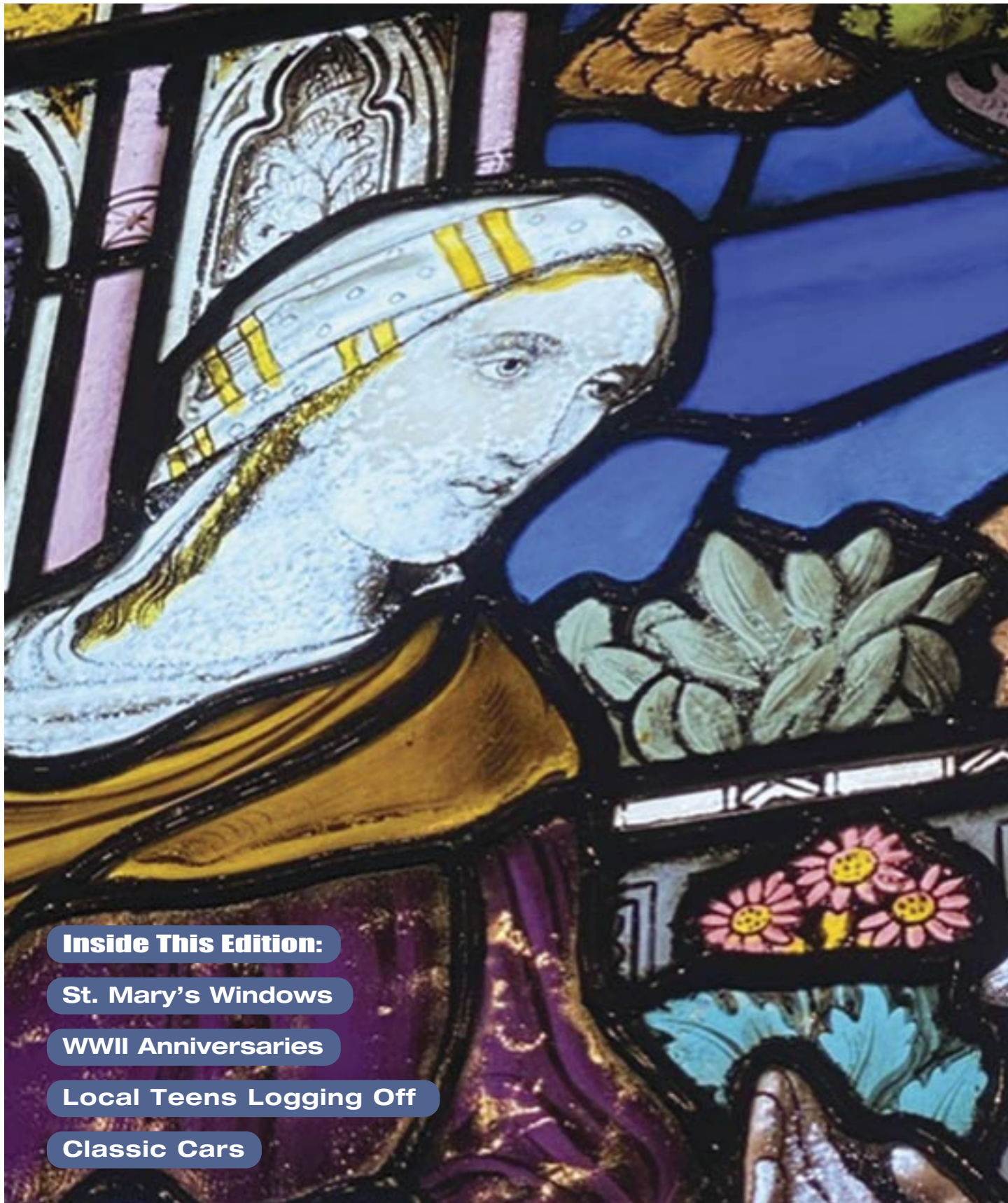


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THE MARGARET WILSON Community Spirit Award

Presented by Liphook Community Magazine.

Liphook Community Magazine has received a legacy from Margaret Wilson, who was a past President and Editor of the magazine. As one of the aims of the magazine is to encourage a community feeling in the village, the Magazine organises an annual opportunity for everyone in the village to thank an individual or group who has made a contribution to village life.

It is now time for you to nominate the person, or persons for the 2025 Award. Please send in your nomination, with a short

paragraph explaining why you feel they should be honoured to:

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In July, a group of local village people will read the nominations and select one to receive the shield for 2025. The recipient will be invited to receive their Shield and Certificate at the magazine AGM in October, with full story and pictures appearing in the Winter issue.

THE MARGARET WILSON Award for Schools

A few years ago, Liphook Community Magazine received a legacy from Margaret Wilson, who was a past President and Editor of the magazine. Part of this legacy is being used to fund the Award for Schools; this year the subject was Creative Writing. The citations have been received from the children's teachers. Many congratulations to all the children mentioned below who have received £25 book tokens. The Magazine Committee would like to thank the Teachers who took time to nominate their students and to write these delightful citations.

LIPHOOK INFANT SCHOOL

Christina, Year 1 - Christina has been nominated for this award in recognition of her fantastic progress in creative writing. Since the start of Year 1, she has embraced feedback and worked hard to improve her writing, always striving to make it the best it can be. Her class teacher is particularly proud of when she completed her space poem, using exciting adjectives and thinking creatively to paint a picture in the reader's mind. Christina has also shown great improvement with her super sentence writing, remembering her finger spaces, neat handwriting and capital letters. We are all so proud of her!

Queenie, Year 2 - Queenie has made superb progress this year with a determination to succeed. Her spelling accuracy has improved immensely through bespoke support and Queenie's attention to feedback. By listening carefully and working on her steps to be successful, Queenie has shown she can create wonderfully creative stories with excellent description. Queenie is working hard to include all of her 'must haves' and happily edits to improve further. A huge well done from all of us!

LIPHOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Ida, Year 4 - I have chosen Ida for this award because she has an incredible amount of enthusiasm in our writing lessons. She always engages the reader and hooks them in, leaving the reader wanting more. Regardless of the genre, Ida draws upon her love of reading to carefully select appropriate vocabulary to create clear images in order for the reader to be fully immersed in her writing. Her accurate use of grammar, punctuation and spelling helps to elevate her writing. Above all, Ida shows a love for writing and this emanates from her in lessons.



Ollie, Year 5 - I have chosen Ollie for this award because I always look forward to marking his writing. Ollie uses interesting and adventurous vocabulary and this helps to develop the detail and description of his work. He has a super imagination and also takes inspiration from what he reads to help broaden his ideas even more. Ollie has a natural flare for writing: it is clear it is something he really enjoys and he takes time to ensure the reader will be captivated from start to finish. Whether writing fiction or non-fiction, Ollie thinks carefully about the genre he is producing and includes all the relevant skills to create a super piece of work. He is very deserving of this award.

CHURCHER'S COLLEGE

Poppy, Year 1 - Who always writes well and constantly impresses with her reading and writing.

Sebbie, Year 1 - A wonderful writer who has made great progress in Year 1 and who tries so hard with his phonics every day.

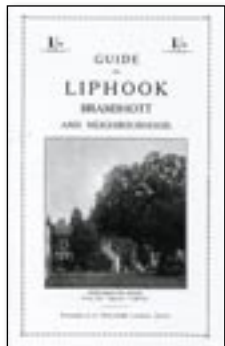
Charlie, Year 5 - Who has worked incredibly well since joining Year 5. He always listens well and endeavours to complete set work to the very best of his ability. We couldn't be more proud of him!

Henry, Year 5 - For always producing such an impressive volume and quality of work which never lets up and never lets us down! From character descriptions relating to books studied to detailed descriptions, Henry's writing is always engaging and thorough.

Liphook & Bramshott in 1925

By Rod Sharp.

If you want a vivid picture of our community one hundred years ago, there is no better place to look than the facsimile of the Guide to Liphook, Bramshott and Neighbourhood originally published in 1925 for one shilling (5p) and now available from Liphook Heritage Centre for £4.00.



Here can be found advertisements for just about everything you could possibly require, from “fencing made from Chestnut Wood grown locally” from The Ama Chestnut Fencing Company of Beaver Yard in Haslemere Road to the “Good Accommodation for Golfing, Cyclists, Touring and Char-a-banc Parties” offered by the Railway Hotel opposite L&SW Station “within easy distance of the fine Liphook Golf Course”.

The guide was published soon after the full eighteen holes of the course were opened on 15th June 1923, and the increasing importance of leisure is reflected in the charming guidebook sections written by Flora Thompson who spoke lyrically of her adopted village which she came to love so much:

“Lying upon the borders of three of the most beautiful counties in the South of England, the district around Liphook combines within itself the attractions of the whole three. The moorland pine and heather of Hampshire; the leafy vales, deep lanes and sparkling watercourses of Surrey; the turf and thyme-scented chalk downlands of Sussex, all are within easy reach by foot, cycle or car”.

Long before the publication of her Lark Rise trilogy brought her national fame, Flora would have been well known to Liphook residents as the wife of the Liphook postmaster John Thompson and to some as the author of her anthology of poems “Bog-Myrtle and Peat” (1921) and her monthly “Peverel Papers” nature notes for “The Catholic Fireside” (from 1922), set mainly around Liphook.

Her love of nature and the outdoors is clearly evident in her eloquent descriptions of our local countryside which she encouraged

readers to enjoy by a section on “Walks around Liphook”, one of which led to “daintily served luncheons and teas” at Waggoners Wells.



And to record your visit to this rural Arcadia, “now is the time to treat yourself to a Kodak”, according to the advert by E. A. Smorthwaite, M.P.S., who was offering cameras and films amongst the pills and potions.



The many advertisements by local traders reveal that visitors and residents alike were catered for by an abundant supply of hotels, grocers, bakers, butchers, fishmongers, coal merchants, confectioners, tobacconists, tailors, boot and shoe repairers, upholsterers, carpenters, painters and house decorators, watchmakers and jewellers, off-licences, and outfitters for ladies, gentlemen and children. I couldn't find any candlestickmakers though.

In 1925 you could go to The Square for newspapers and stationery, which was still the case until the recent closure of The Gables as recorded in our Spring 2025 issue, and take your horse to be shod by W. Lambert at the forge in Station Road. Before the days of domestic refrigerators, you could buy ice from W. Furlonger, the Butcher, Poulterer and Ice Merchant in Portsmouth Road and collect local milk, cream, butter and eggs from The Dairy at 5 Station Road. The facsimile available from the Heritage Centre has an insert which usefully explains where the various shops and businesses were situated.

Sources: Liphook Heritage Centre (who granted consent for the images reproduced from the Guide), Liphook Golf Club, www.johnowensmith.co.uk (which publishes Bog-Myrtle and Peat, The Peverel Papers and other publications by and about Flora Thompson).



Carolyn Williamson, MBE

Liphook U3A held their Annual General Meeting on 7th April, at the Millennium Centre, which was attended by around 100 members.

Carolyn Williamson, MBE, gave her final report as Chair outlining the achievements of the organisation over the last year. Particularly notable were the many activities undertaken by the special interest groups under the dedicated guidance of their volunteer leaders.

To mark the considerable contribution which Carolyn has made to the success of Liphook U3A as Chair and public “face” of the organisation, the Committee, on behalf of the membership, presented her with a bouquet and bottles of wine. Her work was also recognised and appreciated by regional colleagues who noted that “Carolyn epitomises the ethos of the U3A movement in sharing her knowledge and delighting in learning from others”. Carolyn will remain as Vice Chair to support the incoming Chair, Dr. Andy Earwaker.

Liphook u3a

By Dr. Andy Earwaker.
Photo by Peter Day.

The AGM was followed by the monthly meeting at which the invited speaker, Sam Passi, gave an enlightening talk on “Financial Estate Planning”, including Wills and Trusts, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Managing Care Fees and Sideways Disinheritance. At the conclusion there was a short Q and A session followed by the obligatory, but very welcome, refreshments.

LIPHOOK U3A - WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Liphook U3A has a monthly meeting, with a speaker, on the first Monday of each month at the Millennium Centre starting at 2.00pm. There is a charge of £3 for Members and £4 for non-members. In addition, there are 40 or so special interest groups covering a wide range of subjects and activities.

If you would like to join this friendly and vibrant organisation (annual membership is just £15) or simply obtain more information, please visit the website: liphook.u3asite.uk and click Contact and Membership Secretary.

HASLEMERE CAMERA CLUB

Recent Photographs

By Clinton Blackman,
Chairman HCC.

Forget Area 51 - we can confirm that the source of aliens here on earth is none other than our own Radford Park, as the photograph below clearly demonstrates, revealing that the aliens in question in fact emerge through the river bed before dispersing amongst us!

PHOTOGRAPH 1 - "ALIEN" BY CLINTON BLACKMAN



... or possibly not!
Pareidolia is the name given to the brain's propensity to recognise familiar objects, in particular human faces, in a wide range of completely inanimate objects. It is something that happens before we become consciously aware of it

and once experienced it is almost impossible to "un-see". But there is nothing sinister in pareidolia - it is in fact a good thing, providing an evolutionary benefit to our early hominid ancestors who needed to rapidly recognise their fellow creatures in a potentially hostile environment.

Observation, imagination and timing are the key skills in photography. Seeing something interesting in situations that others might pass by, imagining what this might mean to a wider audience and capturing it at the optimum time underpin many successful images. In the autumn we see a myriad of dead leaves and usually either ignore them or grudgingly sweep them up. But, as our second photograph shows, looking more closely reveals that each leaf is a complex landscape in miniature containing many different colours, textures and

shapes - something that would undoubtedly look better on one's wall instead of lying discarded in the compost bin.

PHOTOGRAPH 2 - "FALLING LEAF" BY TESSA BLEWCHAMP



These examples show that completely unremarkable everyday objects can yield extraordinary photographs - and all at no cost at all to the photographer. But even if you cannot get

out and about it is still possible to be creative at home, again using everyday items. Our third photograph is simply one piece of thin card, cut into strips and arranged to make a spiral or labyrinthine shape and illuminated by a desk lamp.

