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Liphook WI Centenary

By
Margaret Simpson.

Liphook WI celebrated its centenary on 21 April 2021. It was decided that an ideal way to commemorate the event was to donate a cup to be named the Liphook WI Centenary Cup to Bohunt School. This will be awarded annually to the student who contributes most to promoting equality in the school.



Presenting the WI cup to The Bohunt School, Liphook.

The cup was purchased from funds raised during our centenary year. The photo shows Liphook WI President, Judy Evans and Secretary Muriel Bullingham (centre left to right) with Bohunt Head, Neil Strowger (far left) and Head of Sixth Form, Clare Hodgson (far right).

For our September Meeting we had an excellent talk on 'Women of the Raj' by Brian Freeland which, as he is an actor, was very lively.

We also had a sales table which gave people a chance to recycle some of the jigsaw puzzles they'd accumulated in Lockdown.

We meet in Liphook Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month and are always pleased to welcome new members.



Brian Freeland with Liphook WI President Judy Evans.



Jenny Simmonds and Judith Wright at the jigsaw stall.

THE MAD COMPANY

The Sleeping Beauty

By Claire Fewings.

The MAD Company triumphantly returned to the stage in February with their Pantomime – The Sleeping Beauty. After a two-year enforced absence, the company's annual Panto was eagerly awaited by many, playing to packed audiences of both young and old. The MAD Company set out to entertain and welcome back the local audiences in style with a show full of fun and surprises and they certainly did not disappoint. With a fantastic script written and directed by Vanessa K Breach, The Sleeping Beauty took us on a wonderful journey from Slumberland to the Stone Age and back to the future.

The MAD Company have been entertaining the village of Liphook since 1992 and annually produce a family friendly Pantomime. Recently the company have been recognised by NODA, The National Operatic and Dramatic Association in the Best Pantomime Category awarded at their Southeast District award ceremony. In 2020 the company proudly received a "highly commended" award for Robinson Crusoe and in 2021 the company was delighted to achieve "Runner up" in the same category for Aladdin. This year's show was watched by the NODA SE District 10 representative Mark Donalds. This is part of his review, dated 27th February 2022

"I know from past experience that the MAD Company always produces a panto with a difference, and quality is very much to the forefront. I was not disappointed and neither, judging by their enthusiastic response, was the packed audience. Director and Writer Vanessa K. Breach has woven into the usual story of Sleeping Beauty a trip back in time to the stone age, an encounter with a dinosaur (instead of the usual panto ghost) and then another trip forward in time to avoid the prince aging one hundred years. Ingenious. Another triumph for the MAD Company – well done everyone involved".

For more information on The MAD Company, go to:
www.themadcompany.co Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Liphook Theatre School

There was a welcome return of the summer school as it resumed this year and LTC opened its doors during a very warm week in August, with staff and volunteers welcoming back familiar faces and lots of new students to this fun filled week of Theatre skills.

The students hit the ground running with scripts in hand and had a busy week of acting, singing, dancing, prop making as well as designing tickets and advertising. This year the students had a workshop of technical wizardry and lighting kindly run by The MAD Company's very own lighting director, who showed the students the importance of lighting and the magic it can create and bring to a show. One of our students shone brightly in this department and opting for a backstage role rather than the stage was able to assist, create and run this year's show and what a great job he did illuminating his fellow students in a fantastic performance of Roald Dahl's "Cinderella". The students worked hard to put on the best show to a full house of family and friends; entertaining everyone with this hilarious version, Cinderella went to the ball and lost her slipper, then the ugly sisters lied so the Prince chopped off their heads and Cinderella, not impressed with the Prince's actions, decided to marry the Jam Man instead.



What a great week and a fabulous show. Thanks go to everyone involved especially the students who made it a magical week of theatre. Liphook Theatre Club run this Summer School annually in association with The MAD Company, for children aged from 5 - 11. More information can be found at:
www.liphooktheatreclub.com and on Facebook @LTCLiphook.

Community Spirit at its Best a

It was an emotional night for Carnival regulars and an evening of pure joy and celebration for the large crowd which gathered along the procession route.

After an enforced two year break due to the pandemic, Liphook was ready to get into the party spirit again.

Revellers and participants embraced the opportunity of cheering on some outstanding floats and brilliant entertainment, taking over the village centre for several hours on the night the clocks went back.



