Peverel') when, against the odds, she won the fight to write.

The play will be performed on 16th July in Liphook Village Hall and also tour to other local venues.