PHOTOGRAPH 3 - "LABYRINTH" BY JOHN CHAPPELOW

Camera and mobile phone manufacturers always want to sell you their latest, ever more expensive equipment but you simply don't need it. The three photographs illustrated here were each taken with commonly available equipment and at no expense at all. A little imagination is all that was required.



We always welcome new members, irrespective of their age and experience and for more information about the club, please see our website: www.haslemerecameraclub.com

ANDREW LUFF

The Liphook Doors

Interview by
Jenny Woodsford.

The Luff family have lived in the Liphook area for many generations and formerly owned Midland Farm on the Longmoor Road. Andrew moved with his family to Headley where they now own and run Headley Farm Shop when the farm was purchased by the County Council to build Bohunt School.

This story from Andrew recalls those days:

"In 1947 my Father James Raynford Luff bought some land with access from the Longmoor Road which was part of the Bohunt estate. He named it Midlands Farm as the loan to buy it was from the Midland Bank. This is where Bohunt School is now.



The Luff family in 1947 with the felled oak..

Having taken over the land at Midlands Farm my father cut down a large oak tree in 1947. It was then planked

by the saw mill in Fernhurst. In 1953 the farmhouse was built on the site at Midlands Farm by local company Baker & West and the oak from the tree was used to make window frames, door frames and external doors by their carpenters. The nails used for the doors were made by Mr Lambert the blacksmith who had his smithy in Station Road opposite the Railway Hotel. (now converted to flats)

When I moved to my new house in Headley, built by Tony Caesar, another Liphook man, I took the doors with me and they are still there."

Family photo: courtesy Andrew Luff.

Photo of door: Jenny Woodsford.

Andrew's front door.





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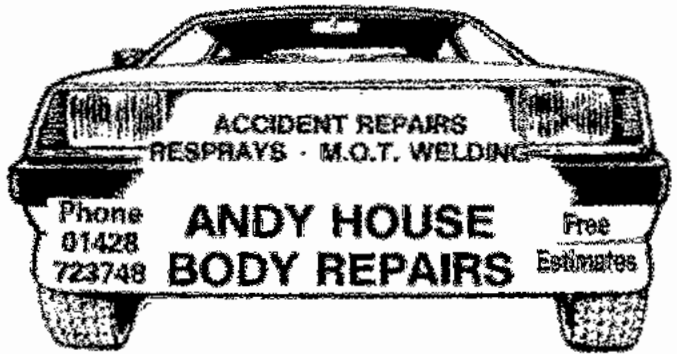
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REWARDING CAREER ENDS AFTER FOUR DECADES

Well-Known Local Solicitor Retires

By Simon Catford.



Senior Partner at Burley Geach, Robert Tozzi has announced his retirement at the end of March. Before he cleared his desk, I went along to his offices in Liphook to meet him.

"No one is more surprised than me that my retirement has come up so quickly," jokes Robert. "How did that happen? I have only worked in the

law for 39 years!" Starting as an Articled Clerk in Midhurst, Robert joined Burley Geach (then known as Burley & Geach) in 1996 specialising in private client matters including Wills, Powers of Attorney, Probate and Conveyancing having had a good grounding in 'un-registered' conveyancing. "This form of conveyancing was commonplace in those days. It was very labour intensive and required a lot of paper and time. And with all that paper it was vulnerable to loss or damage. Hence the Law Society's move to 'registered' conveyancing which is largely automated and more secure and it is this that most people are familiar with these days. But occasionally an old file raises its head."

So, what other changes has Robert seen over the years? "Inevitably it has been the advance of technology which has altered the face of our work immeasurably; and not always for the better. As a small example, I well remember as an Articled Clerk back in 1987 when the office installed its first fax machine. Work almost came to a halt as staff gathered around to marvel at this gleaming new piece of technical wizardry. A phone that can send documents?! Amazing! But what no one told us was that the paper and ink used in these early machines quickly degraded and so after carefully placing documents on a clients file, we found that a couple of years later when re-visiting that file we were met with reams and reams of blank pages; most unsatisfactory!"

"But it goes further than this – as a local firm we have been dealing with the same clients for many years, and with their antecedents. A relationship has been built up over time which relies on personal contact. At Burley Geach, we pride ourselves on these long and mutually beneficial relationships which technology can, if not carefully managed, undermine. And it is these relationships and with my colleagues that I shall miss the most," he adds.

Robert also deals with Wills and Probate, processes which are familiar to many of us as friends and family age and subsequently die. "Death and taxes are the universal truth," says Robert "and we do all we can to soften the blow for our

clients. Getting the paperwork just right is key so that there is no confusion or error. Very few people nowadays do not have some idea of what a will might contain; the instance of a large, unexpected inheritance suddenly popping up are now few and far between. But they still happen occasionally! And we spend a lot of time checking to ensure legal compliance with a range of ever-increasing legislation. Very time consuming but luckily we have a wonderful team here to work their way through the various stages. They make it all happen."

Having handed the role of Managing Partner over to Joanna Strike (who also became Senior Partner from 1st April), Robert was responsible for the various teams across the business which he found rewarding. Numbering about forty employees across the three offices in Liphook, Haslemere and Petersfield he was kept busy with the usual man-management issues. This included training and Burley Geach are currently investigating the setting up of a programme leading to Solicitors Qualifying Examinations, a useful step in ensuring well-trained and experienced staff come through the business. "We are lucky that many of our team members have long lengths of service and we count that as an enormous asset. Knowledge, not only of the law but also our clients' needs and wants is integral to our business ethos. Consequently, although I am stepping away from the firm, I know that good hands are there to take up the mantle. I am very content to let them do so! Katharine Vigus will be relocating to Liphook from our Petersfield office to continue our tradition of long service to our local community."

And away from work? "Well, there is the usual list of DIY jobs to be tackled and as the summer rolls in there will be more travelling. I have more than a passing interest in Egyptology and am looking forward to more time spent on research and possibly a trip back to the Nile. I am also going to further indulge in my interest in horseracing having been a member at Goodwood for many years"

And after such a rewarding career and as a popular partner, a good send-off is planned. By the time you read this Robert's various leaving do's will be consigned to history but will doubtless remain long in his memory with fondness and pleasure. We wish him a long and happy retirement!



THE AWARD WINNING Liphook Day Centre

By Gabrielle Pike. Photos courtesy of Liphook Day Centre.

Liphook Day Centre has won the Prestige London and South East Award for Day Centre of the Year 2025/26.

In particular, the judges were impressed with the centre's involvement in the community and the positive feedback they received from their clients and families.

The centre team will be presented with the award at a special event in August. Centre manager Natalie d'Amato said: "On a personal note, I am surrounded by an incredible team of staff and volunteers as well as Brian, our amazing chef. I couldn't do this without them - this award is for everyone who works and volunteers at the Liphook Day Centre as well as all its lovely clients."

DIANA FOWLER

Di arrived in Liphook about eight years ago, having previously lived in Canada before moving to Haslemere. She says: "Liphook is an amazing village and I love the community feel. There is always someone who will talk to you and I have made so many friends since I came here, even though I didn't know anyone in the village before."



Sadly, Di lost her beloved husband, Norman, last year and found herself struggling with grief and loneliness. Some friends persuaded her to join them at the Breakfast Club, which is held at the Day Centre every week on Thursdays, where she met the centre manager, Natalie.

"I was very apprehensive about coming to the Day Centre and thought it was a place full of old people just sitting around doing nothing. But after speaking with Natalie it is a place to make new friends and to have someone to talk to, so I decided to give it a try. On my first day, I saw a group of clients playing Scrabble and thought 'this isn't so bad'. I did some crafts with Anne Hall, a volunteer, making a nice display of autumn leaves.

"The following week, I joined the Scrabble table and the rest is history! It is so much fun and the people I have met are lovely. I love being here. It is also a very supportive place and the meals are amazing - Brian is a great cook! Now I come every week, on a Wednesday, and I attend the Breakfast Club, but I would come more if I could. I wouldn't miss it for anything. We have fun, we laugh, we sing and exercise. I have been going through a bit of a bad spell recently - a cycle of grief. The house feels so empty and I don't like it, but there are so many supportive people here, and it really helps to talk. It has helped me find myself again.

"I never in a million years thought I would come to a day centre, but when my husband died, I needed some social interaction. I am so glad I joined and I honestly couldn't live without this place and its support."

ASHLEY WIDGERY

Ashley moved to the UK from Spain a few years ago, having lived and travelled all over the world. He comes to the Day Centre with his wife, Valerie, two days a week and they both enjoy all the activities, games and socialising. In particular, they love the dance and exercise sessions and can be seen showing off some tremendous moves!



Recently, Ashley brought in a photograph which was taken when he was in Antarctica in the 1950s. He said: "I was looking for a new adventure after completing my National Service and so I answered an advert in the paper for a job. Weeks later, I was shipped to the Argentine Islands in Antarctica as part of Operation Tabarin."

Operation Tabarin was a British expedition, established by Churchill in 1943, with the primary goal of reinforcing British territorial claims. Operation Tabarin also involved scientific research, including meteorology, geology, and biology.

Ashley was tasked with meteorological surveys as part of a team of five from 1953 to 1956. "We were dropped off on an ice plain and wondered what we had done as we watched the ship leave. There were no buildings, so our first task was to build the weather station and our own shelters. It was very cold, and once reached minus 35 C with 10 knot winds."

The team were provided with building materials, a team of huskies and weather balloons to measure temperature, humidity, wind speed and air pressure. They used a 6ft balloon, which expanded as it rose until it burst, with a Radio Son attached collecting the information to be sent down to ground level. The information was then shared with places such as Southampton University using morse code.

"We took turns doing a 24 hour watch, but it could be difficult being together all the time in harsh conditions so we had a 'bitch session' every Friday to get everything said and not repeat any problems."

Ashley has many more fascinating stories to tell which everyone at the Day Centre loves to hear.

LYN O'LOUGHLIN

"We are all saddened by the recent passing of one of our long-term clients, Lyn O'Loughlin", says Natalie. "Lyn was a client of the Day Centre since 2018 and she loved to chat about anything and everything. In particular, Lyn loved music and would come alive whenever songs were played, always singing and sometimes getting up for a dance! She will be very much missed and we all remember her fondly."

Liphook in Bloom



By Barbara Miller.

Photos by Liphook in Bloom.

SPRING INTO ACTION

From that first team meeting in February, Liphook in Bloom have been busy endeavouring to make Liphook as attractive as possible.

One of the first jobs this year was to give some of the beds a tidy up. Although the heather bed had been replanted last year, the weeds, brambles and nettles were already making themselves at home. The euonymus needed some gentle pruning.



Crab apple tree.

The bed at the top of Portsmouth Road always looks stunning in the winter when the snowdrops and cyclamen are out, but there is a constant problem with sycamore seedlings from overhanging trees which constantly need removing. It was decided to move the rhododendron that was not growing well there to the bed in Station Road and to plant two small flowering trees: a crab apple and a weeping cherry blossom which will provide some shade for the snowdrops and

cyclamen. The snowdrops have been growing well and needed splitting and replanting.

The wildflower beds on the Millennium Green needed preparing for planting. We were very fortunate this year to receive assistance from the Parish Council's ground staff in preparing the ground. The ground was surprisingly hard and dry and raking it over was no mean task. A traditional wildflower meadow would self-perpetuate but as the village green is a multipurpose amenity space, we need to reseed the area every three or four years. It was decided that this year more blue cornflowers would be added to the mix along with extra yellow rattle. Yellow rattle helps control the grass that inevitably tries to grow amongst the wildflowers.

The weather was ideal for the annual Litter Pick organised by Liphook in Bloom on Sunday 13th April. About forty volunteers young and old from all walks of life turned out to give Liphook a spring clean. A huge amount of litter was found, including

copious drink bottles and cans. So many cans were found that it prompted one volunteer to postulate that drinking from a can must affect your eyesight, as once you have consumed a can, you can no longer see litter bins! Car parts, a petrol can, tyres, bits of polystyrene, building materials and items of clothing were among the huge variety of things found. EHDC were informed of one area in particular that was being used for fly tipping. However, overall, most Liphook residents take a pride in their surroundings and if everyone helped by keeping their own area litter free, there would be less to collect in the future.



Working on the heather bed.

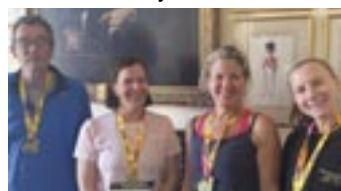
A significant amount of time has been spent on the herb bed this spring. This bed was originally planted in 2001 with 58 varieties of herbs and although the soil is poor here it suited the herbs and they grew well, replacing sections of the herb plants every five years or so. However, it is now in need of a bit of refurbishment. The outline plan is to clear as many of the perennial weeds and as much of the grass as possible, cut back the overgrown shrubby herbs that look as though they will regenerate from the base and tidy up the rest. The ground is very hard and poor, so the plan here is to break it up as far as possible and add a little slow-release fertiliser in the form of fish, blood and bone. When that is done a 'Restore and Enrich' wildflower mix will be sown plus some sunflowers and nasturtiums. This will then hopefully provide some colour, restore biodiversity and improve the habitat in the bed.

One of the joys of being a Liphook in Bloom member, or a 'Bloomer' as we are often called, is when the flowers are in full bloom, and you know that you have helped to achieve that. On many occasions we have received comments from residents and people from other villages passing through The Square who have been stunned by the amazing flower displays and felt they had to contact us. That certainly makes me very proud to be a member of Liphook in Bloom.

School Runners Make Capital Gains

Highfield and Brookham School owner Bill Mills, Head Suzannah Cryer, Head of Pre-Prep Georgie Hunter and mums Sarah Bagshaw and Claire Kenwright raised more than £9,000 for charity after completing the London Landmarks Half-Marathon.