*Sally Cameron
& marathon man
Brian Wood.*

The evening raised more than £4,000 which will go to local charities. Chair Sally Cameron was overwhelmed by the generosity of the crowd. She said: "Thank you everyone for helping us achieve all of this and for being so amazing! It was a pleasure to include the incredible Brian Woods in crowning our Carnival Queen.

Another big thank you to our wonderful volunteers without whom it would not have been possible to put on the Carnival and all our sponsors, including Old Thorns, the Real English Drinks Company, Howdens, AWB Recycling, The Links, White Joinery and Traviss & Co."

Opening the procession were the Liphook crew of Hampshire Fire and Rescue, followed by St John Ambulance and paramedics.

The Dolphin Marching Band from Poole in Dorset was back stronger than ever, as was the Sussex Steel Band. First time participants in 2019, Batala, a Reggae Samba band from Portsmouth, were cheered on for their stunning drumming performances.



Steel Band.



Batala Band.



Carnival Royalty

The newly refurbished Queen's Float carried this year's Carnival Royalty, Queen Annalise, Princess Kadance, Prince Zak and Princess Attendant Jessica. The Carnival Queen was crowned by marathon hero Brian Wood MC, who ran 35

marathons in 35 days, a total of 917 miles, to commemorate lives lost in conflict in the Falklands, Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as two miles in honour of Queen Elizabeth II.



Liphook Social Club.

Liphook Social Club stole the show by winning first price and Best Overall with their three part "Bramstock" float of the Flintstones, featuring lead characters Fred, Wilma, Barney, Betty and Dino.

Runner up in the Pubs and Clubs category were the Deers Hut with their elaborate "Mississippi Steam Boat", in memory of the late John Carver, who always wanted to build this float, as well

as Adrian Bird and Barry Pope. Captain Paul Johnson steered his passengers and crew to Carnival success.



Deer's Hut.



Deer's Hut.

The White Joinery's "Wild West" float was headed by "Chief" Neil White and built in only a couple of days. It was their 5th entry in the Carnival and won them first prize in the Trade category.



The MAD Company

The MAD Company



*Mad Company winning
Best Illuminate Award.*

The Mad Theatre Company delivered some of their most successful performances over the years, as well as advertising the next one, Dick Whittington, on their float, winning Best Illuminated and second prize in the Adults category.



Liphook in Bloom.

Liphook In Bloom celebrated their 25th anniversary with a delightfully fragrant float and a floral dance. Members keep the village 'blooming' throughout the year as well as put up Poppies for Remembrance Day and Christmas Lights for the festive season.

at the 120th Liphook Carnival

Copy & photos
by Gabrielle Pike.



LiDBA members decided to recycle their costumes over the last 40 years, including the popular Red Barrows, winning 3rd prize in the Adult category. They have also, over that time, raised more than one million pounds for charities and assisted with thousands of local Covid vaccinations.



Liphook Scouts, Cubs and Explorers celebrated 50 years in the village with their float featuring all their available activities, including rock wall climbing.

They were beaten to first place in the Children's category by Liphook Guiding's colourful Lego float, which was constructed only a few days before the Carnival. Struggling to find a large truck to accommodate 32 girls, Mikes' Transport provided the stage at the last minute and Aregolin Packaging helped to build the outfits - all in true community spirit for the Carnival deadline. The Guides also won Best on the Move.



The Greatest Showman steam engine received a well-deserved first prize in their category, followed by Hollycombe's Ghost

House and the Bicknell Fowler Group of steam engines, which are always popular with the crowd.

Taking part for the first time was Liphook's Station Garage with Mike Jackson and Simon Beer showcasing their Nissan 180SX, which is entered in the British Drift Championship, and which won them second prize in the Carnival Trade category.



A Push and Pull entry and winning Best Newcomers were Stuart and Beth Rowell-Fry with their 6½ month old son Albert, the youngest Carnival participant.



Helping Hounds Hampshire, a local dog charity, were awarded second prize as well as the Tim Wheatley award.

Representing Ashford Farm and its free-range eggs and turkeys were the Young Farmers Club, who have been Carnival participants for many years.

Walkers included Carnival regular Bob Come with "Stars from Stage and Screen" winning first prize and the Countryside Companions, a local walking group, coming second.

Another last minute first timer was Ed's Veg, a small market farm in Liphook, delivering vegetable boxes locally.

