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## AGE CONCERN, LIPHOOK

# New Cuppa Club Launched

By  
Gabrielle  
Pike.



Age Concern Liphook are keen to make the organisation more visible within the community and more active in the support it offers.

In doing so they are investigating the possibility of establishing a befriending service within the local area, where volunteers are matched with those in need, offering a regular telephone chat, meeting up for a coffee or tea, doing a little shopping every now and then or just collecting a prescription from the chemist on a regular or occasional basis. Anything to prevent the feelings of isolation and loneliness within our elderly population.

They have also co-ordinated a series of day trips to garden centres, pubs and shopping centres for meals out, afternoon tea and a good natter over a cuppa and cake this spring.

Pick up and drop off is from home, utilising the Age Concern minibus. There is no cost for the trip, but participants will need to meet the cost of their shopping and lunch.

Age Concern are aware that many of the elderly are keen to leave the house and socialise. They have started a "Cuppa Club" on alternate Mondays at the Church Centre between 2.00pm and 4.00pm, where anyone can pop along for the opportunity to participate in some light-hearted activities to get mind and body more active or the chance to just sit and chat with someone.

Transport is available to and from the Church Centre by prior arrangement.

The club will charge £3 per person to help cover the cost of refreshments.

Please contact Penny Leigh on **07724 333730** for more details.

### Days out in 2023 are planned for:

Friday 31 March to a Garden Centre  
Friday 21 April to a Pub Lunch  
Monday 19 May for a trip to Southsea.

### Further day trips are planned for:

Monday 12 June and Friday 23 June  
Friday 14 July and Friday 28 July  
Friday 8 September and Monday 28 September  
Friday 6 October and Friday 27 October  
Monday 18 December for the Age Concern Christmas Party.



## IT'S OFFICIAL

# The Liphook Carnival Continues!

Copy and Photo by Gabrielle Pike.

After an exceptionally successful event last October, celebrating 120 years of the Liphook Carnival, which attracted hundreds of revellers and raised more than £5,000, committee members unanimously voted to keep the Carnival going.

Several new members have now joined the committee and with a slight shift in rank and structure there is fresh support. Some members decided to step down after putting in a remarkable two decades of support, but with chair Sally Cameron at the helm and president Jill Howie lending their support for another year, the magic will carry on.

The money raised over the years has been helping local groups and charities - like the Liphook Food Bank, who have been in very high demand within the community.

The committee is still reaching out for support to fill various roles during the forthcoming event, from marshalling to leaflet dropping, litter picking and many more tasks and is pleased to welcome any volunteers.

The next Liphook Carnival will take place, as always, the night the clocks go back, on **Saturday, 29 October 2023.**

# We're in it Together

By Marilyn Ambrose.

One of the advantages of belonging to a walking group is that you do not have to go through the New Year guilt trip to 'do something about your fitness' – you start the year with one box already ticked. Perversely, once you are in a group that meets regularly on a Thursday, you will find that every single appointment you are offered, be it medical, dental, hairdresser, social, whatever, will always be on a Thursday! But the stand out plus of being in the Group for me this past quarter has been during the cold frosty days we had in December. I have to confess that I do not think I would have ventured out in these conditions normally, but the icy spell covered two Thursdays, when we walked in the most glorious conditions – no wind, bright sunshine, crunchy ground underfoot.

*A frosty Woolbeding Common.*



The first was an introduction to the Rother Walk. From Midhurst, you follow this path from the narrow bridge and then along a board walk coming out on Woolbeding Common, with views of Woolbeding house, the folly and the striking opening Glasshouse. (Fascinating history found in Wikipedia: In 1791 the house and estate was sold to Lord Robert Spencer, the youngest son of the 3rd Duke of Marlborough. The house then descended in the Spencer family via his stepdaughter Diana Bouverie to her daughter, who bequeathed it to the Lascelles family. They in turn made it over in the late 1940s to the National Trust, who leased it to businessman, philanthropist and art collector Simon Sainsbury until his death in 2006. His partner Stewart Grimshaw remains in occupation.) Crossing the A272, you



*Coffee break.*



*Flood!*

return to Easebourne round the south side of Midhurst and via the eternally lovely Cowdray ruins – is there a better way to enjoy a crisp, sunny day?

When you think you know an area, discovering a new route is always a delightful surprise – another plus for our Group, as we change leaders weekly (no political comparisons, please!) which means our programme is always varied. The second chilly Thursday

saw us on walk around Rake and Hillbrow, initially on the Sussex Border path, returning via Tipsall and Rogate Common, with the perfect ending with our traditional Christmas pub lunch.

Was the cold snap the price we had to pay for the mild weather of October, one wonders? There had certainly been a fair amount of rain – we got pretty soaked walking on the North Downs from East Clandon to West Hanger ("there are lovely views" I kept trying to convince the group). We stopped for a picnic during a miraculously dry spell at The Tillingbourne Brewery, which we happened upon on our prewalk. The Brewery where they brew 5000 pints a week is, literally, in the middle of nowhere in some farm barns, and we were very grateful that they allowed us to use their picnic benches.



*Despite the intensely blue sky, you can see from the way we are wrapped up that it was below freezing.*

This was also the walk where we passed by a Woodland burial site and noted they advertised that you could also get married there – is it just me who finds that a bit weird? Further rain nearly undid us in mid-November walking (or wading) round Lurgashall and Lickfold. But I am glad we persevered as our detour route, in beautiful sunny weather highlighting the autumn tints of the leafy carpet, involved limboing under a fence, elephant traps in the woods at the coffee stop and some very dodgy stiles, especially the one that had a large cow pat in the centre of the approach to the stile, with puddles and a bog for landing in on the other side (see pictures). There was only one walk last quarter when we enjoyed the traditional autumnal pastime of kicking through the covering of dried leaves – otherwise the overriding memory is squelching. But come rain or shine, we are out there, occasionally agreeing we must all be a bit bonkers.

Hopefully by the time you read this, spring will be just around the corner. If you feel like coming to join us in our seasonal adventures, you would be most welcome – you know where we are:

**Facebook Countryside Companions Walking Group.**



*Trying out limbo.*



*Walking the plank over a stream*



# Have Your Say

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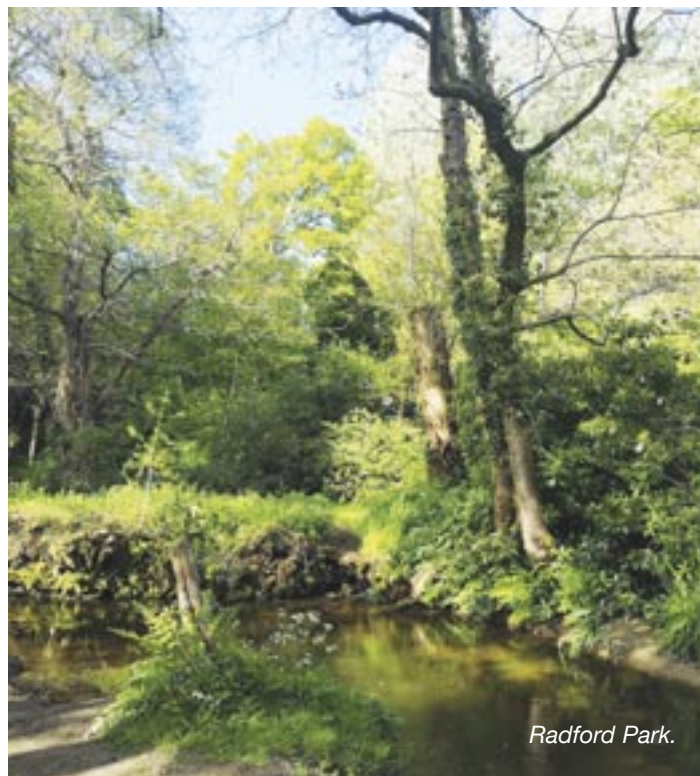
## Your Parish, Your Views

Local residents will have an opportunity to view, ask questions and give feedback on the latest Bramshott & Liphook Neighbourhood Development Plan (B&L NDP), at drop in consultation events to be held on 22nd and 25th March at the Liphook Millennium Centre.

## Why do we need a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

The B&L NDP has been prepared on behalf of the Parish Council by the B&L NDP Steering Group (SG), comprising volunteers from the community & local councillors and is chaired by Louise Bevan.

Louise explains “the B&L NDP is important as it is an opportunity for us all to have a say on what is important to us about where we live and to shape a vision for the future of the Parish. It is about ensuring we have the right housing to meet the needs of local people but is so much more, including



Radford Park.

safeguarding the environment and history and heritage of the Parish and achieving a range of facilities such as for sport and recreation. Without an NDP we risk housing developments that will not meet strict design guidelines or meet local needs such as size and affordability.”

From the beginning, the B&L NDP has been guided by the need to engage as widely as possible with the local community to ensure the plan and policies reflect the views of the Parish.

The SG worked during 2022 to engage with residents and local businesses and held regular open evenings. The B&L NDP will form part of East Hampshire District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority’s local plans, and discussions have taken place on each of the topic areas covered by the Plan.

## What is included in an NDP?

At the drop in events residents can view and comment on the vision and planning policies;

- Vision to 2040
- Neighbourhood design & sustainability
- Environment and green spaces
- Transport and movement
- Meeting local housing needs including affordability
- Site assessments
- Local economy and employment
- Accessible community facilities
- Infrastructure.

## What are the main challenges and issues facing the Parish?

We recognise that there are significant challenges associated with traffic congestion in Liphook Square, the lack of affordable housing and unmet infrastructure needs. There are limits to what can be achieved by the B&L NDP. However, an NDP can give greater control to the community in guiding future development.

## Have your say on the future of your Parish. Get involved!

To find out more, please visit:

NDP Website:

<https://bramshottandliphookndp.uk/>

Parish Council Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/bramshottandliphook/>

# The Lightning Sky

The lightening sky brings in the dawn,  
And crisp the air on tree and shrub,  
As frost-encrusted, jewelled lawn,  
Hosts blackbird seeking worm and grub.

A myriad of birds, descend,  
And swing off fat blocks, safe secure,  
The tiny beaks drill deep inside,  
To reach the depths of each allure.

The steam arises, fast and thick,  
The bonnets of our cars alight,  
And solar power, performs her trick,  
As sunlight shrugs the shreds of night.

Begone the days of wind and storm,  
Of flood and tempest, struggles deep,  
As through the loam new life is born,  
Where once the daffodil did sleep.

The lightening sky brings in the dawn  
And crisp the air on shrub and tree,  
Embrace this glorious, sunny morn,  
A day I never thought to see.

Angela Glass



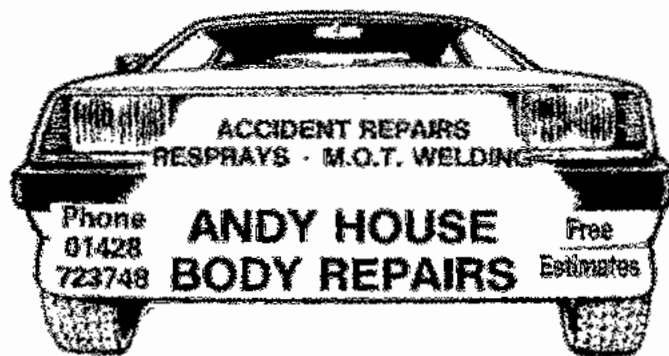
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# The Millennium Centre

By Gill Snedden.

## Films for this season

27th January – Mrs Harris goes to Paris

24th February – The Outfit

Friday 24th March – See how they Run

Friday 14th April – Living

We encourage people to bring their own beverages and snacks if required. Films are screened at 2.00pm & 7.30pm, doors open 30 mins prior to the film.

To book or find out more about the films available:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/liphookmillenniumcentre> or call the office on **01428 723889**, or just come along on the day.