The hardy quintet all completed the monumental course around the streets of the nation's capital in under two-and-a-half hours, with Claire posting a particularly impressive sub-two-hour time on a warm day.



The 13.1-mile charity run - the only half-marathon to incorporate the City of London and the City of Westminster - took the runners past some of the city's most famous

monuments, such as Big Ben, Tower Bridge, The Shard and the London Eye.

It also took in many of London's hidden heritage and cultural gems such as Guy Fawkes' house where the Gunpowder Plot conspirators met, the memorial to flamboyant poet Oscar Wilde, Pudding Lane, where the Great Fire of London started in 1666, and Billingsgate Roman bathhouse.

All money raised will go the Highfield Centenary Bursaries Fund, which helps support children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend a private school such as Highfield and Brookham. The Fund was set up 17 years ago and typical candidates are children who are experiencing social or educational difficulties or children who have the ability to succeed academically if given the right support.

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UPDATE FROM Liphook & Bramshott Parish Council



NEW DEPUTY CLERK - Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council have recently appointed a new deputy parish clerk, Geraldine Sheedy. The deputy clerk role supports the clerk and covers the role in their absence. Geraldine will be responsible for the following areas of the parish's

work: Planning Committee, LMC Committee, Allotments and the day to day running of the parish office at the Haskell Centre on the Midhurst Road. Our new deputy clerk has lived in Liphook since 2021 and is involved in several local community groups. The staff team are all looking forward to working on some exciting new projects in the coming months. We said goodbye to Nicki Sosin who was the PCs Executive Assistant for the past nine years. Nicki and her family have moved to Dorset, and we wish her the very best in her new home and thank her for all the support and service she gave to the council during her time in Liphook.

Just a reminder that the parish office is open from 10.00am - 1.00pm Monday to Friday and residents are always welcome to pop in with any concerns or you can contact us using the links at the end of this article. You are also welcome to attend our meetings (details on our website) or come along to one of our informal councillor drop-in sessions due to be held over the coming months.

PARISH WEBSITE - We regularly update the website with local news items and important parish information. The website also includes useful links to both Hampshire County Council and East Hampshire District Council where you can report issues relating to roads, potholes, fly tipping, overhanging trees etc.

We would love to have your feedback about what you like and areas for improvement, so do please take a look here and let us know what you think: www.bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk

VE DAY CELEBRATION PICNIC - By the time this article is printed, we will have enjoyed all the fun and 1930's/40's themed entertainment. We would like to thank our staff and the volunteers who worked so hard on our own village event at the Millennium Green.

MILLENNIUM CENTRE - We have recently upgraded the disabled toilets and baby changing facilities.

Laura, our events officer, has been trialling a range of different events for all age groups including: an Easter fun session, an evening of clairvoyance, a children's magic party and an 80's music evening. We have also purchased a bouncy castle and soft play equipment that can be hired out for children's party bookings in the main hall. If you have not attended one of our events before, we would encourage you to come along. More details can be found on the Liphook Millennium Centre website at: www.liphookmc.co.uk

LITTER PICKING - If you would like to clean up your street or local neighbourhood, the parish office has a number of litter pickers, bags and hi-vis jackets that you can borrow. Please contact us to find out more and how to arrange collection of the litter.

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Ann's Amaryllis Steals the Show!

*By Anne Govier
& Sally White.*

Liphook Horticultural Society held their Spring Show in April in the Church Centre on a most beautiful spring day. The visitors were met with a fantastic display of daffodils, tulips and other spring flowers. Show Secretaries Anne and Sally were delighted with the number of exhibits on show which were up over 50 per cent on last year's entries. The specimen daffodil class had 17 entries, and other popular classes were the spring flower class (one type), the camellia class, and the vase of spring flowers which had 10 entries. The photographic class entitled "Between the Trees" attracted 13 entries and was won by Andrew Smith. The judge, Mrs. Sheila Rapley commented on the high quality and quantity of exhibits and said, "You have some serious growers here"!

Cup winners were Mary Eyre who won the Tony West Salver for

best exhibit in the daffodil classes and Ann Haussauer who won the Ted Baker Cup for best in show with her spectacular white amaryllis with a gold trim on the petals.

The plant stall did well on the day and by the time you read this we hope that you enjoyed an even bigger selection of plants on our stall at the VE Celebration Day on the 11th May so please come along and support our Society on the day.

Our next Show will be the Summer Show on Saturday, 19th July from 2 to 4 pm at the Church Centre, Liphook. Please contact our Secretary, Ann Haussauer with any enquiries on **01428-723045** or for further details see our website: liphookhortsoc.org.uk



Best Exhibit Amaryllis.



Spring Show Flowers.



Mary Eyre with The Tony West Salver.



Camellias.

Photos by Marie Claire Hull.

The Churches of Liphook

Methodist Church

By the time you read this, we shall have marked the eightieth anniversary of VE-Day in the village, the end in Europe of a world war that flared up twenty years after the previous one which was supposed to be the war to end all wars. And still they come in our world: war after war after war. Ukraine. Sudan. Gaza. Eritrea. And that's just right now.

Some people say to me, 'Religion is the main cause of war in the world,' but this is demonstrably false. The 'Encyclopaedia of Wars' puts the number of wars caused by religion in the region of 6 to 7 per cent.

Jesus Christ offers the way to peace – not by inflicting violence on another party until it is beaten into submission, but by his suffering love at the Cross. This is his way to personal reconciliation with God, and it shows the way to peace between human beings, be that on a macro level between nations or at a personal level when we have fallen out with a neighbour.


The peace and reconciliation Jesus offers everyone with God is what we celebrate each week in our Sunday church services. Peace and reconciliation with one another is then one of the things we seek to work out in practice. Do we always succeed? No, and I'm sorry.

But part of that peace from Jesus is his willingness to forgive, so when we fail, we get back up, dust ourselves down, and set out again in a bid to build a community of peace.

Maybe this is what you need. Peace with God. Reconciliation with others. If so, why not come and dip your toe in the water with us? Come and join a bunch of people on the same journey. We are not superior, we have simply discovered the amazing love of God that inspires us, and the help of his Spirit to do the hard work of peace-making when we don't feel like it or we're not capable of it on our own.

You'd be very welcome to try us out. Sundays at 10 am, other times as advertised.

Reverend Dave Faulkner


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Church of England

It was all pretty weird! It started when we asked ourselves the question "What does the Holy Spirit want to do today?"

This picture just popped into my head. First a left foot - and then as I waited, an angry red throbbing left big toe! I tentatively asked our group (there were ten of us) if any could relate to this, and it turned out that three of them had had pain in their left big toes for months and even years! I couldn't believe it! Could this be God speaking? We soon found out, because when we prayed for our three brothers and sisters amazing things happened! Years of pain just melted away! One of them cried out in surprise as she felt bones moving and a lump in her left big toe got smaller! Either we were witnessing a massive co-incidence, or a miracle. It's pretty weird, but in my experience miracles are more common than you would imagine. Even better you don't even have to be a believer! When atheists, agnostics, Hindus, Muslims, even Satanists are open enough to

receive prayer things seem to happen. It's almost like our amazing heavenly Father has been waiting for years for them to open the doors of their hearts just a chink, and when they do he races in and says "I love you". That's our Father. He loves everyone. Everyone. He even loves you more than you could possibly imagine! Why not ask him to help?

Reverend Valentine Inglis-Jones


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Catholic Church

It is not unusual to find odd coins in the collection at church. By odd I mean coins that are foreign or no longer legal tender. We put these aside and once we have a big enough collection send them to a charity. I had a small bag of these on my desk and when I accidentally spilled the coins, one of them caught my eye. It was an old two penny coin, not the new pennies but the pre-decimal pennies when there were 240 to one pound. And when I say old I mean really old, dating back to at least 1547 and bearing the image of King Henry VIII!

I recently saw a performance of Robert Bolt's play A Man for All Seasons with Martin Shaw starring as Thomas More, one of the victims of Henry's political machinations. No longer the charismatic and charming figure he had been in his youth, by the end of his reign Henry had become a brooding tyrant. His financial mismanagement, extravagant lifestyle and a series of ill-judged wars in an attempt to annex neighbouring territories had brought England to the verge of bankruptcy.

Unfortunately, megalomaniac, incompetent and dangerous leaders are not confined to history and now, as then, it is the ordinary people who suffer the consequences. Our world can sometimes seem to be in a daunting state. I am writing this as the Church prepares for its most important celebrations, Good Friday and Easter, a season that reminds us that God can bring life and joy from the very worst of situations. Rulers and leaders come and go, but as long as the people hold fast to what is good and true then evil men can never win.

Father Simon Chinery


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BRINGING LIGHT AND COLOUR BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

St. Mary's Windows Restored

By Natalie Cocker. Photos by Jason Wheeler.



Stained glass window before restoration.

Visitors to St. Mary's Church in Bramshott recently will have noticed a distinctly colourful change in the afternoon sun, as its stained glass windows have undergone a thorough cleaning to restore their original colour.

The church itself is exceptionally old and storied, with the original chapel section

built in 1220 as part of the grounds of Bramshott Manor, and the windows aren't exempt from this history - fragments of the original 13th-century windows were collected and assembled, offering a fractured glimpse into the skill and culture of the craft long ago. The bulk of the rest of the stained glass was added in the 19th century, paid for by local wealthy individuals as tributes to loved ones; most recently, in 1945, some of the older windows were replaced with colourful new ones to honour the Canadian troops stationed on Bramshott Common during the World Wars.

All of these windows had built up a thick layer of dirt, especially on the outside, having not been cleaned in four decades. Local resident and member of the PCC, Mo Lockyer wanted to change this, so she called on a professional: Jason Wheeler of Wintec.

Jason has been cleaning windows for eight years, but he's been a specialist on restorative construction for multiple decades; he knows how to handle fragile structures. The windows are held in place by putty, so even the slightest bit of excessive pressure risks a break, and their coloured glass is extremely susceptible to chemical damage and discolouration, so they could only be cleaned with water, and very gently. The trick, Jason tells me as he shows me the before-and-after photos, is circular motions.

All in all, the windows needed cleaning four times each, and in drying them (also very gently, with a microfibre cloth on a stick), Jason got through fifty cloths. The porch windows in particular are very fragile and held together with an added layer of perspex, which he had to remove in order to clean them with what must have been an incredibly deft touch.

The difference really is night and day (compare the 'after' picture on the front cover with the 'before' picture here). The colours are far richer now, startlingly vibrant compared to the dull glow they used to offer; it's fortunate, then, that Mo hopes to arrange for the windows to be cleaned a bit more regularly

from now on. If you have a spare afternoon on a sunny summer's day, treat yourself to a wander into the churchyard and take a look for yourself.



Jason of Wintec.

St Mary's Concert

SAVE THE DATE

There will be an evening concert of popular classical orchestral music given by Bramshott Sinfonietta, including pieces by Handel and Mozart.

The concert will take place at St. Mary's Bramshott at **7.00pm on Saturday 12th July** to raise funds for St. Mary's, following on from their very successful concert there two years ago.

The ticket price will be £15 each, including refreshments. Tickets will be available online before the 12th July.

Details to be posted on Liphook Talkback closer to the date, or tickets will also be available at the door on the evening itself.



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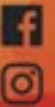
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Aster Daisy in Bloom

By Victoria Peterkin.



Aster Daisy House.

Nestled between Liphook and Liss and overlooking the stunning South Downs, Aster Daisy Nursery is flourishing. Opened in early 2022, the children's nursery and pre-school has grown from strength to strength, offering sessional and full time early years education

to local children from 3 months, across the full year. Spread across the large, Edwardian mansion and two acres of dedicated gardens, with a forest school chalet, on site beach, children's food technology kitchen and bespoke, private soft play house - this isn't your ordinary daycare. With a broad and diverse curriculum, tailored to meet the needs of every individual child and their next steps of learning alongside the national framework, the ambition of exceptional education in a nurturing environment is clear to see.

Each age group has a suite of rooms, designed to create inspirational learning spaces with homely and familiar touches - we know that children under 5 thrive away from academic institutions although benefit from the socialisation of group provision. At Aster Daisy the aim has been to balance this dichotomy, offering young children a holistic and ambitious start in their educational journey, always mindful of the tender age and vital care each child needs to feel safe, secure and supported.



Literacy Light Activity.

The nursery suites are a blend of traditional and innovative styles. Wooden furniture, complete with soft, natural textiles present a pared down, calm and inclusive environment; with toys, activities and equipment from

high-quality specialist suppliers offering a wide variety of age and stage appropriate resources. Children love exploring the easily accessible storage and equally enjoy the autonomy of choice as well as the breadth available.

Each of the three age groups has access to their own dining room, as well as bathrooms, changing facilities and a personal items area, to help children feel welcome and a sense of belonging. Babies are given their own cot. Children delight in the independence of drinking water stations, as well as the freedom and luxury of space to direct their learning and play in a purposeful but child-centred method. Adult led discussions and topics can spearhead a theme or exploration, and it is with sparked curiosity that journeys of discovery and investigation then abound. No two days are the same, although experiences are peppered by consistent mealtimes!



Maths Tree Activity.

The menu is designed alongside the NHS and DFE Healthy Eating guidance factoring in seasonal produce as well as nursery favourites. All food is freshly

prepared on site catering for all cultures, allergies and phases of weaning. Sitting together in small groups with their teacher, younger children are supported to be fed, with older children encouraged to be as independent as they can, serving themselves and each other from small dishes, experiencing mealtimes socially, unhurried and at their own pace.

The dedicated atelier provides opportunities for small groups to be creative, messy and even throw a pot on the child-friendly wheel. The library showcases the wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry books available, with literacy, speech and language a big part of the day-to-day core curriculum. Maths and STEM are interwoven across each age group, with progressive planning to ensure resources and equipment match the ambition of each stage. The yoga mats for mindfulness are set up in the studio as well as outside; and for the physically enthusiastic children, there is a bouldering room, as well as several large, climb-on pieces in the gardens.