Barry Poulter received a popular reception with his stunning classic Wolesley1560 car.



Rounding off a brilliant Carnival evening were the fireworks in Radford Park, sponsored by Old Thorns and organised by Paul White from Genesis Motors and his team.





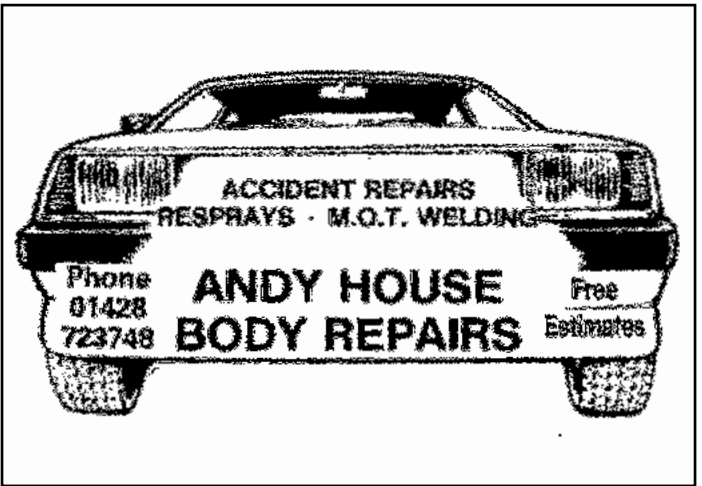
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Bramshott Rectory Apple Tree

By
Gabrielle
Pike.

Earlier this year and as part of the Queen's 2022 Platinum Jubilee celebrations, an orchard was planted at Fletcher's Field. The project was launched in partnership with Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council and the Community Orchard Project South East and included three apple varieties, two plum trees and one medlar.

One of the fruit trees was of the 'Bramshott Rectory Apple' variety, which was first discovered in Bramshott Rectory and presented to the National Fruit Collection in 1938, when Canon Berrisford was rector there. Susan Berrisford, granddaughter of the late Canon and daughter of the late Hillary Adair, who were in residence at the Rectory at the time, planted the tree at the Community Orchard in their memory.



*Susan Berrisford
planting the tree.*

It was established that the house now called Hailie on the Liphook Road would have been known as the Bramshott Rectory in 1938. Although the house was sold off for development at the start of this century, there is still one original apple tree left in the garden. It was hoped that this might be the original Bramshott Rectory apple tree.

Dewy, the gardener at Hailie, confirmed the current owners had the old apple tree in their garden examined by an expert from

Blackmoor Apple Farm. He took wood for grafting onto new rootstock and the old tree was carefully looked after and observed in the hope it would produce fruit that could be identified.

However, in September, Jim Arbury, the fruit specialist at RHS Wisley, identified the apple tree at Hailie as the 'Mere de Maman'. He confirmed that it was an old and interesting tree, probably contemporary with the old orchard there, but sadly, not the Bramshott Rectory. It is believed there is in existence some graft wood most likely to have been taken from the original tree.

Another tree had been presented to the vicar of the new Bramshott Rectory at St Mary's Church Centre about 20 years ago. The Church has confirmed there are two apple trees in the garden and a fruit ID expert at RHS Wisley confirmed that one was highly likely to be a Bramshott Rectory. The tree flowers fully in May and picking time is in late August.

Susan has verified the story that her mother Hillary Adair grew up at Bramshott Rectory. A recording and transcript of Hillary speaking about her childhood at the Rectory, featuring many fond anecdotes, is held at the Liphook Heritage Centre.

It is a fascinating journey back through the history of this very special local heritage apple tree, which has been revived with Susan Berrisford planting a Bramshott Rectory Apple variety in February.



Liphook 1st Scout Group

By
Karen
Lloyd.

2022 is the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the 1st Liphook Scout Group. Starting life in a wooden scout hut in 1972 we have gone from strength to strength and are now based in the millennium hall with 3 beaver colonies, 3 cub packs, 2 scout groups and 1 explorer scout unit.

To celebrate it was decided to hold a special group anniversary camp on the June Jubilee bank holiday weekend, with all the beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers invited to join in.

Garners Field, the Scout camp site in Tilford, was the perfect spot for all the adventurous activities on offer. Thursday saw the explorers, scouts and cubs arrive, the weather was fair and perfect for all the activities, there was archery, climbing and abseiling, rifle shooting, and lots of messing about on the river with kayaking, building rafts and racing them. We had loads of craft activities for a bit of

creativity and relaxation including a 50th anniversary camp mural for anyone to help complete whenever they felt like it.