In addition dates (TBC) for the Summer season are Friday 26th May, Friday 30th June, Friday 28th July and Friday 11th August.

**Liphook Millennium Centre** is now hosting a few social events, supported by a growing team of volunteers, if you would like to volunteer at the Liphook Millennium Centre please get in touch.

**Mondays** – we offer a warm space to enjoy a cuppa with a homemade cake or biscuit, 11.00am – 12 noon. We hope to continue this throughout the year, though we might exchange the hot drinks for a cool glass of elderflower in the summer months.

**Fridays** – from 12 noon – 1.30pm, we offer a bowl of homemade soup with bread for £3.50 per person.

This will continue until the end of March and resume in October.

**Volunteers Social Events** – we are hosting a number of events during the year, aimed at helping all of our local groups and organisations to find volunteers. We are inviting current and prospective volunteers to meet at social gatherings at the Millennium Centre, anyone interested please contact:

Gill Snedden on **01428 723889**

or [events.manager@bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk](mailto:events.manager@bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk)

**Tuesday 24th January – Coffee Morning**

**Wednesday 26th April – Games afternoon**

**Friday 4th August – TBC**

**Wednesday 8th November – TBC**



## Gingerbread House Competition



*Gingerbread House workshop.*



*Gingerbread houses being constructed.*

Our gingerbread Competition was held on Sunday 18th December and everyone had a really good time. All the entries were absolutely brilliant and certificates were given to all those who attended with additional certificates for the judges personal favourites.



*Completed Gingerbread houses.*

We will hold this competition again in 2023. In addition to the houses made from gingerbread we will also encourage people to make houses

from recycled items, drawings, paintings, etc. The Competition is just for fun and open to all age groups.

Look out for details of all our events on our website:

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



*All the houses with entrants.*

*the better the community works together,  
the better the community works.*



# NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION OF Liphook Infant & Junior School



As the year progresses, the children, from Year R to Year 6, continue to demonstrate our federation values of 'friendship, respect and excellence'. They collaborate well with each other and support one another in all aspects of school life. The selection of photos shows a broad spread of the activities and opportunities the children have engaged in across the federation.



In **Reception and Year 1**, the children continue to develop their phonic knowledge. We use a programme which teaches the children each of the sounds that are represented by the letters which we read before providing them with books which contain these sounds so that the children can apply their learning when

they are reading. They have 3 sessions per week where they focus on reading accuracy (decoding), expression (prosody) and their understanding (comprehension) before taking the books home to show off their skills to their parents! We are so proud of them - their progress has been amazing so far this year.

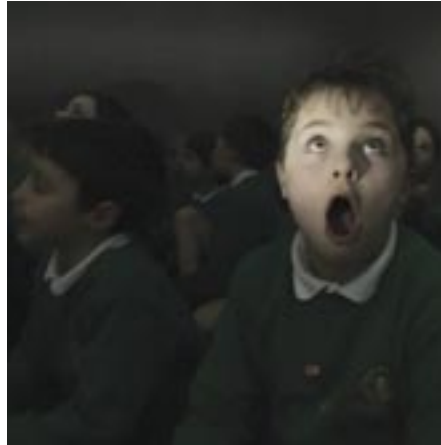


In **Year 2**, the children have been developing a wide range of art skills. Most recently, they have been focusing on the art of Hokusai, the Japanese painter and printmaker. The children have

explored artistic techniques when drawing and representing waves, before studying Hokusai's 'The Great Wave off Kanagawa' and imitating his style to produce their own versions of his work.



In **Year 3**, the children have enjoyed using different grades of pencil and have used a variety of shading techniques to create some stunning drawings of mountainous landscapes. They enjoyed visiting the science dome and learnt more about rocks and volcanoes.



In **Year 4**, the children have worked very creatively and carefully to produce some stunning illuminated letters. They are really enjoying learning about Anglo Saxons and are equally excited that they will be learning about the Vikings.



It's all about Space in **Year 5**! Children in Year 5 have produced some lovely models of the solar system and really enjoyed visiting the planetarium to find out more about the Earth in Space. They have also produced some lovely artwork.



**Year 6** are working very hard and are enjoying learning about Charles Darwin and evolution. The children particularly enjoyed using the microscopes to learn more about living things.





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# Ann and Ian Haussauer

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Ian & Ann Haussauer

Well known for their contributions to life in Liphook both Ann and Ian were originally from out of this area. Ian was based in Buckinghamshire when he met Ann who was at that time working in Manchester. When Ann's job with IBM moved to Portsmouth they looked for their future home in this area and moved here in 1985. Ian continued to commute to Staines for his job in the building services industry while Ann gave up her career when their son Chris arrived on the scene.

While their son was young Ann became involved in various volunteer roles including a toddler group and a spell as a governor at Hollycombe School in Milland. In time she managed to find time to return to work part-time at Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council eventually becoming Deputy Parish Clerk. She also has other interests and has studied for City and Guilds qualifications in both soft furnishings and flower arranging.



*Ann and Ian's garden.*

Throughout this time both Ian and Ann's love of gardening was evident. They joined the Bramshott and Liphook Horticultural Society soon after moving here, gradually, as time permitted, becoming more and more involved. Ian says that he feels he got his love of gardening from his father and particularly enjoys his vegetable growing but also grows flowers.

Ian has had his allotment for many years now. He says that in the early days he was

particularly encouraged by fellow allotment holders Tony West and Fred Simmons who had a great reputation in the vegetable showing world, both being consistent winners both locally and in the Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies Annual Allotment Competition. Tony West had described one of Ian's cauliflowers as "a twenty pointer" referring to the maximum points that can be awarded in a class which was high praise. Prior to their intervention Ian had never entered a show class but started having a go with a few classes at the Horticultural Society shows and was completely bitten by the bug when he won a first prize for one of his entries. Ian can't remember now which vegetable or class this was as over the years he has entered just about any vegetable you can think of into the Horticultural Society shows. He is the winner of countless prizes and has won the "Full Size Allotment" class at the Hampshire Federation level ten times. Once he had the bug Ian encouraged Ann to enter flower classes and she has also won many trophies for her sweet peas, dahlias, and roses amongst others.

They see their interest in gardening and entering classes as a hobby they can do together. As a couple they enter up to 40 classes per show and have been invited to enter other local horticultural shows such as Liss and Milland. Ann leaves the allotment to Ian but assists by sowing the seeds in the greenhouse at home, passing the responsibility to Ian when the seedlings are ready to be planted out. Ian says that his experience at the allotments

has shown him the generosity of spirit that is out there – receiving, and in time giving, advice, tips and encouragement which has engendered their community spirit. Ian was also a member of Liphook Carnival committee for a number of years from 1998, including a stint as their Treasurer. Through Adrian Bird, Ian was introduced to long distance walking in the Scottish Highlands but nowadays Ian's interests are slightly closer to home with his great loves of sailing and, of course, gardening.



*Ian with one of his wins.*

duties, organises the lists of speakers for the local branches and the judges for their shows.

Ann has been Secretary of the Horticultural Society since 2017 and whilst Ian is off sailing prefers to keep her feet on dry land where her interests include making soft furnishings and arranging the flowers at St Luke's Church, Linch.

The Horticultural Society shows are usually held at the

Church Centre. They also have four talks a year, an outing – 2022's being to Plant Passion in East Clandon – and a Summer Party which is held in a member's garden. Ian and Ann are hoping that the 2023 Garden Party will be held in their garden once their building works (several months in at the time of writing) have been completed!

They now have a grandson who, at the age of three, is already showing an interest in gardening by digging holes in their garden! Ann and Ian feel fortunate that now they are retired they have the time to support the community and look forward to spending many more years in Liphook. In turn the community is fortunate to have two such passionate and community spirited gardeners to inspire us.

After holding roles including Secretary and Chairman, Ian has been President of our local Horticultural Society since 2019, Chairman of the Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies and also on the Allotment Holders committee. The Hampshire Federation, amongst other



*Ann and a floral triumph.*

# LEAD CLIMBING AND BOULDERING

## Bohunt Pupil Represents GB

By Gabrielle Pike. Photos by David Xiberras.

Liphook resident, Isabella Edgington, was one of the GB Climbing athletes selected for every international competition in 2022; which was her breakout year on the team. The 16-year-old Bohunt star pupil represented Great Britain at the Continental Youth Cups in Soure in Portugal, Ostermündingen in Switzerland and Dornbirn in Austria.



She represented GB at the Youth European championships in Lead Climbing in Augsburg, Germany as well as travelled to Graz in Austria for the Youth European Championships in Bouldering. The 2022 international season culminated with a trip to Dallas, USA where she represented youth A (under 18) in both Lead Climbing and Bouldering. Isabella reached the semi-finals in Lead Climbing finishing in 19th place as top GB girl in youth A and narrowly

missing the semi-final qualification in Bouldering where she finished 22nd in the world.



In addition, Isabella was never off the podium during the 2022 National Competition season holding the Welsh Bouldering and English Lead titles as well as several other podiums including 3rd at the Junior British Bouldering Championships.

Isabella achieved all of this alongside studying for her GCSE's at Bohunt School, achieving outstanding results including seven grade 9's; one of the top GCSE results achieved at the school.

**Where did it all start?** This all began at a friend's 7th Birthday party at a local climbing wall, but the passion ignited during a lockdown family project building a home climbing wall in the back garden, with climbs regularly set by her coach, Liphook resident Guy Davenport.



Isabella is aspiring to continue climbing for her country as an adult in the years to come, with the sport now reaching new heights as an Olympic event. Liphook Sports Therapist Stuart Gordon from All About Balance is supporting Isabella maintaining peak performance

2023 has begun well, with a 5th place at the English Bouldering Championships in her first event



as a senior, despite still having 3 years as a youth competitor remaining. The remainder of 2023 will be a busy year, continuing her A-level studies

at Bohunt Sixth Form College, attending various international selection events for youth and senior, alongside training and other national/international competitions.

Climbing was the last of the new Olympic sports to make its appearance at Tokyo 2020. It's an event that neatly embodies the revised Olympic motto 'faster, higher, stronger, together' - with competitors climbing walls using fixed hand and foot holds in three disciplines.

**Bouldering** - climbers take turns to complete routes, known as problems, on a 4.5m structure in as few attempts as possible. They can have as many attempts as they like within a set time. Scores are determined by the number of problems either fully or partially solved. The problems are reset between qualification and finals and the climbers are allowed two minutes to observe the problem before the finals.



**Lead** - competitors must climb as high as they can up a 15m wall within six minutes in one attempt. The route is changed between qualification and the finals and athletes are allowed to look prior to the finals.

**Speed** - two competitors race against each other to the top of a 15m high wall with a five degree overhang and have to hit a buzzer to stop the clock. The route is the same in every competition. At the 2024 Paris Games, speed will be a separate event, alongside a joint Bouldering/Lead competition.

Competing and training at this level requires a massive investment from all the family, not just Isabella, in travelling, accommodation, training at centres all over the country as well as training camps abroad. This sport has very little funding centrally, which means parents, friends and family are covering costs to help Isabella achieve her goals. Go to Isabella's go fund me page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/isabella-international-competition-support?qid=937e78478bee358a681a525f242f15a7> or follow her journey via Instagram: @izzyclimbs



# Churcher's College

Churcher's College Junior School had an exciting end to the half term with all the children linking their learning to the painting *Surprised* by Henri Rousseau as part of the National Gallery's Take One Picture Project.

The **Juniors** had a visit from paper flower artist, Wendy Sturgess of the Paper Flower Company. She inspired the children in **Years 3 – 6** with her lifelike creations and we were impressed with the children's work that they completed in their workshops. As a school, we have been making a large collage of the jungle and we also have been working on a video with a song linked to tiger conservation.