Transition from one suite to another is sympathetic to age and readiness, as well as parental input. With purposefully capped numbers there is so much room to spare, allowing total

flexibility to only operate in a child's best interests. The final year of Pre-School involves a ramp up of 'school readiness' and embedding the remaining key principles of the early years foundation stage. With decades of experience in early years and primary education, and through working closely with local teachers from excellent state and private schools, we understand that the skills and knowledge gained during this year are crucial - especially the sense of being the eldest cohort, and the confidence and security that brings. A strong emotional attachment at this stage is key to laying the foundation for future learning and long-term success.

Aster Daisy's team of specialist early years educators and teachers provide regular opportunities to discuss each child's development and progression, and through parent events, newsletters, weekly blogs, a personalised digital learning platform and daily handover sheets, communication aims to be effective, professional and robust - but most importantly, friendly!

If you would like to know more, or to arrange a visit to Aster Daisy Nursery, please call **01730 858480**, or email **aster@mydaisynursery.com** The social media channels **@DaisyNurseryLtd** are a great place to find nursery news. Aster Daisy is registered to provide funded places and is taking bookings for the next few academic years.



Toddler Suite.



Pre-School Suite.

NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION OF Liphook Infant & Junior School



At the Federation of Liphook Infant School and Liphook C of E Junior School, we have been focused on developing the children's oracy skills. These are the skills needed to 'learn to talk' and to 'learn through talk'. When learning to talk, the children are learning to express themselves

in different contexts, for a variety of purposes, to a range of audiences. They are also developing the skills that enable them to actively listen to each other, to consider other points of view

and to reflect on these. They collaborate and build collective understanding, or challenge one another, disagreeing agreeably. In this way, the children are developing their understanding of what they think and their ability to communicate this effectively.



We are seeing the children's confidence and communication skills grow in every year group. Below are a selection of recent learning opportunities that our year groups have had across the Federation.

The children in **Year R** have been collaborating and developing their communication skills in their outside area in a range of ways. They particularly enjoy the mud kitchen and the outdoor scales where they can investigate and collaborate together as

they play. The children have been taking their customers' orders and serving up a number of house specials in their new mud kitchen. (A big thank you to Mr. Duff for making this addition to the Year R playground!).



In **Year 1**, the children have been putting their oracy skills to good use, creating and performing space poetry in front of our green screen. They were superimposed over a suitable background and their poetry performances were shared with their parents at home through our online learning platform. In school, the children led an assembly where they shared

their learning with the rest of the school. In both examples, the children had to be aware of ensuring that their voices were loud and clear enough to be heard, whilst making sure that the speed and tone of their voices were just right to ensure that their audiences were engaged and entertained. They did an amazing job!



For the children in **Year 2**, a trip to the Heritage Centre meant that they were able to think carefully about how life has changed in Liphook since the age of the stagecoach. They have used their historical skills to identify continuity and change in the village whilst asking suitable questions of experts to find out more information. They had to ensure that they were actively listening to the answers that they were given so that they were able to use these in their learning in a range of subjects once they returned to school. After reading 'The Highway Rat', the children imagined what life might have been like for a highwayman and wrote some fantastic stories which brought together all of their learning.



Year 3 has dived headfirst into the fascinating world of Roman culture, exploring every thrilling aspect of Roman life through a range of exciting activities! Their adventure kicked off with an unforgettable trip to Butser Ancient Farm, where they rolled up their sleeves for hands-on experiences like jewellery making,



weaving, and even exploring a stunning Roman villa. To wrap up this incredible journey, the students celebrated in style with a Roman-themed day at school. Decked out in their best Roman attire, they baked delicious Roman bread and feasted together at a sumptuous banquet -what a fantastic way to bring history to life!



Year 4. As part of our thrilling Viking topic, in DT we embarked on an epic journey exploring and experimenting with different levers and linkages. Their creativity knew no bounds as they designed their very own interactive children's book, featuring awe-inspiring dragons! Some dragons flapped their wings with majestic power, others unleashed fiery breath, and a few even swished their tails with a mighty roar. It was an exhilarating adventure of discovery and imagination.



Year 5. As part of their captivating RE topic, 'Sacred Places and Community,' Year 5 embarked on an exciting exploration of the special buildings cherished by both Christians and Muslims! They learnt about the significance of these sacred spaces, discovering the unique features that make them holy and why they hold such profound meaning for those who worship there.



To bring this topic to life, the children had the incredible opportunity to visit two iconic places: the Mubarak Mosque in Tilford and the stunning Guildford Cathedral. These visits sparked a newfound appreciation for how different communities practice their faith, and the children were thrilled to ask insightful questions, receiving answers from experts that enriched their understanding.



In **Year 6**, reading is more important than ever as it opens doors to new worlds, ideas, and



opportunities. This year the children have thoroughly enjoyed reading Darwin's Dragons, a fictional text based on the adventures of Darwin. To help celebrate reading, for World Book Day, the children arrived at school dressed as their favourite book character. The school was filled with excitement; from superheroes to magical creatures, there was a vibrant mix of costumes that brought beloved stories to life. The hallways were buzzing with creativity as students proudly showcased their imaginative outfits, sparking conversations about the books and characters they love. It was a day of fun, storytelling, and celebrating the joy of reading!





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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Tai Chi in Liphook

Photos and text by
Jenny Woodsford.

Originating in China, Tai Chi is an ancient martial art for combat and self-defence but has now developed into a form of exercise. It is a gentle, low-impact exercise while concentrating on deep, slow breaths. The movements are slow and flowing which help to calm and focus the mind and strengthen the immune system. Tai Chi aims to concentrate and balance "qi" - the body's vital energy - which provides improved mental and physical health. The practitioner benefits from relaxation, posture and balance. Both ancient and modern forms of Tai Chi are now practised.

As well as the exercise Tai Chi also has a strong philosophy originating in Taoist and Confucian principles. Many of the movements contain the idea of Yin and Yang - that is softness and hardness - using the two forces against each other is thus an internal martial art. The principle is that the softness (Yin) can overcome the hardness (Yang).

This may sound complicated to the new practitioner but, in fact, as one practices the movements these ideals become clearer. However, it is not necessary to follow these beliefs to benefit from Tai Chi.

Largely a gentle form of exercise it helps to maintain flexibility, balance and strength. It can be practised by all age groups and levels of fitness and can be adapted for wheelchair users and those recovering from surgery. It is extremely useful helping to prevent or slow down the ailments of older age such as arthritis and poor balance. If you are considering starting Tai Chi another benefit is that you do not need any expensive equipment or clothing - just wear any loose comfortable clothing and flexible footwear.

Liphook resident Glen Robertson is famed for his Tai Chi classes which take place in the Methodist Church. Glen says: "Tai Chi has always been a firm favourite of mine, both for its graceful movements and the sense of wellbeing and calm it brings to life. I am qualified for Chen Style Tai Chi and Qi Gong and the main focus of the classes are for the health benefits, rather than the martial arts aspect."

Tai Chi is a non-competitive Chinese martial art that is known for its health benefits. It consists of a range of gentle exercises which promotes mobility, flexibility and strength for the entire body. It promotes vitality and helps the body to repair itself after injury.

Tai Chi is excellent at alleviating stress and anxiety through regular practice. It is a moving meditation that allows the mind to calm down and maintain a positive outlook. Chen Style Tai Chi, when taught in conjunction with Qi Gong (breathing techniques) forms a comprehensive health system that can be practiced by all ages."

However, Glen's expertise is not confined to Tai Chi, he also teaches Yoga, Pilates and Kettlebell. Have a look at his website for details about these classes and other services:

www.fusion4health.com

Glen's Tai Chi classes are on Tuesdays at 11.15am and Thursdays at 7.00pm both at Liphook Methodist Church. The classes are currently £9 per session. You can contact Glen on his mobile: **07951 888565** or email: **glen.robertson@rocketmail.com**



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PASSFIELD OPEN DAY

Classic Car Mechanic Workshops

By Ingrid Collins and Simon Catford. Photos by Simon show just a few of the classic vehicles that were on display.



The now bi-annual Open Day at the Classic Car Mechanic workshops in Passfield Mill Business Park was held on 5th April in glorious sunshine. Originally starting in the spring of 2023 to celebrate the opening of their new MOT ramps, the first show saw but a handful of people taking a look around the workshops, admiring the beautiful cars and talking to the knowledgeable team on hand. Since then, the Open Days have grown and grown, almost out-stripping the available space in the workshop and yards. And no surprise given the quality and scope of the much-cherished cars on show.



For classic car owners, the choice of a garage competent enough to send their treasured car to is very important and taken with the same care a dog owner chooses a kennel.

Having an opportunity to walk around the workshop and hearing the passion from the team gives owners a sense of reassurance.

The Open Days have, over the last couple of years, turned into much more of a social event for the members of the local classic car community and for the Classic Car Mechanic team it marks the start of the show season which runs until the autumn. Eric Collins, who founded Classic Car Mechanic, is proud to have served in the British Army for 20 years having originally joined the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) as a 16-year-old apprentice. Not unsurprisingly he has been a staunch supporter of Help for Heroes since its start in 2007 and the latest Open Day raised just over £600 for the charity through the sale of refreshments and raffle tickets. This was boosted further by the raffle of a specially commissioned painting by local artist Rachel Vitolo. Very well done to all concerned.

The next event at Classic Car Mechanic is on 27th September 2025 and further information can be found on their Facebook page or their website: www.classiccarmechanic.co.uk

Editors note:

For all you car enthusiasts there is another treat in store; Hollycombe Steam in the Country will be holding a Classic Car Gathering on Father's Day on Sunday 15th June when they will welcome car clubs from all over the South of England as well as individual car owners showcasing their pride and joy. This is in addition to their usual attractions of railways, fairground, Bioscope shows, steam farm, beam engine, cafe, shop and woodland gardens.

The 80th Anniversaries of WWII

By Tony Smyth.

I can only imagine that the people of Liphook, the whole country, and our allies abroad must have felt huge relief that WWII in Europe, came, to an end on 8th May 1945. They must all have rejoiced on Victory in Europe day (V.E. day). The summer in 1945 could well have been a strange time, for while the war in Europe had ended, the war in the Pacific had not. For the service men and women in the Far East and their loved ones at home, their grief continued. On the 6th and 9th August, two atomic bombs were dropped on Japan. They surrendered on 14th August 1945. This was called Victory in Japan day (V.J. Day). The forces were demobbed and, in many cases soon returned home. In some cases, the service men and women could not be returned home for a few years. War-time rations were extremely limited, and it took some time

before food supplies were made available. Some rationing continued until well into the 1950's. The people of the earlier generation, not forgetting the people during WW1, were surely the "golden" generation, that triumphed, and overcame all manner of setbacks. A large number of Canadians arrived in the Bramshott Common area, to fight our opponents in WWII, as they had in WWI. In the event, those who died were usually buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. We might be mindful of what they gave up for future generations. We will remember them.



VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

Memories of World War II

Compiled by
Jan Woodsford.

Some weeks ago we put a call out for any memories or anecdotes that you, our readers, may have. Below is a compilation of your responses. Our thanks to everyone who has kindly sent in stories to mark this 80th Anniversary.

From Chris Meech:

"My late father, Malcolm Meech, then a resident of Bramshott, joined up at the age of 16 into the Royal Navy. He served in the British Pacific Fleet in WW2 on the aircraft carrier Indomitable. Indomitable was one of the ships involved in the liberation of Hong Kong from the Japanese.

"My late father-in-law Jack Bleach, from Liphook, served in North Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean in WWII driving lorries loaded with ammunition and fuel for the British Aircraft. He served in the same unit as his twin brother Bob and they went through the whole war together."

From Paul Robinson:

"My late father-in-law served in the eighth army during the war. While stationed at Aldershot he received training driving heavy trucks over sand. This was done at Frensham Ponds which had been drained during the war. This experience was to prove invaluable, as part of the Seventh Armoured Division he served in North Africa at El Alamein."

From David Starr – a poignant early memory:

"My first memory is of sitting in the kitchen of our home in the East End of London with my mother when the ceiling collapsed into the room. I was told later that a German V2 Rocket had dropped nearby.

I have done some research and discovered that it had struck the library opposite. It was timed at 4.04pm on 4th January 1945 killing 200 adults and 82 children. I guess I was one of the lucky ones."

Peter Rowan, was brought up in Liphook and has many local connections including his late Uncle, Norman Salter, who worked in Lloyds Bank Liphook, and his Aunt Winnie, who worked in the green grocers, either called the Salad Bowl or The Crisper. He now lives in Arford, and has shared these memories:

"Through researching my family history, I discovered that my Great Uncle, William Hinton, who would have been Winnie's Uncle, his wife Ellen, two daughters Annie and Kathleen, and daughter-in-law Janet, were all killed on September 16th, 1940 at 134 Melbourne Grove in Dulwich, during one of the first Blitz raids. Janet's husband, also a William was away in the Navy. I cannot imagine how he must have felt when told both his parents, two sisters and wife had all died together in his home.

"Also, his uncle, Norman Salter, who was the Assistant Manager at Lloyds Bank in Liphook for many years, served in the East Surrey Regiment. He joined the army before the outbreak of war. He was left behind at the Dunkirk evacuation, and together with two colleagues decided to walk along the coast at night, and hide by day. One morning they spotted an RAF rescue launch looking for a downed airman. They were picked up and brought back to the UK. He went on to be part of the 8th army fighting in North Africa, taking part in the battle of El Alamein, and later both the invasion of Sicily and Italy, fighting also at the Battle of Monte Casino. He told me once all through the war he dreamed of eating a proper cream meringue in a Lyons Corner House - which he eventually did achieve.