Saturday was time for the Beavers to arrive with their parents and siblings, and they had the pick of the activities to try out, including the odd abseiling dad. A delicious jubilee buffet lunch was enjoyed by all then more activities and games in the afternoon with a giant tug of war and rounders to name a few.

To end the camp we had a campfire, sing along and BBQ with all parents and siblings invited, everyone joined in with the fun, singing songs and doing the actions. A great weekend was had by all!

Coming up to Christmas, look out for our post boxes for the Scouts Christmas Post delivery, and for more information look at our poster inside the back cover.



1st Liphook Scouts.



Archery.



*Messing about
in the river.*



*50th Anniversary
Camp mural.*



Climbing tower.

Ian Baker

Ian Baker was born on 14th June 1939 to Connie and Ted at home in 27 Headley Road, Liphook where he continued to live all his life except for his two years in Cheltenham working in charge of the Pay Corps during his National Service. He then returned to continue his training in Guildford and take up employment on the technical and administrative side of his father's business of Baker and West, later becoming Managing Director.

His wife Sandra arrived in Liphook in 1969 to take up employment as manageress in Findlay's flower shop owned by Mr and Mrs Ison of Camberley. Very shortly afterwards her foot went through a rotten floorboard, and she was instructed to find a local builder and Ian arrived and oversaw the laying of a new concrete shop floor. After a medical crisis Sandra found herself homeless and Ian's Dad, Ted, offered her the empty house next door to no 27 and the rest is history. Sandra and Ian married in 1975 and with their family, have lived in Liphook ever since.

Ian's school friends have many memories of Ian as a youngster. Ian's parents had a shed in their garden where Ian set up his drum kit, aged about 13. He and Peter Windibank used to play together, Ian on the drums and Peter on guitar. They rehearsed in the Village Hall and Peter remembers travelling in Baker and West's Austin A35 van to go and give performances. Ian would meticulously record the lyrics of popular songs in exercise books, some of which Peter still owns.



Ian playing drums at a friends wedding.

Paul Johnson remembers growing up in the Headley Road opposite Thorner's Butchers when his grandparents, aunt and uncle and cousins lived in the Longmoor Road. To visit them he would cut

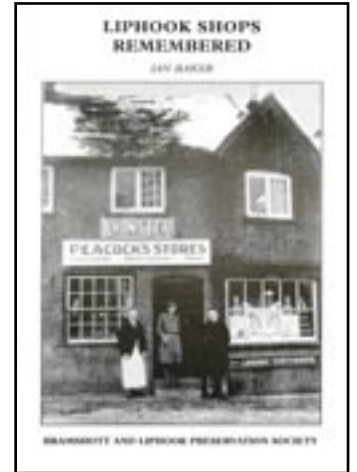
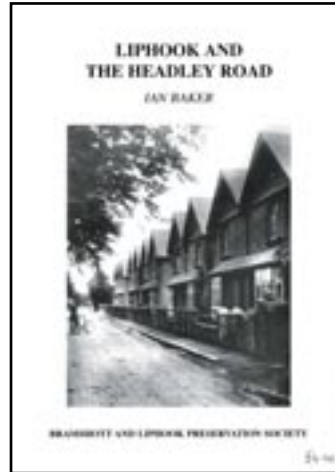


Ian photographing fungii on a Ramblers Walk.

through Baker and West's yard and invariably Ian or his dad would fly out of their offices to tell him and his chums off.

Ian and Sandra and family joined the local Ramblers and with Ian's extensive local knowledge and love of map reading he developed into a much-loved leader of the Ramblers and made good use of his photography skills. Alongside this the newly formed Preservation Society, started by enthusiast Laurence

Giles became another of his hobbies and this led to the development of the Heritage Centre, enabling Ian's passion for his village and extensive memories of local people and places. Laurence's popular books on the Canadian connection etc. led to Ian writing his own booklets on Shops and the Headley Road. The publications have expanded and travelled globally having sold not only locally but abroad.



Two of Ian's publications..

With his friend and assistant, the late David Frost he produced slide shows covering all aspects of the village, views, wildlife, local buildings, local people, trains, and many different topics. They were presented 2 to 3 times a year over several years at the Village Hall or Day Centre.