The **Nursery** joined in with Art Week. The children have learnt about tigers and looked at their stripy pattern. In drama, they had a go at acting out a tiger creeping through the jungle! They loved their book of the week *'Don't wake up tiger'* and experimented with making lots of different noises with both body percussion and different instruments.

**Reception** used lots of different arts and crafts to try and create things that are found on the jungle floor. Leaf rubbings, caterpillars, conker snails and model spiders were all a big part of their week. **Year 1** made ants and **Year 2** produced butterfly sun catchers.

**Year 3** embraced everything tiger during Art Week, enjoying learning about tiger conservation in Geography lessons and using their knowledge to create a stunning display at the Middle School entrance. **Year 4** linked their work to the rainforest and impressed us in their drama workshop whilst creating collage animals for the whole school art work that will be revealed later in the year.

**Year 6** concentrated on making beautiful silk paintings inspired

by the plants in *'Surprised!'* by Henri Rousseau. They also thoroughly enjoyed their flower workshop, making some stunning hibiscus inspired blooms in tropical colours. The painting not only inspired art work, but also our English classes! The children concentrated on *'The Tyger'* by William Blake, analysing the meaning of the poem and thinking about the importance of structure and vocabulary choices. Interesting questions about the figurative use of the tiger were raised, alongside looking at the repetition of the first verse and what significance it could have. This amazing poem, alongside many more, has inspired **Year 6** to create some of their own tiger-based poetry.

As part of our Art Week Mark Ellis visited from the David Sheppard Foundation to tell us all about the conservation of tigers. The children were fascinated to learn all about the different tigers and their habitats and the threats they face for survival.

The Arts Week Rainforest display was completed with the whole school community taking part and it will be entered into the National Gallery *'Take One Picture'* competition as well as the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation Global Canvas Competition; the theme for this being *'Biodiversity-the complex web of Life'*. The children

were thrilled to see the results of all the different things they painted, collaged or made, coming together to make such a vibrant scene!

An independent review and inspection covering every aspect of Churcher's College, from Nursery and Reception in Liphook to Senior and Sixth Form in Petersfield, was conducted by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) in November 2022 and rated us 'excellent' in all areas. The complete report can be found on **ChurchersCollege.com**

The ideal route to start your child's Churcher's journey is to join the Owls and Pussycats in our Nursery. Due to popular demand, we are now also expanding to offer two Reception classes resulting in a handful of places available for September 2023. Join us at an open event to explore our school for yourself.

To book a place or if you are interested in a Reception or Nursery place for September 2023, please get in touch with our Admissions team who will be happy to help with any questions. **hello@churcherscollege.com**



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# Liphook in Bloom

By Barbara Miller.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING

Sitting down to write this article on a very wet and gloomy day in January I am really looking forward to spring. Walking through The Square yesterday I noticed that the bulbs in the flowerbeds are beginning to shoot, so spring cannot be far off.



*Busy planting bulbs.*

Back in November we planted over 9,000 bulbs. In addition to our usual daffodils and tulips we planted crocus in the new shrub bed in Station Road and hyacinth in the Millennium bed (that's the large circular bed opposite Sainsburys) as well as bellis and forget-me-nots instead of pansies this year. Hopefully by the time you read this magazine you will have been able to enjoy a lovely display of spring flowers throughout the village, not to mention the perfume from the hyacinth.



*The bedding plants have arrived!*



*Enjoying a well earned rest after all that planting!*

Members of the Liphook in Bloom team spend considerable time during the winter planning for next summer. High on everyone's mind is the coronation of King Charles III so Liphook in Bloom will be celebrating this in their floral designs in the flowerbeds in The Square.

There will be entirely different displays in the outlying beds. Some of you may remember the poem 'The Lady of Shallot' by Alfred Lord Tennyson from your schooldays. If you cannot remember it too well, it might be worth finding a copy and re-reading it because that is our other theme for the summer. There will be four beds each taking lines from the poem and interpreting them in flowers.

Liphook in Bloom is a voluntary organisation mostly funded by sponsorship. We welcome new members and helpers. If you are new to the village joining an organisation such as Liphook in Bloom is a great way to get to know people. No special knowledge or expertise is needed (although very useful if you do!) as we will show you what to do – if you don't know much about gardening it is a good way to learn. Maybe you could help with the watering; we urgently need drivers with a tow bar to tow the bowser as well as people to assist with the watering. Above all being out in the fresh air communicating with nature as well as other people is well acknowledged to be good for our mental health and wellbeing.

If you are able to help Liphook in Bloom in any way please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please give Joan Holdsworth a call on: **01428 724016** or contact us via our website: **[www.liphookinbloom.co.uk](http://www.liphookinbloom.co.uk)** we would love to hear from you.

Our website includes some lovely photographs too!



*Container with Red Bellis.*



*Poppy to come down and bulbs to plant.*

# The Churches of Liphook

## Welcome to Liphook Churches' Easter Services 2023

Details are correct at time of going to press, but please check before attending.

### METHODIST CHURCH

**Sunday 2nd April.** 10.00am.

Worship for Palm Sunday .

**Thursday 6th April.** 6.00pm.

Agape Meal and Reflection at Midhurst Methodist Church.

**Friday 7th April.** 10.00am.

Worship for Good Friday.

**Sunday 9th April.** 10.00am.

Holy Communion for Easter.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

For details of Holy Week and Easter services please visit the parish website: <http://liphookcatholic.uk>

### TRINITY CHURCH

**Sunday 2nd April.** 11.00am.

Palm Sunday Service.

**Friday 7th April.** 10.30am.

Good Friday Joint Service held at St Peters IPC, Liss.

**Sunday 9th April.** 11.00am.

Easter Sunday Family Service (Cake and coffee served from 10.30am).

**Sunday 9th April.** 5.30pm.

Easter Sunday Evening Service.

All services (except the Good Friday Service which will be held at St Peters IPC in Liss) will be held at Liphook Infant School.

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Sunday 2nd April.** 9.30am.

Palm Sunday (joint service).

**Friday 7th April.** 12.00am - 1.00pm

Good Friday Reflections.

St Mary's, Bramshott.

**Sunday 9th April.** 8.00am and 9.30am.

Easter Sunday Communion.

**Sunday 9th April.** 10.45am.

Easter Sunday Family Communion.

Liphook Church Centre.

## Catholic Church

As you read this we will be in the midst of the season of Lent. Seven weeks when Christians are called to more fervent prayer, to acts of charity – particularly in support of those in poverty – and to fasting and self-denial. For much of secular society January has become a month of abstinence (at least in theory) and the media are full of references to Dry January and Veguary. For the Church though, all of January falls within the celebration of the forty days of Christmas so it is not an appropriate time for general fasting.

So is Lent the Church's equivalent of the rest of society's abstemious January? Not really. Lent is certainly not a post-Christmas de-tox; a period to purge our bodies of Christmas excess, to lose a bit of weight and to help repair the damage done to our bank balances. Lent is not a response to too much celebration but, rather, a preparation for a greater festivity still to come.

Easter is the highlight of the Christian year, the celebration of Christ's victory over death, but although Easter Eggs have been

on the supermarket shelves since the New Year we are not feasting just yet. We remember that there is no Easter without Good Friday. We remember the Christ's victory came at a cost. We remember that the babe we worshipped in the manger is the man who willingly went to torture and death so that we might share in his triumph over the power of death. So, before we feast at Easter, we pray, we help those less fortunate than ourselves and we willingly give up something ourselves – to remind ourselves what Jesus gave up for us. May you all enjoy a blessed Easter

*Father Simon Chinery*



**LiphookCatholic.uk**

Church of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday Worship at 11.00am

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

## Church of England

It's always sad to lose a friend. I first met Alan Geddes on my interview day over 10 years ago. First impressions can be misleading, but not with Alan! I could see he was a man of faith who had a strong personality! A personality and a faith that I got to know over the years and to love and respect greatly. I especially loved all his stories – one of my favourites being the time that Alan was held up at gun point by a local priest when he was in Brazil. We have great relations with our Catholic brothers and sisters in Liphook – but I think this particular fellow took Umbridge at all Alan was doing to build a community who loved Jesus in his village and he told him never to come back again – typically Alan was back the next week!

We're all going to miss Alan. But I know that Alan would always want me to talk about the God he loved so much and gave his life to. He first met this God when he caught the wrong train from Edinburgh and happened to meet a whole load of missionaries from Africa. To him they looked fuddy duddy and

old, but he was so amazed by all their stories of God's love and provision and power that he decided to make their faith his.

We're coming up to Easter when we remember what it cost our amazing Father to bring us back to him. This year I'd encourage us all to reach out to him and ask his help. Like Alan it could be the best decision that we ever make.

*Reverend Valentine Inglis-Jones*



**St Mary's Bramshott  
Church Centre Liphook**

Sunday worship at St Mary's, Bramshott at 9.30am

Sunday worship at Church Centre, Liphook at 10.45am

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



# Methodist Church

## What's wrong with the world?!

At the root of most things that go wrong is the human pursuit of one, some or all of money, power, image, status and 'stuff' (the acquisition of more and more material goods or possessions - stuff).

St Paul wrote to Timothy that it is the love of money that is at the root of all kinds of evil and sometimes it is true that it is the love of money that lies at the root of people's desire for power, image, status and stuff.


When people concentrate on their own material benefit to the detriment of others sooner or later there is damage and breakdown to relationships. The relationship may be a close personal one within a family or household; or it may be within a group or community; or it may be the relationship between groups within a nation; or between nations.

When individuals, groups or nations pursue money, power, image, status and 'stuff', without consideration for the good of the community or the common good of all, the logical end result is anarchy where the weak and vulnerable will always suffer most.

That was why God gave laws to the Israelites about their responsibility to care for the widow, the orphan and the strangers in their midst. Jesus came so that by his life, ministry, death and resurrection we could not only have a set of laws that we would fail to keep but we could be transformed to live a new life by the power of his Spirit within us.

Easter is the demonstration of that new life and Pentecost (50 days after Easter) is the reminder that the Holy Spirit is available to us all to live in God's ways of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

**Reverend David Muskett**

  
**The Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship at 10am  
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# Trinity Church

In David Michôd's 2019 film 'The King' (based on Shakespeare's Henry IV Parts 1 & 2 and Henry V) Sir John Falstaff and King Henry V are speaking the night before the famous battle of Agincourt and Sir John Falstaff tells the King 'A King has no friends, only followers or foe'. The comment speaks of the King as a man apart, someone who is to some degree isolated from his people, someone we cannot truly know but only obey, serve and follow.

As we draw near to the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, you might agree with the sentiment of Falstaff as you watch the ceremony. It would be hard to imagine how we could draw near in friendship to the King as he stands in his regalia and is shown fealty by the great and the good.

We could easily make the mistake of thinking the same way about Jesus. The Bible clearly affirms that Jesus is God's chosen King. But Jesus himself is very clear that though he is the King, and that he indeed has followers, he has decided to make them his friends. On the night before his death Jesus said this to those nearest him:

*'Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends'*

*(John 15:13-15 ESV)*

This is the good news of Easter, that Jesus dies on the cross for his friends to save them from their sins. That is our great problem and Jesus was born to save us from it, if we become his friend by doing what he tells us, namely trusting and believing in him. So Jesus isn't a distant or austere King who we can only follow or oppose. Jesus is the friend and saviour of sinners. And he will be your friend if you trust in him.

If you want to explore the message of Jesus please do get in touch.

**Pastor Sean Clokey**

  
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# Christian Aid



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# The Story of the Carnival

By  
Jen  
Woodsford.

The volunteers at the Heritage Centre have been very busy recently going through the extensive archives on Liphook Carnival. They have now produced a display charting the story of the Carnival from its earliest days with the Bonfire Boys up to the present day. There are many photos of the parade – go and have a nostalgic look and see how many entrants you can remember.

This display is only the tip of the iceberg – if there is any particular feature or year that interests you do say and the volunteers can pull out some of their archive boxes for you to peruse!