"I have also been researching the service records of other family members, two paternal uncles and a cousin, all very interesting. They served in the Royal New Zealand Navy and Air Force. I am immensely proud of them all and their contribution. One of my uncles did bomb disposal during the blitz, my cousin was killed over the Norwegian Sea in 1943, he was in Bomber Command and just 19."

Jenny Woodsford's story:

"My late father Norman Woodsford joined the RAF in October 1941. After initial training in the UK, he sailed to South Africa in order to then travel overland to Rhodesia. He recalled crossing the Bay of Biscay on Christmas Day and being rather seasick! After completing flying training at the camp near Bulawayo he was assigned to 178 Squadron

and the recruits travelled overland again to Cairo. My dad often recalled visiting Lake Victoria on the route. The landscape of Africa made a huge impression on him - he rarely talked about the bad times but did talk about the countries he visited. He was then stationed near Alexandria where they were flying missions over Italy. In July 1944 he was stationed at Amendola near Foggia in Italy. From here, apart from continuing to bomb various targets including rail infrastructure in northern Italy, Austria and Hungary, he dropped supplies to the underground Polish Home Army in Warsaw and partisans in Yugoslavia and northern Italy. The RAF suffered massive losses on these missions so I feel my father was lucky to survive. He also went on to meet my mother towards the end of the war back in the UK as she was in the WRAF."



Liphook Home Guard.



Sgt. Woodsford (1st left) and the flight crew with his Commanding Officer far right.

Rod Sharp's story is a reminder that the war did not end on VE Day but continued in the Far East until VJ Day on 15th August 1945:

"VE Day on 8th May 1945 was a day of rejoicing, but the anxiety continued for many families with loved ones still fighting in the Far East against Imperial Japan. My father was serving in 3rd Carabiniers, a tank regiment forming part of 14th Army which was fighting one of the bloodiest campaigns of the war amid heat, disease, privation and against a merciless enemy. In March to July 1944 he took part in the pivotal battles of Imphal

and Kohima in North-east India, one of the four great turning-point battles of the Second World War when the tide of war changed irreversibly and dramatically against those who initially held the upper hand, and on 8th May they were advancing towards Rangoon which they finally reached on 28th May after a journey of 1,100 miles with battles all the way and fourteen and a half months of hardship and danger.

"His anxious family had to wait until 15th August - now celebrated as VJ Day - when Japan finally surrendered following the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6th and 9th August 1945, respectively."

VE Day

3.00 pm, Tuesday 8th May, 1945

'Twas on that day and at that time
When all around the silence fell,
And Churchill waved the hand of peace
As loudly tolled the nation's bell.

Across the land the streets were thronged,
In London, down The Mall they poured,
The King, the Queen, Princesses too,
Among the jubilant, cheering horde.

High up the lampposts climbed the brave
And oh, the joy that war had passed,
While deep inside emotions hid,
For those denied their peace at last.

And on that day and at that time,
What sorrow felt by those at home,
Who heard the sound of celebration,
And faced the future, quite alone.

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By Angela Glass

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art@thestation at Liphook Station

By Rod Sharp.

If you have been to Liphook Station since the summer of 2021 you cannot fail to have noticed - unless you were rushing to catch your train - the excellent artwork in the ticket office displaying paintings from talented young artists at our local schools, a brilliant way to showcase their work and brighten the ticket office.

This display is thanks to an initiative by members of The Arts Society Grayshott (TASG). In 2020 their chairperson Peter Crowfoot found out that other Arts Societies nationally had organised displays of art from local schools at stations and asked their Young Arts Representative Linda Dixon to set up a local project. Shortly afterwards the name of the role was changed to Arts Volunteers Representative.

Her role is to organize projects and use donations from TASG, together with grants from the national Arts Society, to ensure that the projects are carried out.

She worked with Peter and Andrew Harrowell of South Western Railway to adopt the station (Liphook being chosen as their nearest station since The Arts Society Haslemere had already adopted Haslemere), contact the schools and organise the collection and display of the work.

The Arts Society Guildford had also adopted their local station

and advised on the permissions and the special lockable frames which would be required.

Room was given for four A2 frames in the ticket office which were installed by South Western Railway after a delay when the ticket office was closed due to the Covid pandemic.

Linda contacted Bohunt, Liphook Junior, Highfield and Churcher's College Junior School and suggested that the work could come from any year group and support any area of the curriculum, but that it would be helpful if they gave a sentence explaining the stimulus for the work. She also explained that the Society would prefer that the pupil's name was not on the front of the work and that it would be covered if it was.

The schools were happy to proceed and have supplied artwork, both portrait and landscape, which is collected by Linda and Mrs Sykes, also from the Society, who mount it, display it and take photos to send to the schools.

The Society wanted to change the work three times each year, so the artwork is collected from two schools at a time and, during the following half-term from the other two schools, returning the artwork to the schools so that the pupils can have their artwork back.



Olivia Breen Returns to Liphook

By Gabrielle Pike.
Photo courtesy of Helen Breen.



Olivia Breen was recently awarded a fellowship at the University of South Wales for her contribution to Welsh sport. She was very honoured and spent a wonderful day at the ICC in Newport as a

guest of the university and enjoyed sharing her experiences with the other cohort of graduates.

She has been busy since returning from the Paris Paralympics last September.

Although disappointed that she didn't get a medal at the Games she is determined to put it behind her and look to the future.

After taking a couple of months off training Olivia resumed her routine with the same coaching team. Both she and her long

jump coach, Aston Moore, decided it would be beneficial to obtain more input into her sprinting so Olivia now travels to Newcastle every month to train with former World Indoors 60m champion, Richard Kilty. Excited about this new change she is heading to Turkey with both Aston and Richard for some intense warm weather training.

Her next big competition is in New Delhi in September at the IPC World Championships and she is very excited to get back to competing. Whilst still firmly focused on her training she recognises that at 28 and after competing at four Paralympic Games she needs to think about what comes next.

Recently Olivia spent a week at Sky Sports News in London shadowing reporters and presenters. She would love to have a career in media after hanging up her spikes. Being short-listed at this year's Celtic Media Festival for her BBC Wales podcast, Olivia Breen Paris Diaries, is sure to stand her in good stead.

Before then, on June 24th, Olivia is heading back home to Liphook to take part in Bohunt School's tenth anniversary celebrations of BET being a multi-academy trust.

Bramshott Camp in WWI

By Simon Catford from original material provided by Andy Jones.

If you are not a local or have recently moved to Liphook, you may be puzzled as to why there are so many references to 'Canada' all around you. Tree planting schemes, street names, memorials and other reminders of what was obviously a large Canadian influence. But why and where? This short article gives us a few clues and I am indebted to the work of the Hammer Vale Preservation Society for the source material. And some longer-term residents might find a few new facts among these pages.

Essentially the Canadian presence was a consequence of World War I and the need for the British Empire to mobilise vast amounts of troops to fight in continental Europe (mainly the Western Front). As a significant part of the Commonwealth in the early part of the 20th Century (as it remains today), our colonial cousins made a huge contribution to the Allied military efforts. But they had to be housed somewhere.

But why Bramshott? As the main theatre of operation for Britain was the near Continent, South East England was an obvious area to choose. East Hampshire and Surrey are close to what was the Headquarters of the British Army at Aldershot and also to Bordon which was originally created for military personnel in 1899 and became occupied by the British Army in 1903. The local terrain was similar to that where the actual fighting was taking place, there were good rail links to London and thence to departure points for Northern France and of course Southampton Docks and Portsmouth are not far away. So Bramshott it was.

Other Canadian camps were also built at Witley and Bordon (a fourth was established near Seaford on the Sussex coast) and our local predecessors have always been eternally grateful for their presence and remember them with great fondness, respect and appreciation, well over a century after they first visited us.

The Canadian camp at Bramshott straddled what was then the London to Portsmouth Road (now the A3 hence the Memorial Tree Planting) in "North" and "South" camps. The number of soldiers grew steadily to over 10,000 and a whole infrastructure necessary to support such large numbers was established. Amenities included barracks, cookhouses, medical facilities, churches, a NAFFI, lecture halls and a theatre (even a bank!) to name but a few. A whole 'village' grew up known colloquially as 'Tin Town' as most of the buildings were of a temporary nature. But they served a very important purpose; to ready the troops for war across the Channel.

Typically there were 25 men to a hut with a coal stove in the centre. Beds were three planks of wood on trestles and the bolsters were filled with straw by the visitors. A large 630-bed hospital on the South side of the A3 was opened in November 1915 (in terms of beds, comparable to the Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford, today). It ultimately grew to near double that capacity, partly in response to the Spanish Flu Pandemic in 1918-19. Despite all these facilities life in Camp could be hard, especially in winter and it was quickly nick-named 'Mudsplosh' - a fitting name perhaps given the horrors that awaited many troops in the trenches of France.

Whilst here the Canadians set up a saw mill along the Longmoor Road shipping some 1.4 million cubic feet of timber to the Western Front; some of it from Hollycombe.

But before they left Bramshott Camp to fight, soldiers would have received endless training in the art of war - long route marches in full kit, arm-to-arm combat, digging trenches and living in them. They were taught wiring and setting of explosives, techniques to hand-launch grenades and how to use a gas mask whilst fighting at the same time. Signallers practised semaphore between the camp and Highfield School. Bivouacking and field cooking were rehearsed on Wheatsheaf Common, (Liphook Golf Course opened there in 1921). In all, an extensive remit of fieldcraft for these young men, most of whom had never been abroad before in their lives

As ever and in order to 'rally the troops' visits were made by senior dignitaries before embarkation to France. These included no less than H.M. King George V himself and there are pictures of him inspecting troops from horseback on 1st July 1916, known then as Dominion Day (a Canadian public holiday renamed more recently as Canada Day). The first day of July 1916 also heralded the start of the Battle of the Somme, one of the most disastrous battles in British military history where our forces suffered over 57,000 casualties on that first day, of which over 19,000 were fatalities. The Canadian Newfoundland Regiment itself were decimated at a place called Beaumont Hamel. In just 30 minutes of carnage, having committed 800 men to the offensive, only 68 remained unscathed; some 324 were killed and 386 wounded. But none of this was known to the proud soldiers who paraded before an even prouder King that day on the gentle uplands of Bramshott...

Canada's Prime Minister Sir Robert Borden also inspected the soldiers at Bramshott in 1917. There had been some disquiet and even complaints about the conditions at the camp, which seemed to have acted as a catalyst for his visit. Where they pleased to see him, one wonders?

So what is left of Bramshott Camp? Not much to be fair but there is still evidence around. For those who fancy a good walk, start in the Prince of Wales on Hammer Lane (taking time to admire the newly refurbished phone box - see article in the Winter 2024 edition of this magazine) and go up the very steep path immediately in front of you. As the terrain levels out, go straight ahead, passing the modern mobile mast to your right. When you get to a broad, flat track, turn right onto it. Within about 10 minutes you will arrive at a locked military-owned car park, no longer available to the public due to frequent fly-tipping (January 2025). You have been walking on the eastern side of Camp Bramshott; most of it, including the hospital, will have been on the western side to your left. A little further on is the BMW garage (site of the old Spaniard Hotel) and on the junction of Little Hammer Lane and High Pitfold stands a private residence once known as the 'Blue Jug Café'. The author remembers it as 'Second Hand Rose', a two-storey antique and curios shop (see pictures opposite). The Canadians would have known them well.



Space does not permit further telling of the remarkable story of the Canadians in Bramshott and the wider South East. Suffice to say that their contribution to that most terrible of wars ('the War to end all Wars') was significant and we have much to be grateful for. And of course history repeated itself some twenty years later when the Canadians once again stood shoulder to shoulder with Britain and the Allies in the fight against Nazi Germany. And Bramshott heard the sound of marching boots once more. The subject perhaps of another article?

Three contemporary postcards, dated 1917, giving some idea of "Tin Town".



Operation Airbase

*By Andrew Shelley, Senior Press and Media Officer, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.
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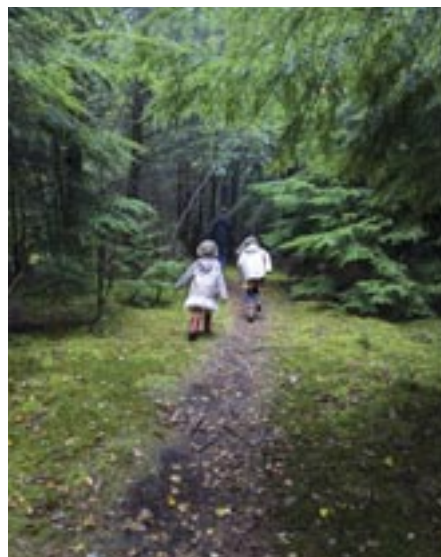
1st June marks the start of the British summer and with the forthcoming holidays comes teenagers seeking entertainment. For many the first recourse is to the devices in their pockets, their mobile phones. But for a growing number in Hampshire that avenue has been blocked as the county is at the forefront of a rapidly growing parental movement to protect young people from the potential harms from smartphones. There is a growing evidence base of international research that smartphone usage, especially when combined with social media, at young ages is exposing a child to a host of harms that are contributing to a mental health crisis among young people.

The Smartphone Free Childhood campaign was started by two friends and parents living in Suffolk and Hampshire respectively in 2024. The Liphook branch has been growing steadily since its inception last year. Organiser Nicola Love says: "I was desperate for my two daughters to not get led astray with social media, they're in years R and two right now."

Local M.P. Greg Stafford is also supportive. He adds: "As a parent, I worry about the same things other parents do: whether my children will grow up healthy, make lasting friendships, and feel safe both online and offline... I'm working with headteachers on a 'Smartphone-Free Surrey and Hampshire' initiative and that's why I've signed the Parents' Pact, which urges delaying smartphones until at least Year Nine. Parents should feel confident in saying 'no'."