By the time the flower beds in the village, a project started by Terry Burns had expanded with villagers volunteering to enhance further colourful beds and baskets, Ian became a devoted photographer of all that evolved, and medals won, alongside the much-loved Jan Roles and ably assisted by Carole Burns.



Ian's love of photography.

Ian had a quirky sense of humour and loved playing practical jokes. Once, when his friend Dennis Clinker and sister were on holiday in the US Ian colluded with a neighbour and installed a pond in their front garden using a large sheet of blue plastic

supported by Breeze Blocks forming a reservoir for several gallons of water complete with inflatable swans and plastic ducks. They had quite a shock arriving home to see a sign on the front gate that read "Open Garden with Water Feature".

When young, Ian spent holidays with an aunt and uncle in Ilfracombe that resulted in him developing a love of steam trains. This resulted in travels with his friend Chris Budd to numerous stations up and down the country and even Glasgow and in those days Longmoor – on the doorstep. He was a life member of the Watercress Preservation Society.



Ian enjoying the Steamtrain experience.

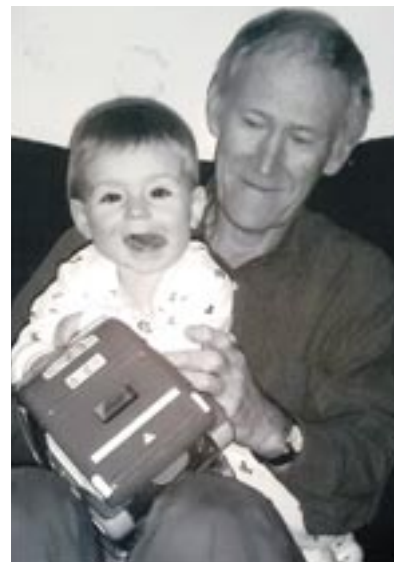
His Aunt Lily kept up with the family and was an intrepid traveller. Once she came to Liphook and not having room for her with Ian and Sandra their friend Bertie offered her accommodation. On opening the kitchen curtains the first morning, they were astonished to see a B & B signpost outside, another of Ian's quirky hoaxes that caused much hilarity.



Ian with Heritage (Preservation) Society members in Ann Collis garden.

Ian and his father Ted for many years worked at Le Court Cheshire Home both for the Home and for Leonard Cheshire at his cottage; they were both very popular with the residents not only maintaining the buildings and renovating, when necessary, but they gave much time helping the fifty disabled people in their own rooms and socially. When Ted passed on Ian built a rose Pergola in the grounds paid for from funds raised by the Baker family and friends. Sadly, the Home disbanded and was sold for development in 2005 but the plaque remains in their memorial garden.

About 12 years ago Ian began to have mobility issues and an unexplained tremor. He was eventually diagnosed with Parkinson's. This eventually robbed him of his love of walking. However, he struggled on to keep his contacts with the Heritage Centre right until the autumn of 2021 when finally, he was replaced by his dear friend Val Gaskin, a most able successor.



Ian's grandson inherits his grandpa's love of buses.

As Ian's illness progressed, he spent the last four months of his life in Greenbanks Nursing Home where he received gentle care and attention, helping him to be as comfortable as possible. Old friends such as Andrew and Dennis were able to visit him, and Ian gratefully appreciated their company despite difficulty in communication. His friend Ann Govier supplied him with chocolate ice cream made by her son Ben of Dylan's Ice Cream. He really enjoyed it as he had difficulty swallowing towards the end.

Sandra's most poignant memory that proved to be the last was of him in his confused state somehow working out how long they had been married and he said "I have loved you for all our 47 years together", smiling as he held her hand. He gave a little wave when she left.



Ian with Liphook in Bloom Colleagues.

Sandra and family wish to thank all who donated so generously to Parkinsons UK in memory of Ian, whose life was cut short by this cruel disease, ending a life well spent in many directions. Their donations amounted to £650.

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The Hard Work Continues

By Lucy Twynham, Hollycombe Manager.

At the time of writing, it is one more sleep until Hollycombe Working Steam Museum's season finale, 22nd October 2022. As Hollycombe tradition goes the season will end with a Halloween-themed evening event. For the last 5 Saturdays visitors have been enjoying the truly magical sounds and smells of a traditional fairground after dark. Hollycombe enjoyed a more normal season in 2022 and looks optimistically towards an event-filled calendar in 2023.