Whether you go to see the Carnival display or are interested in something else related to the local area visitors can always be assured of a friendly welcome.

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## LIPHOOK HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

# 2023 Programme of Events

For further information on BL&DHS please contact Ann Haussauer 01428 723045

16th March	<b>Talk</b> - Coppicing and management of woodland. <i>Chris Westcott</i> . Church Centre. Talk starts at 7.30pm.	2nd September	<b>Autumn Show</b> - Bring & Buy Plant Sale. Sale of Daffodil bulbs for Spring Show (Class 13). Church Centre 2.00 – 4.00pm. Admission free.
1st April	<b>Spring Show</b> - Bring & Buy Plant Sale. Sale of Fuchsias for Summer Show (Class 51). Church Centre 2.00 – 4.00pm. Admission free.	19th October	<b>Talk</b> - How to grow decorative/flowering alliums successfully through the season. <i>Jackie Currie</i> - National Collection Holder. Church Centre. Talk starts at 7.30pm.
June	<b>Garden Visit</b> - Venue TBA.	16th November	<b>AGM &amp; Social Evening with Quiz</b> - Church Centre 7.30pm. Non-members £5.00.
25th June	<b>Summer Party</b>		
22nd July	<b>Summer Show</b> - Bring & Buy Plant Sale. Church Centre 2.00 – 4.00pm. Admission free.		



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Liphook u3a has around 40 Groups covering subjects such as history, computing, crafts, photography, walking, trips out to places of interest and theatres, plus many more.

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

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

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# The Repair Shop

By Simon Catford.

(NO, NOT THAT ONE...)



*Campaign banner.*

Those of us anywhere near a television screen over Christmas 2022 could not have failed to see HM The King utilising the services of the famous Repair Shop team (headed by Jay Blades) based at Singleton Open Air Museum as they breathed new life into yet another treasured heirloom. It's compulsive watching and has captured the nation's imagination to the very real possibilities of mending and re-use. Why throw something away if it can be repaired or renovated? As a consequence, a number of local repair shops

or cafes have sprung up across the country and here in the Three Counties, we have our fair share too. I went along to one such in Haslemere to find out more.

Operating under the banner of 'Love Haslemere. Hate Waste' the Repair Café meets on the first Saturday of the month between 10:00 and 13:00 in their new base at the Swan Inn on the High Street. As founder Victoria Page (known to everyone as Tause) explains, "Our army of expert volunteers will examine your item and explore how and when it can be repaired or refurbished. We call them our 'Ministry of Menders' and they all have loads of experience working with a huge range of everyday objects be it electrical, mechanical, natural materials, textiles, china and glass to name but a few. There isn't much they can't tackle and they will discuss it all with you before work commences." Judging by the number of items being brought in during my visit, the dozen-strong Ministry of Menders will be kept busy for a while. "It's been hugely popular," confirms Tause, "and we are all delighted that we can get so many items back into use rather than just chuck them away!"

Founded by Tause in 2019, Love Haslemere. Hate Waste has a vision to make waste-free living the norm and has found huge traction in the locality. With five key strands to their campaign; food, plastic, clothing, natural resources and reusables, Tause

*The 'Ministry of Menders' (Tause on extreme left).*



and the team have captured the zeitgeist of a society that is increasingly concerned with the environment and climate change. "The Repair Café is but one bit of what we are trying to do but it's certainly the most visible – and a lot of fun!" says Tause "but we are more than just a bunch of nimble-fingered volunteers. We are all passionate about what we do and we help to inspire and empower others to change the way they live and consume such that it becomes normal behaviour."

The website [www.lovehaslemerehatewaste.co](http://www.lovehaslemerehatewaste.co) details more about their work. Tause is particularly excited about the 'Library of Things' which will launch early this year. "Through the Library of Things," explains Tause, "you can borrow items such as wallpaper strippers, hedge trimmers, sewing machines and other general tools, just like you would a regular book. Why go to the expense – and lock up precious resources in the process – of buying something you use only once or twice? Who needs three electric drills sitting in the shed?!"

Donations of suitable items are welcome as too are punters to hire them. A modest charge is proposed, proceeds of which are channelled back into the campaign who are a registered charity.

A number of similar campaigns are being set up around the South East with Farnham, Godalming and Dorking already established. This is in addition to the 'Men's Shed' initiative where community spaces are set up for men to connect, converse and create – and repair and repurpose items. There are Sheds in Liss, Petersfield and Bordon – more details at [www.menssheds.org.uk](http://www.menssheds.org.uk) This is a fast-growing sector and dovetails nicely with the work of waste reduction.

So the question must be; could similar campaigns be set up in Liphook? "Most certainly!" says Tause. "We started Love Haslemere. Hate Waste with just an idea really. We had no perception of where it would take us but a small group formed and held a meeting in the town. Over 100 people turned up so we knew right away we were onto something. Since then, and due to the passion and commitment of all our lovely volunteers, we are where we are now. It has been an incredible journey and we're not done yet. So yes, any community can do this – just go for it! What is the worst that could happen?"

**A challenge indeed – so who in Liphook is up for it?**



*Some of the Menders hard at work.*

# Parish Council Elections

THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2023

Elections are fast approaching and we are encouraging members of the community who are passionate about the parish to consider becoming a Parish Councillor. Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council has 12 councillors and each one has to be elected to office every four years so here is your opportunity to be a key part of the community.

Each councillor has their own reasons for running but the role offers the chance to make a huge difference to the quality of life for people in your local area. Being an effective councillor requires both commitment and hard work. Councillors have to balance the needs and interests of residents and the council.

## So What is Important About our Parish and What Can a Councillor Get Involved In

- Assist your local community. Parish councils may be the lowest tier of local government but crucially that means we are more aware of local interests and how we can help community groups.



Local organisations at Millennium Centre.

- Ensure our land holdings benefit everyone. BLPC manages the Recreation Ground for sports groups, and children's play areas; Radford Park is important for wildlife, gentle exercise, and historic features and we are working towards making it accessible to all; Fletchers Field now boasts a Community Orchard with heritage fruit trees; the Millennium Green will be hosting the Coronation celebrations in May.



Planting the new Community Orchard.

- Raise awareness of local planning issues. Comment on planning applications; support the Neighbourhood Development Plan; help influence how our parish will look in the future.
- Encourage local organisations and individuals to use our Millennium Hall, supporting theatre groups, entertainment, visitors to the Heritage Centre, meeting rooms.

## The Technical Part

- You must live or work in the parish.
- You must be elected to the Council and expect to serve a four year term of office.
- The work is unpaid so your time is given freely.
- You can choose to stand on one or more committees, currently there are 4 committees (Planning, Recreation, Finance and Policy, LMC Management).
- Meetings are held in the Millennium Hall on a Monday evening commencing at 7.30 pm. Some meetings are monthly, some are bi-monthly.

We intend to hold informal briefing sessions so you can meet our current councillors and find out what is involved. Watch our BLPC website or Facebook page to find out more.

**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Wednesday 24th March 2023 7.30pm**  
**at Liphook Millennium Centre.**

## A Familiar Face Becomes New Parish Councillor

*By Gabrielle Pike*

Local business woman and Carnival chair Sally Cameron has joined Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council. "I am delighted to have been co-opted as a parish councillor last November", she said.

*"I feel my 12 years serving in the Royal Air Force, followed by a career in Finance and most recently chairing the Liphook Carnival Committee have served me well and provided me with the necessary skills to represent the village I both work and reside in. I will work hard to be well informed on local matters and listen to the needs and requirements of my community and I consider this role an honour and a privilege. I will serve with honesty and integrity."*

Sally has been elected to the planning committee as well as the Kings Coronation Working Group. One of the first decisions she took part in was to agree for the parish council to host a picnic and Village Fete on the Millennium Green on Sunday, May 7, to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

Funding for the event will be provided from the chairman's allowance and by applying for District and County Councillor grants.

Councillors also feel that the use of plastic should be discouraged during these local festivities.



# King Charles Coronation

PICNIC ON THE GREEN - SUNDAY 7TH MAY

That's right – this will be a busy week with elections on the Thursday and celebrations on Sunday – but a welcome extra Bank Holiday on Monday. Put the dates in your diary!

We are very pleased to be hosting a community event on the Liphook Millennium Green to celebrate this historic occasion. Building on the extremely successful Platinum Jubilee celebrations we already have numerous local groups confirming attendance, together with some of our local businesses.

The event will run from 12.00 to 6.00 pm. As before, we are encouraging residents to bring their own picnic with an emphasis on the environment and sustainability. This could be homemade or locally sourced produce, washable or compostable tableware and minimum waste. The Scouts will be providing a barbecue and the Guides will open their hall for cakes and refreshments.

Make some memories on the day. The marquee will be open for craft activities, including decorating a crown, with a prize for the best ones! There will be a special stand for a

photo shoot as a monarch, and the Carnival royal float will complete the scene. Young and old are welcome to participate.

Taking on board the comments from last year's event we are planning on utilising the amphi-theatre area for entertainment, including music from local players.

A new flagpole is planned to go on the Green, and this will be complimented by metres of bunting not only around the Green but also in the Square. To ensure we have sufficient bunting we will be using the Carnival stock and there will be a couple of bunting sewing sessions at the LMC, so be prepared to bring along offcuts of red, blue and white material for a combined effort.

The only thing we can't guarantee is the weather, but we have put in a request for a sunny afternoon. We are looking forward to welcoming our residents.

Contact: [Events.manager@bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Events.manager@bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk) or get updates from the Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council website or Facebook page.

SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING AT

## Bramshott Open Gardens 2022

*Copy by Gabrielle Pike. Photo by Bramshott Open Gardens Committee.*

Last June, one of the most successful Bramshott Open Gardens raised a staggering £25,000 for charity which has gone directly to local charities and good causes.

They included St Mary's Church, Liphook Church Centre, Macmillan Midhurst, Liphook Food Bank, Liphook Day Centre, Bramshott Educational Trust and Liphook Football Club.

Glynnis Blake and Zoe Wright from Liphook Food Bank received

a cheque for £3,000. They delivered over 100,000 meals to local families in need since the start of the Covid pandemic and the money helps fund the purchase and installation of a second container. Food collection points are at Liphook Sainsbury's, Liphook Co-op and St Mary's Church and donations are welcome.

Jeanette Kirby, Bob and Anne Hall received a cheque for £1,500 on behalf of Liphook Day Centre, which has been helping elderly residents since 1982.

*Participants in Bramshott Open Gardens 2022.*



Sarah Sear, Angela Glass, Mary Eyre and Valentine Inglis Jones received a £1,000 cheque on behalf of the Bramshott Educational Trust, set up in 1987, which provides help for young people under the age of 25.

Joanna Stuttaford collected a cheque for £4,000 on behalf of Macmillan Midhurst, who have supported many local families.

Another recipient of a cheque for £4,000 was St. Mary's Church towards the change of the lighting and to replace the carpet at the Liphook Day Centre.

**Bramshott Open Gardens  
will return in 2024.**



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# AT THE HEART OF A FAST-CHANGING NHS

## Dr. Barbara Rushton Retires

*Copy by Gabrielle Pike. Photos by Dr. Barbara Rushton.*



*Barbara at a soiree with David Cameron for leaders in the NHS at the time when Jeremy Hunt was Health Secretary.*

Dr. Barbara Rushton, Clinical Lead (South East Hampshire), has been at the heart of clinical commissioning groups since the start. The Liphook GP originally chaired the former South Eastern Hampshire CCG when it was set up in shadow form in 2012 before going live a year later – serving an area from Hayling Island, along the A3 corridor and taking in Waterlooville, Havant, Petersfield and further to Whitehill/Bordon.