Central to the group's concerns is that smartphones can act as a gateway to harmful content. In 2021, school inspection body Ofsted found 90% of girls and nearly 50% of boys had been sent unsolicited explicit pictures or videos. Social media companies' business model is to keep you on their apps and sites as long as possible. A King's College London study concluded that those with problematic smartphone use were much more likely to suffer with anxiety or depression.

Understandably, given smartphones' ubiquity and, in fairness, utility, some parents are reluctant to take the smartphone free leap. Liphook group member Gemma Spink says: "Most are worried about keeping track of where their kids are and how to reach them and get messages. I've also had people say 'they will be left out socially' and 'everyone else has one now so we have to get it.'"



Liphook SFC members recognise parents' concerns on these issues and support parents to understand the options available to them. John Oxenham says "My personal stance is no

smartphone until they're 14. My major 'no' is social media so my wife and I are saying no to that until 16. But the group's message is not about never giving your child a smartphone, but rather that its ok to delay it until they are older."

Alternatives to smartphones include more basic models of phones that make calls and send text messages. There is also a growing market of phones that look and feel like smart phones and allow for certain parent approved apps but limit access to social media and the internet. The local SFC group isn't pushing a one-size-fits-all answer. Every family's journey is different. If you're thinking about delaying your child's first smartphone, you're not alone. And if you've already handed one over, it's not too late to re-think how it's used. To join the Parent Pact click on this QR code.



LIPHOOK SCREEN TIME ALTERNATIVES

This summer, the village is full of ways to help kids switch off and reconnect. Local businesses and community groups are offering everything from sports, crafts, music easy wins for parents looking to replace screen time with real life fun.

Here are just a few to look out for:

Liphook Box Car:

Why not form a village group to participate in the annual Bordon Soap Box Derby on 20th July?
<https://www.bordonsoapbox.co.uk/>

Local Holiday Clubs:

Churcher's College and Highfield & Brookham have some fantastic clubs for kids every summer from crafts, to fencing, swimming and cookery camps.

Liphook Theatre Club:

This group runs a musical workshop every summer. Organized by The MAD Company, kids get to learn all aspects of putting on a show from costume design, set design and acting/singing. Message their Facebook profile for more information.

Back to Nature:

Liphook has the advantage of being surrounded by spots to get out in nature from Radford Park, Iron Hill, Hogmoor Inclosure and grasslands of Bramshott Common. There's always something different to explore whatever the season.

Ride the Ranges:

Take your bikes to the gravel paths around the Longmoor Ranges. Just make sure you check if there is firing at: gov.org and, if there are red flags flying, turn back.

Many of these options are low-cost or free and don't require a whole day out just a few hours that give kids space to connect, create, and explore.

You can join the Liphook SFC WhatsApp Group here:
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EVER WONDERED How Parcels Go Astray?

By Marilyn Ambrose.

Why is Countryside Companions Walking Group asking this you may wonder. Well, there we were on a delightful 7.5 mile walk from Cutt Mill Pond to Puttenham, strolling along a lovely sunken lane, when a delivery driver (pretty certain it was a white van) came up behind us. As he drew level, he did stop and apologise for forcing us all to leap on to the narrow muddy banks fringing the lane (always an amusing sight) and then suggested that rather than disturb us again on the way down from his delivery which was at the top of the hilly lane, we could deliver his parcel for him. He duly handed over the parcel, came to a turning point and departed - with no clue as to who we were and the safety of his delivery.

Our walk leader, suitably attired in camouflage trousers and hi viz vest, undertook this task, but it left us with many questions, amongst which would be what his delivery proof photo was? And how suspicious would you be of a random person strolling into your remote garden to deliver a parcel, with not a delivery van in sight? Luckily for the driver and the recipient we are honest folk in the Group.

Check out Rees Jeffreys.
Photo by Fay Boyett.

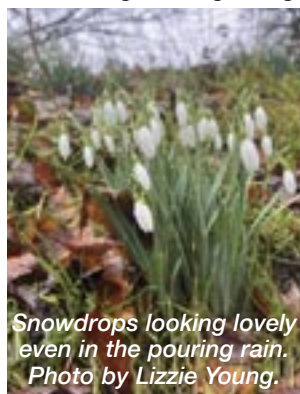


But this was "one of those walks" - earlier in the day we met a Surrey County Council man working on the footpath, so we stopped to chat - he was very friendly but eventually we realised he was trying to recruit us to a working party! So we walked on through the varied terrain - starting in woods, past ponds, getting deeper into the countryside and some lovely remote properties, eventually emerging in the village of Puttenham

for lunch at the lovely rural pub. After lunch we went along the sunken lane and then across sandy Puttenham Common. I have only ever been aware of the sunken lanes of Surrey, but it turns out (according to Wikipedia) they are also in Germany, Spain, Belgium, the U.S. and Syria and also referred to as hollow roads - who knew? We also discovered a very pretty tree called Spindle, which is part of the euonymus family. It goes largely unnoticed for most of the year, but in autumn the foliage turns bright shades of red, which are complemented by pink fruits that split open to reveal orange seeds. Have a look at the picture on the back cover.

A walk round Elstead reminded us of the wildfires, but also how nature copes - it was awe inspiring to see the vegetation growing back through the blackened branches. On this walk, there is a great lunch stop at The Little Barn Café, where we also bought cakes for our tea - but, undisciplined lot that we are, some of the cakes only made it outside the café before being consumed!

Still on a food theme, we have not had to cancel any walks recently due to weather, despite negotiating many puddles, but we did get



Snowdrops looking lovely even in the pouring rain.
Photo by Lizzie Young.

incredibly wet on a Passfield and Conford walk in February. However, it is amazing how a cream tea at No.1 The Square can make you forget you are actually soaked through! As with many of our walks, we have done this one before, but they are always different due to the season and the weather, and we never fail to discover something new, no matter how familiar the track is.

This was the case on our Duncton/Barlavington Down and Burton Down walk (5.8 miles of undeniably undulating, if not downright hilly walking). We repeated this walk after about three years as the first time we did it, it was so misty you could not see any of the beautiful views we were assured were there. We did a bit better this time, as evidenced by the picture. And for complete randomness, do check out the Rees Jeffreys Road Fund pictured at the Duncton Hill car park.

Finally . . . views on the Duncton Walk. Photo by Fay Boyett.



If you like gathering random facts, cakes and getting out into the countryside, why not think about joining Countryside Companions Walking Group? We'd love to meet you.

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UPDATE FROM East Hampshire District Council

DEVOLUTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Although Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation are separate areas of policy, the Government has made a direct link to both in terms of the overall timetable. Devolution will have an impact on the services undertaken by the unitary authorities, and it is therefore important to recognise the interlinked nature of these two processes.

Devolution will pose a significant change to all authorities in the area, and the scope of responsibility of the newly devolved strategic authorities are identified, as a minimum, to be:

- Transport and local infrastructure
- Skills and employment support
- Housing and strategic planning
- Economic development and regeneration
- Environment and climate change
- Health, wellbeing, and public service reform
- Public safety.

A full list of the potential functions of a new Mayoral Combined Authority can be found at Hampshire and the Solent devolution consultation - GOV.UK.

The request from Hampshire County Council to be fast-tracked for the process of Devolution, (the Devolution Priority Programme), was accepted by Government. Because of this the elections for Hampshire County Council have been postponed for one year. As part of the priority process, there have been many meetings between Chief Executives and Leaders of the different local authorities across Hampshire, and Government required the submission of a Local Government Reorganisation plan by the 21st March 2025, with a final business case to be submitted by 26th September 2025. Hampshire authorities submitted their Plan on the 21st March and requested that the detailed business case deadline be extended to at least 28th November 2025.

Once the final business cases are submitted it is expected that a decision by ministers will be taken, following public consultation, which will confirm the Government's preferred options for Local Government Reorganisation across Hampshire. This will require legislation to be laid before Parliament, allowing new councils to take effect from 1st April, 2028. From this date all existing council arrangements across Hampshire would cease, along with existing sovereignty boundaries.

The implication of the Government's proposals for Local Government reorganisation (LGR) is that East Hampshire District Council will no longer exist beyond April 2028. All of its responsibilities, statutory duties and powers, investments, assets and companies owned, will be invested in a new unitary authority, with transfer arrangements in place for staff, and elections to be held for Councillors for the new authority. All other Hampshire District Councils would also cease to exist, as would the County Council. Existing unitary councils would also change or be replaced.

No decision has yet been made on who EHDC will align with to form a new unitary. However, any new unitary authority that is formed from a merger, has to be financially stable, and has to have a population of 500,000 or more.

The proposed timetable as currently understood is:

- **21st March, 2025** - Interim plans for local government reorganisation were submitted to Government
- **26th Sept 2025** - Full Plans for local government reorganisation to be submitted to Government
- **1st April 2026** - New Strategic Mayoral Authority established for Hampshire and Solent area
- **May 2026** - Elections to the office of the Mayor of the Strategic Authority
- **May 2027** - Elections to the shadow new unitary councils, established through local government reorganisation
- **1st April 2028** - New unitary authorities established.

We wait to see if this timetable will come to fruition, and the outcome of future meetings to decide which councils come together to form the new unitary authorities.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY GRANTS

The new Council year has produced new bumper grant pots for District Councillors. We now each have £7,000 available for local organisations to apply for. New application forms are online, at www.easthants.gov.uk and the process has been streamlined, so decisions will be made more quickly.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any help you may need relating to services that EHDC fulfils.

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June 14th – MAD Murder Mystery Evening

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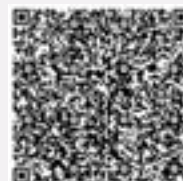
June 21st – Carnival Fun Day on The Green

JULY

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LIPHOOK CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Celebrating a Successful Year

By Gabrielle Pike.



Wendy - Rosemary Foundation.



Fran - Friends of Rake School Association.



Lucy - Hollycombe Steam.



Vanessa - MAD Company.

The Liphook Carnival Annual General Meeting, held in February, was a testament to the achievements and success of the new committee. Chair Dianne Heath praised her new committee members for all their hard work as well as the continued support from the village and local businesses, including Old Thorns, Howden and Traviss. She also applauded the support from East Hampshire District Council and Liphook and Bramshott Parish Council and revealed the committee has now invested in its own new PA System for the night. Additional funds were raised through the Quiz Night as well as the Carnival Walk and sponsorships to finance Carnival Night, which is costing around £15,000.

The cheque presentation for local charities and organisations opened with Wendy from the Rosemary Foundation in Petersfield. She explained they offer family support free of charge, 24/7 palliative and end of life care, provided by 13 nurses and helped by four volunteers. They receive no government support and every donation goes to financing the foundation. Craig from Liphook Fire and Rescue, one of the busiest stations in the area, explained that they now have a medical response vehicle available to deal with emergencies and the money will help them to buy more equipment to support training.

Debbie from Rake Activity Club for the over 50's told the committee how much members enjoyed taking part in last year's procession and that funds will be providing raised flower beds as well as indoor games. Geoff representing Liphook and Bramshott Social Club will be using the funds to keep the club running which hosts amongst others many British Legion meetings.

Fran from Rake School Association explained this is a parents' group for more than 90 children. They will use the money to supplement a council grant to upgrade laptops for its pupils. Lucy from Hollycombe Steam announced they plan to open the site to people who live alone, engaging and teaching them new employability skills to get jobs, as well as working alongside committed volunteers.

Sue from the Methodist Church will be putting the funds towards continuing to supply free soup, tea and coffee as well as toilet facilities to revellers on Carnival night. Vanessa Breach from the MAD Company will use their funds to help replace lighting for their upcoming productions.

Brian Johnson for Liphook Scouts said that the 180 Liphook Scouts take part in many activities and they will be putting the money towards getting more paddle boards. Liphook Guides boast 200 members as well as many volunteers. They provide a safe space for girls starting at the age of four, hosting a range of activities as well as organising trips abroad including to Zanzibar and Malta for the older girls. Other beneficiaries were Liphook Football Club, The Tantum Trust, Liphook Food Bank, Liphook Community Laundry and Liphook Day Centre.

This year the Barry Pope Shield was awarded to a member of the public, who has been helping out everywhere, including fixing the Queen's Float as well as putting up bunting around the village. Presenting the shield to Leslie Vaughan was Carnival committee president Sally Cameron.

All committee members remain the same as before, with Dianne Heath as chair, Sam Hawkins as vice chair, Helen Bradley as treasurer and Edwin Brooks as secretary.



Liphook Guides.



Carnival President Sally Cameron presenting Barry Pope Shield to Leslie (Les) Vaughan.



Brian - Liphook Scouts.



Craig - Liphook Fire & Rescue.



Debbie - Rake Activity Club.



Geoff - Liphook & Bramshott Social Club.



Sue - Methodist Church.

C.J. HAMPSHIRE

Keeping the High Street Alive!

By Simon Catford.

The owner of C.J. Hampshire, Mark Somerville, has a very simple mission statement which lies at the heart of this successful local business - Keeping the High Street Alive! With two showrooms plus a thriving delivery, installation and fitting service for all manner of domestic electrical appliances, I met him at the Liphook branch to find out more.



"Obviously the internet is the first port of call for most people if they need a new domestic electrical appliance," says Mark. "Perhaps a washing machine or maybe an oven. We are so conditioned into thinking we will get the best possible price with just a few clicks of the mouse, and yet C.J. Hampshire is proof that this is simply not the case. We aim to provide internet prices on the high street, plus - and it is a big plus, excellent customer service. What truly sets us apart is our commitment to our customers and we take great pride in it. Providing a consistently high standard of service isn't just our goal, it's what we genuinely enjoy doing."

Between the Liphook and Midhurst branches, C.J. Hampshire cover a wide local area selling an impressive range of domestic appliances. "Being a member of Euronics (a UK-wide buying cooperative, see www.euronics.co.uk) allows us to be really competitive against the internet giants, and this, along with our attention to detail including the delivery, installation and removal of an old appliance, means our customers come back to us time and time again," confirms Mark. "In fact, some of our regular customers who have moved away from the area still choose to shop with us. Even when they're a little outside our usual delivery area, we've been known to go the extra mile, quite literally, as far as Devon! That's how committed we are to providing exceptional service."