From the outside it may seem as though Hollycombe goes into hibernation in the winter months but this couldn't be further from the truth. The reality is Hollycombe transforms into a hub of volunteering activity from November through to Easter. Hollycombe volunteers come from all walks of life and bring a multitude of skillsets to the table but the common denominator is a drive to succeed.

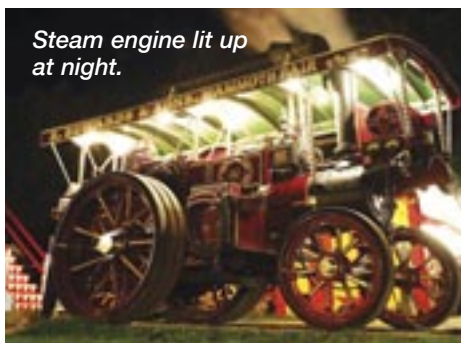
Whilst volunteering takes place through the week, it is on Wednesdays and Sundays when Hollycombe volunteering really triumphs. Working in small groups or as a collective, volunteers

progress the winter projects and enjoy the satisfaction and pride that come with achieving a shared goal. It is hard to pinpoint what it is about volunteering at Hollycombe that is so addictive and sees Hollycombe boast well above average volunteer retention. Perhaps it is the escapism that comes with stepping into a world so removed from modern daily life. Or the sense of family that is achieved by celebrating individual differences and finding ways to make every volunteer an invaluable asset to the future growth of the museum.

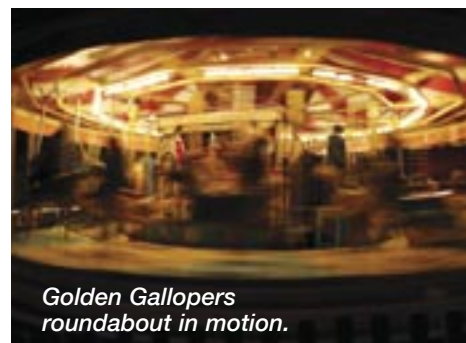
With the challenges that lie ahead for all charities and businesses, 2023 continues to be a critical time in Hollycombe's history. Hollycombe looks to the local community to support and embrace the unique Heritage on its doorstep. There are many ways to get involved and be part of the positive momentum that hopes to see Hollycombe not only survive but thrive. For anyone interested in volunteering or interested in other ways they can support Hollycombe you can reach out by emailing: info@hollycombe.co.uk



Hollycombe at night.



Steam engine lit up at night.



Golden Gallopers roundabout in motion.

Highfield and Brookham Schools

Children from Highfield and Brookham Schools brought in a veritable feast of canned goods, packets, bottles, jars and fresh



Highfield Head Suzannah Cryer and her husband, Bob, load up the goodies headed for Liphook Day Centre.

produce for the annual Harvest Festival service in the school chapel and those goodies have now been safely received by the Liphook Day Centre after Highfield Head Suzannah Cryer and her husband, Bob, made the happy delivery to the Midhurst Road centre.

Furthermore, the day centre had its coffers

swelled to the tune of £328.10, collected at the school's seasonal service. Highfield Head Mrs Cryer said: "The school has a wonderful longstanding association with Liphook Day Centre, such as our choir performing for residents on the run up to Christmas each year, and we are delighted to continue that special friendship. We hope that visitors to the centre enjoy the proceeds of the harvest as much as our pupils enjoyed gathering the goodies and donating them."

A disco, fun run, break the rules day and sponsored walk were just some of the fun initiatives that the pre-prep pupils dreamed up to raise vital cash for Liphook Food Bank. The school has strong links with the local community and the pre-prep children choose a

different charity to support each academic year. Just before the half-term holiday, Mary Braitch, one of the food bank's trustees, popped in to receive the cheque from delighted young pupils. Sophie Baber, head of pre-prep at Highfield and Brookham Schools, said: "We always teach our children to be the best they can be and that includes being caring, having humility and thinking of ways to help people who are perhaps less fortunate than they are. I am so proud of the way that your young children have rallied round, got involved and done everything they can to raise such a wonderful amount of money for a great cause that will help and benefit many people in our community."