Since then, her role has developed from being clinical chair to working across Hampshire Isle of White (HIOW) supporting primary care through Covid and the vaccination programme. She has also been supporting the collaborative work between Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and community providers around virtual health and care starting with Covid oximetry and moving to delivering virtual wards, keeping frail patients safe in their homes.

Having retired at the end of January 2019 from Liphook and Liss Surgery, where she started as a partner in September 1988, Barbara has now retired from her CCG role to begin the next phase of her life, as she explains:

I want to make way for new clinicians, spend much more time with my family, travel again – and have returned to Nepal, where over the years I have supported medical centres in the Himalayas, teaching healthcare workers in remote mountain communities, which is a role I find hugely rewarding.

There has been much stronger proactive care, working in teams within practices with healthcare assistants (HCAs) and nurses running long-term condition care like hypertension and cardiovascular disease, diabetes and respiratory conditions.

The CCG board voted to become delegated commissioners of primary care which has brought our primary care team closer to our practices, changing the relationship from a contractual one to a developmental role with increased focus on supporting practice resilience.

One of the most obvious things the Covid pandemic has done is to accelerate a digital leap forward supporting remote patient triage by telephone, video and online consultations with more convenient access for many patients and although I recognise that not all patients have understood this, I think attitudes will change with time as more people become technically enabled. Also the ability for GPs to prescribe medicines electronically direct to a patient's nominated pharmacy.

It has been worth all the time and extra pressure and for me it has been an honour, privilege and passion as well as an amazing opportunity as chair of the CCG to lead these changes working with our GPs and the commissioning team.

I was elected as Co-Chair of NHS Clinical Commissioners (NHSCC) where I was able to influence NHS England's policy for integrated working. As vice chair of Hampshire health and wellbeing board I have championed the strategy on living well to deliver to less well served communities. This work has been highlighted during Covid where we reached out to communities to support those most at risk receiving covid vaccination.

Most recently I have enjoyed supporting practices, PCNs and primary care managers throughout the pandemic. I led commissioning of Covid oximetry at home for those suffering from Covid to self-monitor so staying safe out of hospital. I have been involved in leading the delivery of the incredible Covid Vaccination Programme, which brought huge credit to HIOW and showed the NHS and primary care at its finest.

I would point to the delegated commissioning of primary care from NHS England. We were in the first wave of CCGs to take this up. There never will be enough GPs so we need to develop strong teams working together in hubs that offer staff with the right skills to support our patients. This needs to cover the whole set of issues and to be integrated with all other neighbourhood assets. GPs should remain at the heart of this.

I understand frustrations around access from both sides. GPs and staff are battling to stay afloat. Patients are more anxious and finding it more difficult because of the pandemic to make their own decisions. Patients feel access to GP surgeries has become trickier with more steps for them to get a simple answer. The elective backlog in practices is optimisation of treatment for long term conditions and new case finding. Early diagnosis of cancer is also a concern with some people still afraid to come forward or finding access difficult to negotiate. It's really difficult for practices to get messages across to patients around simple ways to navigate the system.

Our GP practices are open to see patients - and have been throughout the pandemic. I would urge patients to access the most appropriate location for their condition – be that an Urgent Treatment Centre, use of online or digital apps, like Healthier Together for children's conditions or their community pharmacy. Many have the ability to manage their own condition and NHS111 can signpost them to the correct service. Remember, the emergency department is only for accidents and emergencies, an urgent treatment centre is for urgent care in the same way as a same day surgery appointment, for a condition that needs treating that day and shouldn't wait until the next, and a digital consultation is for conditions that are safe to wait, not for urgent problems.

I do appreciate, from a patient perspective, how difficult it can be for them to focus on what matters to them and make that clear in a digital, telephone or video consult. But digital solutions are here to stay for non-urgent conditions. The days have long gone when a patient should see a GP about every health condition. There are other specialist staff to support the GP-team now – and that is the present, and the future.

And finally, I have had an amazing time working with everyone and appreciate all the support given to me.

# Malthouse Farm and Cottage

## THE OLDEST EXISTING BUILDING IN LIPHOOK?

*Copy by Jenny Woodsford.*

It is widely accepted that Malthouse Farm is the oldest building still standing in Liphook and it is also one of the most attractive being a late medieval timber framed three-bay hall house with mellow stone work. There may have been older buildings in The Square but the oldest existing there now is Tap House which only dates from the late 1500's whereas parts of Malthouse Farm go back to the 1400's with additions in the 16th, 17th, 19th and 20th centuries. It was bought by Winchester College as an investment in 1471 – the year the War of the Roses ended. The College owned it for the next 300 years and they have a list of every tenant farmer from 1536 to the 1850's. As well as paying rent in cash the tenants paid with their produce, such as, in 1595 two bushels of wheat and five bushels of malt. This system of payment appears to have continued for another 200 years. The land amounted to 150 acres and over the years tenants included the Denyer family, who also owned The Green Dragon, so would no doubt have used the malt and hops grown there for their own brew at the pub.

Eventually Sir William Erle first rented then bought the Farm although he actually lived at Bramshott Manor. During World War 1 it was rented to a Canadian officer from Bramshott Camp for his family. The Hedger family then took up residence and it continued as a working farm through the 1930's under Frank Moss and in the 1940's under the Roberts family until the District Council bought the fields and built Malthouse Meadows housing estate.

The Heritage Centre were kindly donated some fascinating photos from family albums by a member of the Hedger family. These date from roughly 1913 to 1920 when the Hedgers were in residence. They include pictures of the farm labourers at harvest time collecting the rye by hand and making stooks, and carthorses ploughing the area known as The Loampits which was situated in the area between Haslemere Road (roughly opposite Chiltley Manor) and London Road. It is evident that the family enjoyed a good social life in the summer months as there are photos of Tea Parties, Tennis Parties and Cricket matches. Annie (known as Nancy) Hedger, one of the family, was the lady who first started the Tennis Club and was also the local milk lady for many years, delivering milk around the village by horse and cart. Unfortunately, this

*Mr and Mrs Hedger 1913.*



*Dairy cows in the farmyard c. 1913.*



*Hay Stooks at harvest time.*



*Malthouse Tennis Courts 1920.*

wonderful pictorial insight into social history stops at 1920 when the farm was sold to Frank Moss.

The sales details in 1919 for the Erles estates, which are held in the Heritage Centre archive, include an extensive description of Malthouse Farm that offers a fascinating insight to rural life of the time. The farmhouse had already been divided into two dwellings, one with four bedrooms, two living rooms, kitchen, scullery and dairy. The other, which would be the present Malthouse Cottage, having two bedrooms, sitting room/kitchen and scullery. At the back of the main building was a Bakehouse, Boiling House, timber and tile shed for coal and wood and two earth closets. The farm buildings were described as being "around a good yard" and comprised several small cow-pens, a stone and slate Corn Barn, four stables for carthorses with hay loft, and various open fronted structures to house carts and pony traps.

In the 1940's the fields were sold to the District Council and Malthouse Meadows built. Part of the stone barn was demolished;





*Nancy Hedger on the milk round\_\_ 1915.*

the farm pond was filled in and the cow sheds also demolished to make space to widen and straighten Haslemere Road but when the end wall of the barn was reconstructed the Winchester College Arms were luckily replaced and you can see them today in the external wall nearest the footpath. This was the end of it's life as a working farm although the name has been retained and the building externally seems to appear much as it did then.

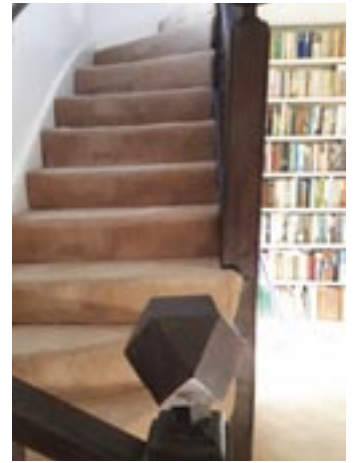
The details of when the remaining farmhouse and farmyard went to auction in 1983 are also available. At this time planning consent had been granted to officially divide the farmhouse into two separate dwellings. The stone barns in the farmyard forming an L shape had planning consent to convert and divide into three dwellings. To the north, with access from Malthouse Meadows, planning consent had been given for two detached four bedroomed houses, although these were never built but the bungalows at Malthouse Court were constructed instead. The entire lot sold at the auction for £215,000. There are further sales details of Malthouse Cottage being sold off separately in 1985 for £45,000. It was described as requiring modernisation and having a brick floor in the entrance hall, a huge inglenook in the living room and exposed timbers.

In November 1983 the building was Grade 2 listed. Several notable features were: that it was a medieval hall house with ironstone, brickwork in Flemish bond, the Jacobean staircase etc. The original part of the building – the hall house dating from the 1400's – was in three sections with a "crown-post" roof, the cooking fire would have been in the centre with the smoke finding it's way out through the rafters which would have become blackened with soot. The chimneys would have been built later when bricks became available. In the mid-1600's, the time of Oliver Cromwell, the Ayling family built an extension, the original half-timbered walls were largely rebuilt in stone, a ceiling put into the Hall section to create another storey and part of the roof at the rear was raised into a gable that gave space for the building of a Jacobean staircase. A large wing was also built, mainly in stone, which included a window with wooden bars

*The Farmyard now.*



*Cellar under the Farmhouse now.*



*Jacobean staircase now.*

which was later re-discovered and uncovered. This wing was renovated in Victorian times when a new front door was added so that the house could be entered through the garden rather than the mucky farmyard.

I have been lucky enough to be invited by the current owners of both Malthouse Cottage and Malthouse Farm to have a look inside their homes and we had an interesting chat about the possible challenges – and enjoyment - of living in historic Grade 2 listed properties. Some of the quirks include changes of floor level and low doorways between the rooms. This is particularly obvious in the Cottage where there is also a magnificent inglenook with bread oven and a later "beehive" fireplace inside. Sympathetic updating, including a small extension to the Cottage, has been carried out over more recent years enabling modern day life. In the Farmhouse the cellars are still in use, the steps to them showing centuries of use, and the interesting shaped beam inserted in the 1600's to carry the first floor is clearly visible in the reception rooms. The wonderful Jacobean staircase still rises gracefully to the first floor to an interesting galleried landing showing exposed timbers. These properties, along with the archive records, remain a wonderful reminder of life and work in Liphook over the last six centuries.

*Historical photos courtesy of Liphook Heritage Centre.*

*Modern ("now") photos by Jenny Woodsford.*

*Thanks to the Heritage Centre and the owners of Malthouse Farm and Malthouse Cottage.*



*Malthouse Farm now.*





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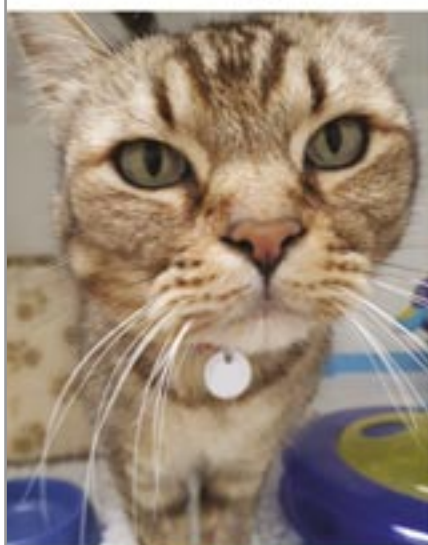


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# Liphook Bowling Club



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We are a friendly club and welcome players of all **ages and abilities** whether they have never played or are experienced bowlers. We are also very interested to hear from people within the Disabled Community Organisations, Care Providers or individuals who may be interested in their members/clients having an opportunity to participate in our sport.

Bowls is a game that most people consider to be for old people, not so. The current 2023 indoor bowls world champion started to bowl aged 12 years. So the statement it's for the older generation is not strictly correct. Lawn bowls is played for the challenge and competition, personal enjoyment, activity, the

pleasure of spending time outdoors and for social interaction. We have many friendly games throughout the season where new and experienced bowlers are encouraged to take part as a way to get experience.