As is the case in many things, a successful story starts with humble beginnings. In need of a job as a student in 1984, Mark took a part-time role with local firm George Robinson and company, delivering washing machines in the Midhurst area. Owner and delivery man got on well and by 1989 Mark had bought the business, developing it into a successful servicing

company. He went on to acquire the operations of local businessman Graham Standing in 2003 and by 2007 he purchased the C.J. Hampshire business on the retirement of the owner.

"The brand had long been a familiar name in the local community, having been established in 1963, and C.J. Hampshire's two showrooms complemented my existing businesses perfectly. I relocated the Liphook branch from the Square to Station Road, and I'll admit, I had a few sleepless nights over that decision. After all, the original showroom had become something of a local landmark in the heart of the village, but the move turned out to be a great success. With improved parking and easier access, the new location has continued to serve our customers exceptionally well. Incredibly that move took place ten years ago this May, where did that time go?!"

But C.J. Hampshire is more than just showrooms and shops, they provide a comprehensive appliance fitting service as well which continues to develop and grow. With seven smartly liveried vans on the road, they are a familiar sight in the locality as yet another washing machine - by far their most popular line - is delivered. Overseeing the showroom in Liphook is Katie who is supported by a first-class team all of whom take the time to advise customers on their requirements. "And being there to sort things out if something goes wrong," says Mark. "We understand that spending several hundred pounds on a kitchen appliance or a new vacuum cleaner can feel like a big decision, but that's where we come in. If something isn't right for the customer, we'll change it, our priority is making sure they are completely satisfied, so they feel confident coming back to us time and time again; and they do! We have over fourteen staff now and they all share the same passion for good customer service. I am very proud of them all," states Mark. "I am proud of our loyal customers too without whom none of this would be possible. I thank them all!"



C.J. Hampshire's website, www.cjhampshire.co.uk provides all the details of the goods and services they have on offer, from humble toasters to a mighty French-made Range Cooker, manufactured by Lacanche, costing several thousands of pounds. By keeping it local and providing such good service, C.J. Hampshire - along with many other Liphook businesses - are truly helping to keep the High Street Alive!

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EMINENT NAVAL ENGINEER

Lieutenant Commander Robert Lochner

By Simon Catford.



Victory in Europe Day was commemorated across the nation on 8th May 2025, being eighty years since the end of WWII in Europe. There have been many articles written about this historic event, as was the case last year for the eightieth anniversary of D-Day. Indeed, in 2024 much was made of local

Naval Officer Lieutenant Commander Robert Lochner MBE and his invention of the Mulberry Harbours (see last Summer's edition). But the story of Lt. Comm. Lochner goes way beyond the Normandy beaches; his contribution to the allied war effort in the Atlantic was arguably more impactful and led directly to victory in 1945. Below is another aspect of this fascinating man.

The practice of degaussing (as opposed to de-gassing which is something else entirely) is the process by which a magnetic field can be decreased or eliminated. The term is taken from the German physicist Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777-1855) who did much to progress the understanding of magnetism. It was quickly realised that magnetic fields are phenomena of large metal objects - for example a ship - and although ships were wooden-built in Gauss's lifetime, his pioneering work soon became apparent. The relevance of reducing a magnetic field became acutely important in the early stages of WWII when vast quantities of allied shipping was being sunk by German magnetic mines. These mines, sown across shipping lanes, detected the increase of a magnetic field emanating from the ship as it travelled over the surface of the earth and were attracted to it, with catastrophic results. If only, the Admiralty asked, one could reduce or even eliminate the magnetic 'signature' from a ship, thus rendering it 'invisible' to the mines? Work started immediately.

Admiralty scientists from the UK (including Lt. Comm. Lochner) and Canada had long understood that the installation of electromagnetic coils into a ship - known as coiling - could be effective. But it was expensive and time consuming so was restricted to large ships such as cruisers and battleships. These represented only a small proportion of the allied fleet (both the Royal and Merchant Navies) so a quicker method of reducing magnetic fields was required. Feverish research took place and Lt. Comm. Lochner and others were working flat out. How his fertile mind came up with solutions to this and the D-Day requirements is any one's guess. But thankfully he did.

The solution - albeit a temporary one - was to drag a large electrical cable from the waterline up the side of the hull. Known

as wiping, this cable had about 2,000 amperes flowing through it and effectively hid the changes in magnetic field of the ship that the mines were detecting. The results were immediate. It was soon noted however that the beneficial effects of wiping wore off over time but as it was quick and cheap, ships were routinely re-wiped to schedule. Records show that at one point the Royal Navy were wiping up to 100 ships a day.

Whilst degaussing alone did not win the Battle of the Atlantic it certainly had a major contribution in preventing allied shipping from being sunk by mines (the other great threat were U-Boats, but that is a different story). Indeed, after the war work continued both here and in the US to develop the concept further and to this day a form of degaussing is still carried out to ships and submarines by navies around the world. All this would not have been possible without the ground-breaking work undertaken by Lt. Comm. Lochner and his colleagues. In recognition of his war efforts, he received the sum of £5,000 from the Admiralty, a large sum in those days.

His daughter Adriane Blaikie and grandson David still live in the local area and continue to be enormously proud of his work, acknowledging that he is perhaps better remembered for Mulberry (invented at Rats Castle in Shottermill). Indeed they recall that whilst he realised that all the work he did was important, one of his abiding pleasures was being required to present his ideas to the US President Franklin D Roosevelt at the Quebec Conference in 1943. Despite the President's fearsome reputation and being but a humble engineer, he got a favourable response and the rest is history!

But convincing doubtful world leaders aside, his total war-time work did much to save many, many lives. A remarkable man.

Conford Village Hall News

Summer 2025

The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company will be visiting Conford on the evening of Friday 20th June to perform their musical comedy, Gentle Harry's Farm, on the village green. The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company, affectionately known as The Rudes, have been producing high quality professional theatre, in their own unique style, since 1999. Bursting with live music and original songs, this brand-new version of The Rudes' smash hit musical comedy, first performed in 2011, will be sure to raise a smile. If you would like tickets, please purchase direct through the Rude Mechanical Theatre Company's website www.therudes.co.uk

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Liphook Heritage Centre, Summer 2025 News By Jenny Woodsford.

Towards the end of March the Heritage Centre again welcomed children from Liphook Infants School. Children from Year 2 visited across two mornings with three groups each morning. The topic being The Growth of Liphook ably described by volunteers, Joan, Janet and Glenys. This wonderful interactive talk started with Joan explaining how Liphook was the midway point on the link between London and Portsmouth and in the days of stage coach travel, as the journey took two days, travellers needed somewhere to stop overnight. The children then heard about the improvement in travel with the development of more comfortable types of coaches. They were also shown a selection of some of the many photographs from the archives showing buildings, including the Girls School (now the library) and the public houses, as they were over a hundred years ago and now in the modern day, to show the changes, both in the actual buildings but also the surroundings, such as lack of traffic.



The Heritage Centre has frequent visitors who arrive with questions and sometimes artefacts. A recent visitor brought in a stick or friendship pin originating from Bramshott Army Camp. This was something the volunteers had not seen before and they have been unable to find any relevant information. Was it from WWI, WWII or

after? The initials on the pin are possibly LWC or CAW. There was a Canadian Army officer named Bruce Edward Ashton Caw who was awarded the Military Cross and Bar. He died in 1945 in Apeldoorn, Holland. So, could it be some recognition of his bravery? Or does it stand for Canadian Army something? Have any readers seen or heard about these? If so, they would love to hear from you.

Volunteers have created a new display on the history of Hollycombe House prompted by recent interest on the works there. This is available to view on the mezzanine during Heritage Centre opening hours over the Summer months.

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

Monday 10.00am to 12.30pm

Wednesday 10.30am to 2.00pm

Friday 10.00am to 12.30pm

Saturday Mornings when the Artisan Market is open

Email: liphookheritage@gmail.com

Phone: **01428 727275**

This Way to the Boat Then Mother By Richard Gould.

We were sitting at a quayside café, basking in the early autumn sun as it bathed the harbour in Dieppe.

The first time we heard the call it seemed somewhat closer than it obviously was. A look up the street to where the voice had hailed from did not identify its source. We returned to our coffees and our all too rich tranches of gateaux avec crème. Again, the cry rang out. We looked up and this time espied the owner of the call.

Striding down the street came a large, almost fat, man. Garbed in a Stetson, denim shorts and checked shirt, dark glasses and a drooping 'tache that concealed most of the lower face, his arms hung long with bags of the accumulated trove from the Patisseries and Charcuteries. His plodding rhythmic stride gave the impression of a beast. Trailing behind came his ageing mum.

"This Way To The Boat Then Mother". By now he was in full view. His rich rounded Lancastrian vowels echoed off the

buildings and cobbles.

"This Way To The Boat Then Mother". By now he was passing our table and, although well intended, we felt for his following mother. A few steps later she passed in her hurried smaller steps. She was petite and elegant in a summer dress that found favour with elderly ladies. She smiled at us in almost embarrassed fashion. "He means well you know." She hastily dispatched as she followed in his wake.

We returned to our agreeable treats as we heard a couple of more salvos and saw them receding down the street. "This Way To The Boat Then Mother".

The loping stride by now was alongside the waiting, tethered Ferry. Time for one last encouragement, "This Way To The Boat Then Mother". We saw their figures ascending the gang plank and heaved sighs that for "Mother" the public announcements had concluded.

Liphook Bridge Club

We are a small friendly bridge club established in 1969, playing duplicate bridge at the Peak Centre on Friday evenings at 7.00pm. We would be delighted to welcome new members! If you are interested, please contact the secretary on **01428 713913**.



Fundraising Skittles

Following the success of last year's fundraising skittles evening, Haslemere Museum will be holding another skittles evening this year on 6th June at 7.00pm.

Tickets are now on sale and all are welcome to join in the fun and help raise funds for the Museum, which operates as an independent charity. There'll be a bar for beer, wine and snacks, and also a chance to try other traditional table games, such as bar skittles, bagatelle and shove ha'penny.

Tickets are £10 and can be booked via the What's On page of Haslemere Museum's website.



WHAT'S IN A NAME

Hawkshaw Close

By Rod Sharp.



Tucked away off the Haslemere Road is the small development of Hawkshaw Close. Unlike many of our street names, it didn't seem to have an obvious local connection, so I did some research with our Library, Heritage Centre, Liphook Golf Club, and further afield.

Photo by Natalie Cocker.



Our invaluable Heritage Centre are currently showing a fascinating exhibition on Hollycombe House which has information on the various owners of that property, including the Hawkshaw family which derived their fortune from the engineering work of John - later Sir John - Hawkshaw in the 19th century who bought the estate at Hollycombe in 1865 which was inherited in turn by his son and grandson. This remarkable family are commemorated by a stained glass window in St Mary's Church.

SIR JOHN HAWKSHAW (1811-1891)



Illustration courtesy of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

Born in Leeds, he was one of the foremost civil engineers of the nineteenth century, serving as the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers 1862-63. His range of expertise was formidable, being responsible for the construction of roads, canals (in 1862 he became the chief engineer of the Dutch North Sea Canal ship-canal), railways, bridges (including the Charing Cross and

Cannon Street railways and the bridges which carry them over the Thames) and he played a crucial role in the completion of the Clifton Suspension Bridge, and the section of the London Underground which completed the Circle line between Aldgate and Mansion House stations.

He was involved with railway works in many parts of the world including Germany, Russia, India and Mauritius. When doubts arose about the Suez Canal scheme, he was chosen to head an inquiry and it was because his report was entirely favourable that Ferdinand de Lesseps reputedly said at the opening ceremony that he owed the canal to him.

He was a member of the International Congress which considered the construction of an inter-ocean canal across Central America, engineer of the original Channel Tunnel Company from 1872 and consulting engineer to the Severn Tunnel which, from its

magnitude and the difficulties encountered in its construction, was one of the most notable engineering undertakings of the nineteenth century.



Photo courtesy of Clifton Suspension Bridge Museum which is free and open daily from 10.00 -5.00pm with a couple of panels explaining Hawkshaw's place in the bridge's story (see their website: <https://cliftonbridge.org.uk/visit-explore/> which has details of tours and other events).

His wide experience in constructing harbours and docks included Holyhead, Penarth, Hull, the South Dock in the West India Docks in London and docks in the port of Buenos Aires as well as drainage and sewerage and water-supply.

His many awards and honours included a knighthood in 1873. Most appropriately, a J. D. Wetherspoon pub located within Cannon Street station is named "The Sir John Hawkshaw".

JOHN CLARKE HAWKSHAW (1841-1921)

Also a civil engineer, he was involved with major projects such as the Puerto Madero docks in Buenos Aires and followed in the footsteps of his father when he became the 39th President of the Institution of Civil Engineers from November 1902 to November 1903.

He was responsible for the major landscaping scheme executed in the late nineteenth century at Hollycombe House, further extending the arboretum and woodland gardens and planting over a million trees; the garden you can visit today, as one of the many attractions of Hollycombe Steam in the Country, is a Victorian garden in origin. It is a quiet retreat away from the buzz of the traditional fairground where visitors can explore the many rare plants and trees.

COLONEL OLIVER HAWKSHAW (1869-1929)

He planted the quarter-mile long Azalea Walk in the 1920's with the new Knaphill hybrids.

He was great nephew to Charles Darwin, and had a passion for entomology, donating his collection of mostly British beetles to Haslemere Educational Museum where it can be viewed by appointment.



Photo courtesy of Haslemere Educational Museum.

The following information comes from an excellent publication from October 2004 by Liphook Golf Club: "The Liphook Story, a history of Liphook Golf Club" edited and written by Michael Blakstad (available to buy from the Managing Secretary <https://www.liphookgolfclub.com/>), who has given permission to use material from the book.