We also play competitive bowls in the Three Counties Fellowship league, during the main part of the bowls season. Also we enter many of the local and county club competitions where the standard of bowling is quite strong. We have two league teams, in Div. 2. We also have a team in Div. 4. This gives us the opportunity to blood new players in a competitive league environment. Our teams in the county, nationals and league competitions played well, getting to the semi final of the Presidents Cup. In the Three Counties Pairs finals held at Midhurst, Dave Thurgood and Mike Gunton won in the final so hopefully they can defend their title in the coming season. We are all looking forward to next season for even greater success, and if you want to join a Club that is starting to become a bit more competitive and is sociable and friendly please do not hesitate to contact us.

We have what we call Roll up afternoons and evenings during the summer season, where anyone can come along and practice with other club members. If you are new to bowls we have a Bowls England qualified coach on hand, to help you learn the techniques, rules and etiquette of the game.

If you want to join a club that has excellent facilities and with coaching available, please contact: Lesley Meredith, Hon. Secretary, Telephone: **01428 480827**.

Please come along to our **open day on Saturday 27th May** and have a go or at least watch to see if you would like to participate in the sport. No equipment is needed as all will be provided. Our only rule is that you have flat shoes preferably trainers.

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

## Time to Get Walking Again!

*By John Harris. Photo by Mukund Patel.*

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?



Walking in Hampshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/hants> has loads of walks to download and print, free; it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said:

*"There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Hampshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you".*

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# THE END OF The Liphook Bike Ride

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Launched in 1991 by the Liphook and District Businessmen's Association (LiDBA) the annual Liphook Bike Ride will no longer take place. The annual summer ride, which has run successfully for more than 30 years with thousands of local people taking part, has come to an end.

The sponsored ride was initially set up and run by LiDBA as a fundraising vehicle for local groups and charities. LiDBA ran it for 41 years raising and distributing over £1million to local causes.



In 2016 the Liphook Crankers took over the management of the ride from LiDBA and continued to run it successfully until 2022, however losing two years to COVID.

The ride, although fantastically successful before the pandemic, has not attracted the same interest or numbers of riders since then. The Liphook Bike Ride committee were forced to conclude that to warrant the huge amount of organisation, logistics, sponsorship and helpers, which are required to stage the annual event, it could no longer be justified.



Ride chairman Alistair Halliday said: "We are very proud to have been able to run the Liphook Bike ride for several years. It was a real feature in the local calendar and it was always wonderful to see so many benefit in so many ways and raise

money for great local causes. We will always be grateful to all the people and organisations who supported the ride and ensured it was such a huge success. It was always wonderful seeing so many youngsters getting out on their bikes, putting in a lot of effort, and having fun. It was great for them and great for cycling."

"The committee would like to thank all the people who have been involved in the bike ride and would like to extend special thanks to LiDBA, the marshals and volunteer helpers, Liphook Guides,



Liphook Scouts, Bordon and Petersfield ATC, Bohunt School, East Hampshire District Council, Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council, the loyal sponsors, and most of all to the fantastic riders and supporters who have taken part throughout the years."

Over the years thousands of riders have enjoyed the 25mile route from Liphook taking in some of the most beautiful parts of Hampshire and West Sussex. For many it was their first foray into cycling and got them hooked on the sport. Most of the Liphook Crankers acquired their keen interest in cycling from taking part in the ride.



Highlights have included dealing with a run-away horse one year which occupied the road, holding up the riders for a while until it was captured and put in a field.

Another highlight was actor Hugh Bonneville, who launched the ride in 2019, fresh from acting in Paddington and Downton Abbey. He was a huge hit with everyone, especially when kick-starting the junior ride, which always proved popular with around 100 to 150 young riders taking part each year.

Everyone had great achievements but some in particular stood out such as the youngest and smallest rider Jessica Wilson who had just turned three and completed nine laps and two miles on a bike without pedals, while Harry Remnant, when aged eight, cycled 125 laps and 23 miles.



To run the bike ride successfully and safely took lots of organisation with logistics planning, road closures, risk assessments, registrations of hundreds of riders, signposting, recruiting and briefing marshals.

Routinely around 50 marshals were placed along the route, with three support cars providing mechanical back up along with Owens cycles covering the route, repairing bikes and fixing punctures.

The fastest riders would whip round the 25 miles in well under 60 minutes and while it was not a race – many were keen to achieve a personal best time. Others were happy to wear fancy dress, or drop off at a local hostelry and enjoy the sunshine and scenery.



The ride always started and finished at Bohunt School and as it grew in popularity so did the number of stalls and charities taking part.



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## CHARITY WINDFALL

# Pupils Break the Rules



Bucking the usual educational trend, children at Highfield and Brookham Schools in Liphook have been urged to break the rules!

But far from it being a case of wanton anarchy, it was all in a good cause as the pre-prep and prep pupils raised cash for two charities close to their heart. And wearing home clothes, temporary tattoos, wigs and sparkly face paint in exchange for a small cash donation has so far resulted in £1,100 being raised for Liphook Food Bank and Highfield Highreach Holidays.

Highfield and Brookham has long fostered strong community

links and the need for the food bank, which is based at Liphook Junior School on Avenue Close, is greater than ever with the current cost-of-living crisis, while Highreach Holidays provides a week-long break each summer for children with mental and physical disabilities.



Highfield Head Suzannah Cryer said: "We are incredibly proud of the associations we have with the local community and any time that we can give something back and lend a helping hand is treasured by all of us. It was a fun and colourful day for two great causes and the children certainly didn't need asking twice to break the rules!"

## 20 YEARS IN BUSINESS

# Cornish Seaview Cottages



It's that time of year when our thoughts are turned towards Summer and holidays. For those of you that enjoy a "Staycation" and look to rent a cottage in Cornwall, I'm sure that when you search on the internet for

"Cottages in Cornwall" you aren't aware that one of the sites that you visit is actually based in Liphook.

**Cornish Seaview Cottages** has been operating since 2003 when Tim Abbott started the business in a small office in Hewshott House with 3 properties. He bought the first property called Primrose Cottage, which was where the composer Malcolm Arnold lived (featured in Rick Stein's series about Cornwall shown in February) and found that the costs of letting holiday properties were expensive. So he decided to set up his own company. The business has since grown and now has over 30 properties in Cornwall, along with 3 in France, within its portfolio. The business has recently moved to a purpose built office but is still situated on the Hewshott estate.

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2023 marks our 20 year anniversary and the business continues to go from strength to strength and due to these many years of experience we know the owners of our properties very well along with the many repeat guests that we welcome to Cornwall every year.

We play an active role in the local community by providing holiday properties as raffle prizes for a number of local charities.

Our website [www.cornishseaviewcottages.co.uk](http://www.cornishseaviewcottages.co.uk) showcases all our cottages and also allows you to book directly with us - which is considerably cheaper than booking our properties through third party sites like Airbnb. However we are always happy to chat and give you the benefit of the knowledge and expertise that we have picked up over the years. If you have a property in Cornwall, or are thinking of buying, we are happy to help.

# Hammer Vale – Village or Hamlet?

By Simon Catford.



*Entering Hammer Vale from the East.*

Bounded by the bridge over the River Wey to the east, the railway line to the south, Sandy Lane and Hewshott Lane, Hammer Vale sits at the very east of the county of Hampshire and the parish of Bramshott and Liphook. This small community enjoys a wonderful setting below the high ground of Bramshott Common and has been a popular route for walkers over the generations. But what does it feel like to live (and in some cases work) here and how do residents define themselves? I am indebted to Adam Dalton, Jonathan and Camilla Hooper, Andrew and Tessa Mackenzie and others for their assistance in this article.

The history of Hammer Vale – once known as Hammer Bottom – has been well documented. A booklet “A Personal Assessment of the History of Hammer Vale” by Peter Le Page (sadly deceased) published in 2000 gives a wealth of fascinating information as to its long history. This and other documents can be found in the Liphook Heritage Centre - [www.liphookheritage.org.uk](http://www.liphookheritage.org.uk) – and are well worth a read. Perhaps the biggest single historical event was the arrival of the railway in the late 1850's which changed Hammer Vale forever. Firstly, it dissected the agricultural land either side of the river and brought more trade and commerce (there was a small halt for unloading goods etc. where the current crossing stands) to the area. And secondly, this increase in ‘traffic’ led to a housing boom, the manifestation of which is plain to see – there are many Victorian houses to be found with their distinctive architectural styles. Ranging in size from humble workers cottages to grander homes for the middle-classes these properties are now highly desirable for those seeking character homes with a story to tell. The last few years have seen a distinct increase in younger families moving in, especially with the current rush to the countryside hastened by the pandemic. Quality of life seems to be a big factor.

Certainly, there are more children to be seen around the village (village/hamlet? – let's call it a village...) than say in the last

twenty years. But with no school to hand, their education is sought elsewhere. Fortunately, there is wealth of good schools – both state and private – to cater for all requirements (and pockets) and with Hampshire, Surrey and West Sussex all (literally) a stone's throw away, parents are spoilt for choice. But with no buses, cars are a necessity. Which brings us to perhaps the biggest bugbear from living in such a location – traffic! There is no doubt that Hammer Lane is used heavily both by residents and those seeking an alternative route east to west; the dreaded ‘rat run’. At certain times of the day, it can be very busy and on occasions dangerous. The lane is also used by walkers, horse riders and cyclists and this combination makes for an uncomfortable mix. Add to this the many commercial vehicles (e.g. refuse carts) necessary to service the community and you have a major headache – accidents are not uncommon. There is no easy answer to this conundrum although many planners have tried.

For the adults, after a hard day's work – be it off the train from London, from the many SME businesses in the locality or working from home – the relative peace and tranquillity of Hammer Vale is an absolute plus. Perhaps the only slight annoyance is the ‘hoot’ from the trains as they pass over the foot crossing down by the stream but this blends into the general thrum of a busy mainline railway. And whilst there is no village hall or community centre, there is always the Prince of Wales pub (see LCM Autumn 2021 edition) if one feels sociable.

*A rare Victorian letter box, still in everyday use.*





Offering a range of beers, wine and good food, the Prince has been central to Hammer Vale life since 1927. It also serves the increasing number of walkers and cyclists who pass through the valley as they enjoy the wonderful countryside. It is rare not to see someone stretching their legs along the lanes and footpaths that criss-cross this area.

There are also a number of retired folk who enjoy the slower pace of life than when in mainstream employment. With good Doctors surgeries in Liphook and Haslemere and close proximity to the Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford the aches and pains of later life can be adequately soothed. There is plenty of private health-care available too.

But what of the community itself – how do they see themselves? The overriding sense one gets is that the village identifies as being ‘Hampshire’, despite lying very close to Haslemere - inseparable almost. The word ‘proud’ was used by several people about how they relate to their native or adopted county albeit that for the sake of convenience, when asked where one lives the answer is usually ‘near Haslemere’. People seem equally divided about where they shop and consume local services – some go east into Hampshire, some to Haslemere. Some even head south into West Sussex. But all regard Hammer Vale as home.

And the crisis of recent years has further cemented that community feel. The various lockdowns have brought people together in a way not generally seen in peacetime. The carol festival on the ‘village green’ springs to mind as a successful event held in 2020 and 2021 which saw friends and neighbours alike marking the festive season in an easy and relaxed manner.

More events are planned with the use of social media and WhatsApp groups helping spread the word. Then there is the famous (!) ‘Hammer Bottom Butsers’ cricket team (new members welcome) drawn (almost) exclusively from the village who play where and when they can. And an ongoing project to convert the bus shelter into a mini-library / community hub edges forward.

In short, Hammer Vale is a proud and welcoming village with an enviable way of life. Many residents can’t imagine living anywhere else and plan to stay put for as long as possible. And it’s not hard to see why. But is it a village or a hamlet? One to discuss down at the Prince perhaps...