In the 1920's golf was an increasingly popular leisure activity popular with successful businessmen and the founders of Liphook Golf Course in 1921 belonged to this category. Three of them owned estates bordering on the Wheatsheaf Inclosure, or Common, including Colonel Oliver Hawkshaw. An important figure in the development of Liphook, he sold off

some of his land in the Wheatsheaf Inclosure for building and arranged the initial 99 year licence on the majority of the land occupied by the course, joining the original Board of Directors and becoming captain for 1927-1928. Before selling Hollycombe House to Sir William Rea in 1934 and going to live in Wiltshire, he arranged for the club to buy more land from the Estate for the building of a new clubhouse and the introduction of two new holes.

Sources:

Liphook Heritage Centre, Liphook Golf Club, Hollycombe Steam in the Country, Haslemere Educational Museum, The Clifton Suspension Bridge Trust, Institute of Civil Engineers.

CHURCHER'S COLLEGE Junior School & Nursery



Reading together
Churcher's children love books! They enjoy finding a quiet space and choosing a book to share with friends or one of our soft classroom buddies. **Year 1** particularly enjoyed acting out *The Gigantic Turnip* and writing their own stories.

POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS

We are thrilled that 12 children from **Year 6** won the Holme Grange Poetry Competition. They performed Ian Serrailier's spooky poem, 'The Visitor', and took their audience on a chilling journey. The judge, poet, and 'big beard wearer', A.F. Harrold, was particularly impressed and he awarded them top marks.



FIRST AID LESSONS

Dr Parker reviewed common first aid scenarios with the children, who enjoyed, among other things, the hands-on experience of administering bandages and putting people in the recovery position.

A TRIP TO LONDON

As part of their citizenship curriculum, **Year 6** visited Westminster Abbey and then travelled by boat to The Tower of London. In Westminster Abbey, the children visited Poets' Corner and Scientists' Corner, as well as reflected at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They were wowed by the Coronation Chair - one of the most famous pieces of furniture in the world! At the Tower of London, the children thought about its different roles - palace, prison, and fortress - and how the Tower fulfilled these roles.



U10 RUGBY FESTIVAL

Churcher's A and B teams competed in a full-contact rugby tournament at Boundary Oak, eager for victory. Facing teams from St. Edmunds, Boundary Oak, Oakwood, Sherborne House, and Ryde, both squads played with pride and determination. Highlights included a 5-2 win over Boundary Oak and a hard-fought 2-2 draw with Oakwood, cut short due to injury. Parents and staff were impressed by the teams' unity and spirit. Players of the match were Charlie and Toby for outstanding performances.



CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS IN AND AROUND LIPHOOK

AGE CONCERN LIPHOOK - 01428 735123.

w: www.ageconcernliphook.org.uk **e:** info@ageconcernliphook.org.uk

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - 0800 9177 650.

ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY - Dementia Helpline: 0845 300 0336.

ARTS SOCIETY GRAYSHOTT - Kathy: 01428 608842.

w: www.theartssocietygrayshott.org

ARTS SOCIETY HASLEMERE - Chairman: Mrs Sarah Barnes.

w: www.theartssocietyhaslemere.org.uk

BADMINTON CLUB - Morgan Thompson: 01730 817881.

BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (Petersfield and District) -

Jenny Peters: 01730 821920.

BELL RINGERS (Bramshott) - Diane Hart: 01428 723798.

BORDON BOULE CLUB - Mr A. Thomas: 01420 478298.

BOWLING CLUB, LIPHOOK - Mike Gunton, Tel 01428 714609,
07594 568190.

BRAMSHOTT EDUCATIONAL TRUST -

e: clerk.bramshott.trust@hotmail.co.uk

BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK BRANCH OF THE EAST HAMPSHIRE

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION - Angela Glass: 01428 722375.

BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK HERITAGE SOCIETY (Bramshott and
Liphook) - 01428 723325.

BRIDGE CLUB (Liphook) Friday Evenings - Judith Wheatley:
01428 713913.

BRITISH RED CROSS - Mrs C. Saunders, Chase Community Hospital,
Conde Way, Bordon: 01428 488801.

CANCER RESEARCH U.K. (Shop) - 20 Station Road: 01428 724664.

CHILTLEY BRIDGE CLUB - Mr C. French-Lynch: 01428 727939 or
Dick Roberts: 01428 722061.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - National Number: 03000 0231 231.

CONFORD VILLAGE HALL TRUST - Mrs R. Parry: 01428 751364 and
Deputy, Mrs G. Woodward: 01428 751474.

COUNTRYSIDE COMPANIONS WALKING GROUP -

Barbara Miller: 01428 722859. **e:** ccwalkinggroup@gmail.com

CRUSE - bereavement care. Confidential counselling and information:
0808 808 1677.

DREAMS COME TRUE - Sophie Gunner, Community Fund Raiser:
01428 726330. **e:** Sophie@dreamscometrue.uk.com

DYSTONIA SOCIETY - Jennifer Wiseman: 01428 722516.

FLORAL DECORATION SOCIETY (Liphook) -

Wendy Evans (Sec): 01428 722212.

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH DOWNS - 01798-8750732.

e: enquiries@friendsofthesouthdowns.org.uk

FURNITURE HELPLINE - Gerald Robinson: 01420 489000.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION -

Pam Higgins: 01428 751572.

HAMPSHIRE BADGER GROUP - Mick Neeve: 01420 87366.

HASLEMERE BORDER ATHLETIC CLUB -

e: Contact@hbc.co.uk or **w:** www@hbc.co.uk.

HASLEMERE CAMERA CLUB - Clinton Blackman LRPS: 01428 727403.

HASLEMERE PERFORMING ARTS - Angela Canton: 01428 652360.

HASLEMERE MUSICAL SOCIETY - (Choir & Orchestra Rehearsals
Mondays). Sue Ecclestone: 01428 605612.

e: susan.ecclestone@tiscali.co.uk **w:** www.hmsoc.org.uk

HASLEMERE SWIMMING CLUB - Helen Reynolds,

e: admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk

GRAHAM INGRAM BAND (BRASS) - Chairman, Maurice Wright:
01428 723940.

GREEN PARTY - alison.evans1948@yahoo.co.uk

HERITAGE CENTRE - 1st Floor Millennium Centre: 01428 727275.

e: liphookheritage@gmail.com

HOCKEY CLUB (Haslemere Ladies) - Home ground at Woolmer Hill.

Pauline McBrown: 01420 477409.

HOLLYCOMBE STEAM and WOODLAND GARDENS SOCIETY -

Mr R. Hooker: 01428 724900.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (Bramshott and Liphook) -

Secretary: Ann Haussauer, 41 Chitley Way: 01428 723045.

w: www.liphookhortsoc.org.uk

LABOUR PARTY (Liphook Branch) - Dr. John Tough, Horseshoes,

Griggs Green: 01428 724492.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS LIPHOOK - Mr M. A. Croucher: 01428 723834.

LiDBA - (Businessmen's Association) Sec. Ken Charles: 01428 727438.

LIPHOOK ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY -

Linda Beck. **e:** membership@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk

Andy Tubbs. **e:** chair@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk

w: liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk

LIPHOOK CARNIVAL - Dianne Heath: 07778 281379.

LIPHOOK & RIPSLEY CRICKET CLUB - Secretary - Nick Clansfield:

07789 284568. **e:** Nick.clansfield@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 - Helen Brown: 01428 722875.

e: info@liphookcommunitylaundry.co.uk

LIPHOOK DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY - Peak Centre:
01428 724941.

LIPHOOK DIABETES UK COMMUNITY GROUP - Sandy Maroney:

01428-725193. **e:** sandy.maroney@Hotmail.co.uk

LIPHOOK FOOD BANK - **w:** www.liphookfoodbank.com 07871 287295

e: liphookfoodbank@gmail.com

LIPHOOK IN BLOOM - Paul Johnson: 01428 724813 & 07854 074276.

e: paul@tethersend.uk

LIPHOOK & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB - Nick Harling.

e: idmrc-Secretary@outlook.com

LIPHOOK MILLENNIUM CENTRE - 01428 723889.

w: www.liphookmcc.co.uk

LIPHOOK MODELLERS CLUB - John Clare: 01428 729967.

LIPHOOK TABLE TENNIS - Peter Ritchie: 01428 727815.

LIPHOOK TENNIS CLUB - Simon Hargreaves: 01420 474899/07717 016374.

LIPHOOK UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB -

Chairman: Mark Culverhouse: **e:** mark@football-fit.co.uk

John Raeyen: **e:** media-contact17@liphook-united.org

LIPHOOK VILLAGE HALL - Bookings: **e:** chair@liphookvillagehall.org.uk

LIPHOOK VILLAGE SURGERY PPG - 01428 728270.

LIPHOOK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - **e:** liphooksec@hampshirewi.org.uk

w: www.facebook.com/LiphookWI/

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

LYNCHMERE SOCIETY - Conservation and Natural History.

Membership enquiries - Louise Searight: 01428 723715.

w: www.thelynchmeresociety.org

MACULAR SOCIETY HASLEMERE SUPPORT GROUP - 01428 602991.

M.A.D. COMPANY (Methodist Amateur Dramatics) - 07766 083862.

MUSICAL SOCIETY (Haslemere) - Choir and Orchestra, Rehearsals

Mondays. Sue Ecclestone: 01428 605612.

MYAWARE CHARITY (Myasthenia Gravis) - Mrs J. Finney: 01428 776467.

NATIONAL TRUST - Ludshott Commons Committee -

Susan Salter: 01428 751409.

OPERA SOUTH - Caroline 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 YOUNG FARMERS CLUB - 8-10pm

Suzy Goring, 01420 488325.

RAMBLERS (Liphook & District) - Secretary, Raj Jas:

e: rajjas@hotmail.co.uk **w:** www.liphookramblers.wordpress.com

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

RIVER WEY TRUST - **e:** office@riverweytrust.org.uk

w: www.riverweytrust.org.uk

ROTARY CLUB - Haslemere, Debbie Morley: 01428 643416.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - Sean Brady RM: 0771 100 6847.

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION (Liss & District) - 01730 895470.

R.S.P.C.A. - Di Fowler: 0771 303 8429.

SSAFA/FORCES HELP (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmans Families Association)

East Hants Branch, Divisional Sec., Patricia Lyons: 01420 561264

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

STANDFORD, PASSFIELD AND HOLLYWATER COMMUNITY

ASSOCIATION - Sue Sergeant: 01428 751326. Hall Bookings,

Ron Sergeant: 01428 751326.

TANTUM TRUST (local charity for local people) - Shops in

Station Road (01428 727211) and in Bordon, Grayshott & Haslemere,

e: info@thetantumtrust.co.uk **w:** www.thetantumtrust.co.uk

u3a LIPHOOK - **e:** membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk

VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP (Bramshott and Liphook Parish) -

01428 723972. Transport provided for those in need.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Sue Knight: 01428 723502.

WOOLMER FOREST ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY -

1st Wednesday of month, Colin Brash: 01428 713256.

WOOLMER FOREST LIONS CLUB - Ken Bassett: 01428 713285.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PERSONS' CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

ARK PRE-SCHOOL - Cleone Inglis-Jones: 07775 394230
e: info@thearkliphook.co.uk.

ARMY CADET FORCE - No. 6 Platoon, 'A' Company, 1st Battalion
Hants & I.O.W. ACF - Detachment Commander: Staff Sergeant
A. Steven: 07796 268095, Parade Night: Tuesday at Wolfe House,
Bordon, 7.00 - 9.30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S CHILD HEALTH CLUB -

Millennium Centre, 9.30 - 11.00am: 01428 483827.

FERNHURST CENTRE IT COURSES & INTERNET CAFE -

2, Crossfield, Vann Road, Fernhurst, GU27 3JL: 01428 641931.

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

INFANT SCHOOL PTA - e: Lisfa@Liphook-infants.sch.uk

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

LIPHOOK AND RIPSLEY CRICKET CLUB YOUTH MEMBERSHIP -

Steve Saycel: 0777 178 8486. e: 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. - e: foljs@liphook-jun.hants.sch.uk

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

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

Sports Pavilion, Headley: 01428 714827.

LITTLE LAMBS - Tuesday 9.45 - 11.45am

Contact Church Centre Office: 01428 725390.

MADHATTER NURSERY BOHUNT SCHOOL - 01428 727288.

SWIMMING CLUB - e: admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk

TOTS & TINIES - Toddler group for 0-5's and carers. Thursdays
9.30 - 11.30am term time at the Millennium Centre: 07971 435728.

e: totsandtiniesliphook@gmail.com

TRAINING BAND - Maurice Wright: 01428 723940.

membership@liphookscouts.org.uk

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

- **Bryan Jackson** (Group Scout Leader) on **01428 723248**
e: gsl@liphookscouts.org.uk for enquiries about Scouting and our sections.
- **Stuart Clark** (Group Chairman) on **07900 463482**
e: chair@liphookscouts.org.uk for volunteer and fundraising enquiries as well as for general enquiries.
- **Sarah-Jane Anslow** (Treasurer)
e: treasurer@liphookscouts.org.uk for subs enquiries.
- **Alison Jackson** (Scout Shop) on **01428 723248**
e: alisonjackson@btopenworld.com for uniform or equipment enquiries.

Scouting sections:

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

*Any changes, please email to Fay Boyett:
fay.lcm@outlook.com
by the copy date shown on the Inside Front Cover*

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/
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

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:

The Millennium Centre

By Laura Russell.



Easter at the LMC saw over 20 children coming to our Easter Party where they had fun playing on our brand new Bouncy Castle, inflatable ball pit and soft play. As well as Easter themed arts and crafts and Egg hunt. An eggcellent time was had by all!

Our Bouncy Castle and soft play can now be hired for Birthday parties here at the LMC! Special rates are available for residents of the parish. Please contact the events manager to check availability on:

events@bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk.