*The Prince of Wales; an integral part of Hammer Vale since 1927.*



## The Tantum Trust

*By Margaret Lawden.*

Christmas can be a particularly difficult time for people who are struggling financially which is why, every December, local charity The Tantum Trust distributes supermarket vouchers to local families who are most in need of financial support. December 2022 saw the Charity give out £24,290 worth of vouchers; an amount which far exceeds that of any other year as a growing number of families in our area find it impossible to make ends meet. The families are nominated by local schools, churches, Citizens Advice and other organisations who are in the best position to identify those who are struggling.



But, this good work is not just limited to Christmas - the Tantum Trust is there to provide help all year round, giving grants to provide essentials such as a new cooker or short term financial assistance when an accident or illness prevents people working but unable to gain immediate access to benefits.

The funds for these grants come primarily from profits generated by the Charity’s four shops in Bordon, Liphook, Grayshott and Haslemere. We are grateful to our generous donors who provide us with the quality items we offer for sale; to our loyal customers and to our dedicated volunteers and workforce who pride themselves on delivering an enjoyable retail experience.

The Charity has been in existence for 30 years and in recent months has seen an increase in the number of customers in our shops. This is due in part to an increasing awareness of the impact our shopping habits have on the environment and the realisation, particularly among the younger generation, that purchasing re-purposed items is kinder to the environment – and the purse! Sadly though it is also indicative of more people finding themselves in difficult financial circumstances.

We need your help to make sure the Tantum Trust can be there for those in need in our local area – whether that’s by donating to us (either goods or a cash contribution), shopping with us or volunteering in our shops. If you are interested in getting involved, the charity would love to hear from you.

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# District Councillors' Report

As we enter 2023, East Hampshire District Council is looking towards the end of its financial year, and the start of its new year, with Elections for all its District Councillors on 4th May, just before the Coronation of our King, Charles III, on the 6th May. This coincides with many other District Councils across Britain, and also includes elections to Town and Parish Councils across our District. Some District Councillors will step down, so all political parties will have gone through the process of approving not only suitable new candidates to stand for election in the 43 seats in the District, but also approving existing District Councillors as suitable and eligible to stand for re-election. All East Hampshire District Councillors are elected, or re-elected, every four years.

As mentioned before, following the Boundary Commission's decision to alter the political boundary for constituencies, this could be the last District Council Election where residents of Bramshott and Liphook, Grayshott, and Headley, vote for their Districts Councillors in these three villages, within the current East Hampshire Constituency that has Damian Hinds as its MP. In the next General Election, whenever it may be held, these three villages will be within a different cross-county Constituency, with a different MP as its local Member of Parliament. However, the District Councillors for Liphook, Grayshott and Headley will still be District Councillors for East Hampshire District Council.

With the Coronation of King Charles III taking place on 6th May, many of us will be celebrating the occasion. If you would like to hold a street party for your community, and it will stop traffic from using your location, then you will need to apply for permission to close your road. To do this, please go to [www.easthants.gov.uk](http://www.easthants.gov.uk) and enter "Road closures for public celebrations and events", in the search bar. This will take you to the correct page and form that you will need in order to apply

for a road closure. You will need to apply 8 weeks before the date of the proposed road closure, and we have already received the first application.

EHDC has continued with its Shaping East Hampshire's Future programme, which is about ensuring that we are the best that we can be, by creating a fit for purpose and financially sustainable council, which provides excellent services to its residents and businesses. We would recommend that residents read the Reports from each of the individual Portfolio Holders, in Cabinet, that appear in the Agenda, for each of the Council's Full Council meetings that are held on different on-going Thursdays. The dates of these meetings appear on the District Council's website, and all public meetings can be watched at the time they take place, and subsequently. The individual Reports give a full up-date of what has happened over the preceding months. This includes the Report from the leader Richard Millard. Residents can also watch the proceedings live.

Decision-making meetings are also broadcast, including Full Council, Cabinet, Planning Committee, Licensing Sub-Committee, Audit Committee, and Overview and Scrutiny, and others.

Your District Councillors are always available to help every resident with any questions that you may have or assistance that you may need, and with three of us representing Bramshott and Liphook, we can always help if one of us is unavailable, for whatever reason. We now look forward to Spring, and our contact details are:

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## Moonshine

*Poem by Richard Gould.*

*Photo by Raelene Wilkinson.*



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  
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# SOUNDBATHS, LISTENING AND WELLBEING

## Rebalance Yourself With Sound!

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Soundbaths are a great way to relax and rebalance the body and are gaining in popularity as people discover the wide-ranging benefits. But what is a soundbath and how does it work? A soundbath session involves the participants lying comfortably whilst they listen and are immersed in multiple layers of gentle sounds. These sounds can have a deeply therapeutic effect on the mind and body. No water involved. The listeners are literally bathed in sound waves!

A typical session will use a range of singing bowls, gongs and gentle percussion to create a rich tapestry of soothing sounds. The participants are held in a safe space as they are taken on the sound journey. The sounds are subtle but complex and this causes our busy minds to slow down and focus on the present moment rather than the things that worry us day to day. It is a form of meditation where the sounds help you to reach a deeply relaxed state of mind.

Many physical health issues are created by stress and anxiety, so the benefits of a soundbath are far reaching and should not be underestimated. The peaceful sonic experience reduces the brain wave activity down to a daydreaming, almost sleep state which is hugely beneficial to our mind and body, acting like a mental pitstop where we can recharge, rejuvenate and refuel ourselves. The soundbath is most effective when the listener is able to relax, clear the mind and let go. This enables the mind and body to make the best use of the sounds in a therapeutic way.

On a fundamental level we are all made up of atoms which are vibrating and making sound. Collectively these atoms form parts of our bodies which each have an optimum frequency. These harmonious states get set out of balance by other influences and we literally become "out of tune". This imbalance affects our mental and physical health and can make us feel unwell. A soundbath provides the opportunity to regain the equilibrium we need.

I work in the Surrey and Sussex area as a historical musician and sound therapist. I also have a hearing impairment, which may seem contradictory to my work, but in fact it has had the opposite effect. Being a musician with a hearing loss has



*Photo courtesy of Jez Smith.*

presented both its challenges and opportunities over the years and this has led me to develop my own way of listening involving multi-sensory approaches. I have discovered these methods through years of experimentation and research from a wide range of sources. The greatest influence and inspiration has come from the work of Evelyn Glennie, who inspired me onto my own voyage of discovery. This gave me the profound realisation that listening is a complex sensory process which many of us take for granted.



*Photo courtesy of Jez Smith.*

### **There are many ways to listen.**

By learning to listen properly, that is with focused intent and being fully present in the moment, we can develop skills which are not only useful to us in a therapeutic sense and for meditation, but it can also help us to develop a more empathic perspective that can have far reaching positive effects on ourselves and how we communicate with others. Learning to listen is not only useful for those with hearing loss but it is something we can all benefit from regardless of our age or background. It is an inclusive process that everyone can use for their own personal development and interaction with others. By using deep listening techniques we can also improve our health and wellbeing in a similar way to a soundbath, by clearing the mind and focusing on the present moment.

I no longer say that I have a "hearing problem" but instead say that I hear differently and this positive affirmation has been hugely empowering. This can work for everyone in the same way. Over the years I have had people say that my soundbath sessions are different to others and this is largely down to this alternative perspective to listening combined with my decades of musical experience. We all hear, but true listening is an active and engaging process which can help to make this world a better place for everyone.

In these times we need to look after our wellbeing more than ever before and soundbaths provide a calm, accessible and compassionate way to help us maintain our health. It has the potential to be the healing modality of the future. Why not try a soundbath and see what it can do for you.

I run regular soundbaths in the Surrey/Sussex area and provide monthly mid-week Gong Nidra sessions at White Eagle Lodge in Liss. This session is slightly different from a typical soundbath as it involves a guided meditation with a specific focus which is complimented by a range of deep, low gong sounds to create a beautiful and calming sonic experience. The session can have a wide scope of health benefits including helping with stress, anxiety and insomnia. For more information, go to:

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# The Forces Employment Charity



The visibility of our nations' armed services during 2022 has been unprecedented in recent times. With HM the Queen's state funeral and the Platinum Jubilee earlier in the year and HM The

Kings Coronation in May this year, the numbers of service men and women on parade has been significant. This is in addition to the UK's other military commitments around the world. We have a lot to thank them for.

But what happens to our military personnel when they leave the services? How do they integrate back into civilian life and lead rewarding and fulfilling roles in society? Some find it harder than others but one man who has the answers is long-term Liphook resident Alistair Halliday, Chief Executive Officer of the Forces Employment Charity (formerly RFEA) - based in London.

"Each year the Forces Employment Charity helps over 22,000 ex-Forces personnel and their families with life-long, life-changing support, job opportunities and training," explains Alistair "and I am proud to lead a team of committed and dedicated people who make all this happen."

The Forces Employment Charity's support is made available to all Service leavers - or veterans as they are known - irrespective of rank, rate or length of service and typically commences two

*Commodore Alistair Halliday RN at the funeral of HM The Queen at Westminster Abbey.*



years before they leave. Working closely with employers around the country, the Forces Employment Charity team create in excess of 98,000 job opportunities each year, a staggering number. Matching the veterans' existing skills, knowledge and experience to these roles is key, as is identifying any gaps. These can then be filled with training or further qualifications. Working with a budget of some £8m in 2022-23 sourced from other forces charities, government and direct fundraising, the charity assists all three services, be it full-time personnel or reservists. They also operate a number of key initiatives based on identified need; for example, TechVets for those moving into cyber or tech roles; the Military Women Programme specifically supporting female veterans and Project Nova which supports veterans in the Criminal Justice System. The level of assistance provided is very much on a case-by-case basis and can last many years after discharge.

And there is a strong local connection too. With a large Army community centred around Bordon and Aldershot plus Portsmouth's long Naval history, many beneficiaries of the Charity's work will come from surrounding towns and villages, including Liphook.

"It is important that veterans are not regarded as 'victims' in desperate need of support," stresses Alistair, "the vast majority make the switch with confidence and enthusiasm and become brilliant employees in the civilian workplace and it's great to be able to provide whatever help they need, or maybe none at all. But sadly, there are some who do need to lean on us more and we are here to do whatever it takes." This includes support for those with suicidal tendencies, a not uncommon outcome where significant trauma has been experienced, often in conflict situations. A specifically trained team of mental health professionals is on hand to manage these veterans.

"The role of our Armed Forces continues to adapt to the ever-changing new world order," says Alistair, "but one thing remains constant - the need to assist our men and women transition into the next phase of their lives. We owe them that much surely? And with the investment the nation has made in their Service training, it is self-evident that employers and wider society can benefit from harnessing their skills and experience."

A Royal Navy veteran himself Alistair spent 33 years in uniform and served in over 15 ships, commanding three; HMS Bridport, a Sandown class mine-hunter; HMS Manchester, a type 42 Destroyer and latterly HMS Campbeltown, a type 22 Frigate. He left the Navy with the rank of Commodore. Based in Liphook since 1983, the Halliday children attended Bohunt School where his wife Monica was a teacher for many years. Alistair is - amongst other pro-bono roles - Chair of the Bohunt School Governing Body, Chair of Liphook Bike Ride committee and chorister in the Bramshott Church. But it is his role as CEO of the Forces Employment Charity that gives him the greatest sense of fulfilment. "I feel as though my whole career and the skills and experience I have gained at sea, in business and with people has led me to this job and I am determined to do my best to give something back to all those who keep us safe."

More information about the Forces Employment Charity can be found at: [www.forcesemployment.org.uk](http://www.forcesemployment.org.uk)



# Bramshott Educational Trust



**BRAMSHOTT  
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The Trust is a fund that awards grants for educational activities and endeavours, to young people under the age of 25 who live in or have a direct family connection to the Parish of Bramshott and Liphook.

The Trustees meet twice a year to review applications

and award grants, which are typically between £100-£400. These can range from school trips, to music lessons, to the purchase of equipment for apprenticeships and for business start-ups.

Since the Trust was established in 1987 with the proceeds from

the sale of the Boy's School in Bramshott, it has supported numerous school and university students, members of the Guides and Scouts, participants on the respected Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, a chef, a jewellery designer, a furniture maker and a tree surgeon among many others. In each case, the Trust has helped to enable the young person to reach their goal by awarding a grant to attend a school trip or participate in a course or work programme. Some of the grant recipients have written reports and submitted photos which can be seen in the 'success stories' section of the new website highlighting just some of the many achievements that have been realised through support from the Trust.

New applications need to be in by March 15th, so please visit our website for the application form at:

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

All applications are welcomed.

## The Courtyard Gallery

*By Freda Line.*



*Susan Colyer Delightful Daffs.*

After a successful first year The Courtyard Gallery, Durleighmarsh, GU31 5AX would like to celebrate. So we are having a daffodil party on Saturday 4 March 2023!

The Courtyard Gallery was launched in March 2022

and has brought together an innovative and successful group of artists - Barbara Whitbourn, Freda Line and more recently Sue Colyer. Each has their own unique style, but the beautiful British landscape is the central theme. Of course in Spring one thinks of daffodils, which is why The Courtyard Gallery has chosen to partner with Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal.

The work of Marie Curie is well known, but their need for funds continues to grow, so we hope you will come along on 4 March anytime between 11.00 and 15.00 for a cuppa and piece of cake. 20% of sales - whether from cards or an original work of art will be donated to Marie Curie. There will also be an opportunity to take home a painting - by donating to a raffle. Entry is free.

Marie Curie pioneered new ways of providing care for terminally ill people helping them to stay at home until the end of their lives. Working closely with the NHS, local independent hospices and other charities, they have developed services designed around people's needs. Research shows they have successfully

helped more terminally ill people to remain in their homes than in the past.



*Dancing Daffs by Freda Line.*

The Marie Curie Nursing Service continues to grow - reaching increasing numbers of people at the end of their lives. A major study by the Nuffield Trust provides strong evidence that the Marie Curie

Nursing Service reduces the need for emergency hospitalisation, allows more people to die at home and cuts hospital costs.

In addition, Marie Curie Hospices continue to develop their care, expanding the services they offered in local communities, especially day services, to become regional centres of excellence in care. Marie Curie's charity registration numbers (207994 England & Wales, SC038731 Scotland)

If you missed the daffodil party, please come along and visit us anyway at The Courtyard Gallery. It is located on the north side of the A272 Petersfield / Midhurst Road, there is parking and easy access immediately outside the gallery and the Barn Emporium, and additional parking by the Durleighmarsh Farm Shop and Café. <https://www.courtyardgallery.uk>

## CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS IN AND AROUND LIPHOOK

- AGE CONCERN LIPHOOK** - Sue Knight: 01428 723502.  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - 0800 9177 650.  
**ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY** - Dementia Helpline: 0845 300 0336.  
**BADMINTON CLUB** - Morgan Thompson: 01730 817881.  
**BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (Petersfield and District)** - Jenny Peters: 01730 821920.  
**BELL RINGERS (Bramshott)** - Diane Hart: 01428 723798.  
**BORDON BOULE CLUB** - Mr A. Thomas: 01420 478298.  
**BOWLING CLUB, LIPHOOK** - Mike Gunton, Tel 01428 714609, 07594 568190.  
**BRAMSHOTT EDUCATIONAL TRUST** - e: clerk.bramshott.trust@hotmail.co.uk  
**LIPHOOK ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY** - Sylvia Wise: e: membership@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk  
 Carole Baker, e: chair@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk  
**BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK BRANCH OF THE EAST HAMPSHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION** - Angela Glass: 01428 722375.  
**BRIDGE CLUB (Liphook) Friday Evenings** - Mrs M. Paterson: 01428 723177.  
**BRITISH RED CROSS** - Mrs C. Saunders, Chase Community Hospital, Conde Way, Bordon: 01428 488801.  
**CANCER RESEARCH U.K. (Shop)** - 20 Station Road: 01428 724664.  
**CHILD WELFARE CENTRE CHILD HEALTH CLINIC** - 9.30am - 11.00am. Wednesdays. Millennium Centre: 01428 483827.  
**CHITLEY BRIDGE CLUB** - Mr C. French-Lynch: 01428 727939 or Dick Roberts: 01428 722061.  
**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU** - National Number: 03000 0231 231.  
**CONFORD VILLAGE HALL TRUST** - Mrs R. Parry: 01428 751364 and Deputy, Mrs G. Woodward: 01428 751474.  
**COUNTRYSIDE COMPANIONS WALKING GROUP** - Christine Bullard: 01428 722974.  
 w: www.facebook.com/Countryside-Companions-Walking-Group-105704895378091/  
**CRUSE** - bereavement care. Confidential counselling and information: 0808 808 1677.  
**DOGS TRUST DOG SCHOOL HAMPSHIRE** - 01329 448243  
 e: hampshiredogschool@dogstrust.org.uk  
 w: www.dogstrustdogschool.org.uk  
**DREAMS COME TRUE** - Sophie Gunner, Community Fund Raiser: 01428 726330. e: Sophie@dreamscometrue.uk.com  
**DYSTONIA SOCIETY** - Jennifer Wiseman: 01428 722516.  
**FLORAL DECORATION SOCIETY (Liphook)** - Wendy Evans (Sec): 01428 722212.  
**FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH DOWNS** - 01798-8750732.  
 e: enquiries@southdownssociety.org.uk  
**FURNITURE HELPLINE** - Gerald Robinson: 01420 489000.  
**GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION** - Pam Higgins: 01428 751572.  
**HAMPSHIRE BADGER GROUP** - Mick Neeve: 01420 87366.  
**HASLEMERE BORDER ATHLETIC CLUB** - e: Contact@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  
**GRAHAM INGRAM BAND (BRASS)** - Chairman, Maurice Wright: 01428 723940.  
**HERITAGE CENTRE** - 1st Floor Millennium Centre: 01428 723325.  
 e: liphookheritage@gmail.com  
**HOCKEY CLUB (Haslemere Ladies)** - Home ground at Woolmer Hill. Pauline McBrown: 01420 477409.  
**HOLLYCOMBE STEAM AND WOODLAND GARDENS SOCIETY** - Mr R. Hooker: 01428 724900.  
**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (Bramshott and Liphook)** - Secretary: Ann Haussauer, 41 Chitley Way: 01428 723045.  
 w: www.liphookhortsoc.org.uk  
**LABOUR PARTY (Liphook Branch)** - Dr. John Tough, Horseshoes, Griggs Green: 01428 724492.  
**LIBERAL DEMOCRATS LIPHOOK** - Mr M. A. Croucher: 01428 723834.  
**LiDBA** - (Businessmen's Association) Sec. Ken Charles: 01428 727438.  
**LIPHOOK 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.cansfield@hotmail.co.uk **Youth Co-ordinator** - Steve Saycell: 07771 788486. e: stevesaycell1@gmail.com  
**LIPHOOK CARERS SUPPORT GROUP** - Sonia Meredith: 01428 288913. e: soniameredith@icloud.com  
**LIPHOOK CHURCH CENTRE** - Enquiries: 01428 725390.  
**LIPHOOK COMMUNITY LAUNDRY** - Irene Ellis, Chairman: 01428 723823.  
**LIPHOOK DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY** - Peak Centre, 01428 724941.  
**LIPHOOK DIABETES UK COMMUNITY GROUP** - Sandy Maroney: 01428-725193. e: sandy.maroney@Hotmail.co.uk  
**LIPHOOK FOOD BANK** - w: www.liphookfoodbank.com 07871 287295 e: liphookfoodbank@gmail.com  
**LIPHOOK 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.liphookmc.co.uk  
**LIPHOOK MODELLERS CLUB** - John Clare: 01428 729967.  
**LIPHOOK TABLE TENNIS** - Peter Ritchie: 01428 727815.  
**LIPHOOK TENNIS CLUB** - Simon Hargreaves: 01420 474899/07717 016374.  
**LIPHOOK UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB** - 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 .  
**LUDESHOTT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB** - Diana Grant: 01428 713706.  
**LYNCHMERE CRICKET CLUB** - Contact Richard Saulet: e: lynchmerecc@gmail.com  
**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.  
**NATIONAL TRUST** - Ludshott Commons Committee - Susan Salter: 01428 751409.  
**OPERA SOUTH** - Caroline Martys: 01428 64476 or 07950 646326.  
**OPTIMIST BADMINTON CLUB** - Bohunt - David Lush: 01428 725166.  
**PARISH COUNCIL** - Bramshott and Liphook - The Haskell Centre, Midhurst Road, Liphook: 01428 722988.  
**PEAK CENTRE** - Booking Secretary, Ann Hall: 01428 727751.  
**PETERSFIELD AREA WILDLIFE GROUP** - Mr & Mrs Oakley: 01730 2663920.  
**RAMBLERS (Liphook & District)** - Secretary, Caroline Lemka: 01428 713727. W: www.liphookramblers.wordpress.com  
**RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT CENTRE** - 01483 546400 or Freephone: 0800 0288022.  
**RIVER WEY TRUST** - e: office@riverweytrust.org.uk  
**ROTARY CLUB** - Haslemere, Debbie Morley: 01428 643416.  
**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** - Sean Brady RM: 0771 100 6847.  
**ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION (Liss & District)** - 01730 895470.  
**R.S.P.C.A.** - Di Fowler: 0771 303 8429.  
**SSAFA/FORCES HELP** (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmans Families Association) East Hants Branch, Divisional Sec., Patricia Lyons: 01420 561264  
**SELF SUFFICIENCY GROUP** - East Hants, Dru Furneaux: 01730 814193.  
**STANDFORD, PASSFIELD AND HOLLYWATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** - Sue Sergeant: 01428 751326. Hall Bookings, Ron Sergeant: 01428 751326.  
**TAI-CHI** - Diana Forbes: 0777 569 6249.  
**THE ARK PRE-SCHOOL** - Helen Jackson: 0777 539 4230 or 01428 725390.  
**THE ARTS SOCIETY GRAYSHOTT** - Kathy: 01428 608842. w: www.theartssocietygrayshott.org  
**THE ARTS SOCIETY HASLEMERE** - Chairman: Mrs Madeleine Boxall. w: www.theartssocietyhaslemere.org.uk  
**THE BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK HERITAGE SOCIETY (Bramshott and Liphook)** - 01428 723325.  
**THE LYNCHMERE SOCIETY** - Conservation and Natural History. Membership enquiries - Louise Searight: 01428 723715. w: www.thelynchmeresociety.org  
**THE TANTUM TRUST (local charity for local people)** - Shops in Station Road (01428 727211) and in Bordon, Grayshott & Haslemere, e: info@thetantumtrust.co.uk w: www.thetantumtrust.co.uk  
**THREE BORDERS KNITTING CLUB** - 01428 606957, 01428 712055.  
**u3a LIPHOOK** - e: membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk  
**VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP (Bramshott and Liphook Parish)** - 01428 723972. Transport provided for those in need.  
**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - Sue Knight: 01428 723502.  
**WOOLMER FOREST ARCHAEOLOGICAL and HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - 1st Wednesday of month, Colin Brash: 01428 713256.  
**WOOLMER FOREST LIONS CLUB** - Ken Bassett: 01428 713285.



# CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PERSONS' CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

**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 Lrcyyouthcricket@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:  
[fay.lcm@outlook.com](mailto:fay.lcm@outlook.com)*

*by the copy date shown on the Inside Front Cover*