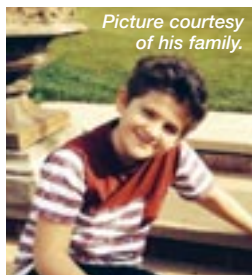
Mary Braitch on behalf of Liphook Food Bank receives the £5000 cheque from pre-prep children at Highfield and Brookham Schools.

Alfie's Flowers and Gifts

By
Simon Catford.



little space selling a wide range of flowers and small plants, gifts, cards and associated goods. It really is very pretty. So, what is their story?



Picture courtesy
of his family.

Tucked away just off Station Road between the Laundromat and Liphook Hardware lies the premises of Liphook's only florist, Alfie's Flowers. I went to meet owner Emma Jones to find out more about one of the villages' newest businesses. "In fact, we've been open over a year now," says Emma "and the time has just flown by." Emma and her daughter-in-law Alice run the shop

together and have created a beautiful business from scratch? "Lots of hard work, help from family and friends and not a small degree of luck!" says Emma. "My elder son was able to find the premises and set up the business for us and then Alice and I took it from there. At first, we travelled to Winchester three times a week to buy flowers but more recently they are delivered here – it's saved us a lot of time."

"We are both completely untrained and new to the floristry business," confirms Emma "but when my son (pictured) sadly died of cancer in 2017, I knew I needed a new challenge to get the family through the dark times. He was only 13 and we named the shop after him; it's our little reminder of a very lovely child."

Catering for walk-in customers and on-line orders alike, the girls can produce a wide range of bouquets, wreaths and hand-tied bunches of flowers to suit every occasion. "Whether it's for a wedding, anniversary or a



bereavement, everything we produce is made with love and won't leave the shop unless it is perfect," says Emma. "Alfie would have wanted that," adds Alice. Their website - www.alfiesflowers.co.uk - showcases some of their work and contains details for ordering and local delivery. "We also sell a small range of cards and gifts to complement the flowers and we are slowly expanding our stock," explains Emma "but we are limited on space so it gets a bit cosy at busy times. That said, we're happy with this little shop and it suits us really well."

On meeting the girls, it is clear they are passionate about their business and have really made it work – not bad for beginners! "We have been simply overwhelmed by the support and kindness shown to us since we started," says Emma. "As a Liphook girl born and bred, I knew I could count on the village's good will but this has exceeded all expectations. We are so grateful to the good people of the village and we look forward to serving them for years to come!"

Calling On You . . .

By Joan Finney.

There are many ways to record history. People's memoirs of the past in Liphook are important, and at the Heritage Centre we record those memories.

Since we began the oral history project in July 2016 there have been several people willing to talk about their connections with Liphook. One lady visiting the Heritage Centre was delighted to record that her great grandfather was once the publican at the Green Dragon, a Mr Earwicker, and that her grandfather was born at the pub.

Another lady, on a visit from Canada, related all she knew about her father being in the Bramshott Military Camp Hospital during 1916 to 1918.

We have recorded an exceptional description of the life of a child growing up during the thirties in Liphook when there were no cars, and the few houses were surrounded by farmers' fields. Children roamed the area in safety when everyone knew each other.

People in their nineties with exceptional memories have given us insights into life during the second World War in Liphook, the rural aspects of the village, the land girls' life on the farms, the delivery of goods by horse and cart and the many shops that traded at that time. We have even heard the experiences of an RAF bomber command gunner flying over Europe.

A lady, who visited the site of the Women's Royal Army Corps, once Huron Camp, and could barely recognise it, recorded her eight months officer training at the site in 1956-1957 and allowed us to display her pictures. Another lady, seeing the display,

recorded her WRAC mother's experience being a cook at the camp at the same time.

We have recorded people's experiences at the village school (now the library) and the boys' school at Bramshott, and work experiences in Liphook. Children have told us they like living here because of the various activities Liphook has to offer them.

In some cases, relatives have requested a copy of the recording as a reminder of the voice they once knew. Another person has added pictures to the recording to make a video presentation.

Our recordings are transcribed and kept as a lasting record of the experiences of people living in past times in Liphook. If you would like to continue the work of transcribing, please get in touch with us. We would be particularly interested in recording anyone who has memories of working in a shop that no longer exists in Liphook as this is a subject we have not covered yet.

If you have a memory about Liphook you wish to relate, do contact us at the Heritage Centre, we would be delighted to meet you.

The Heritage Centre 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
Email: liphookheritage@gmail.com
Phone: 01428 727275

Liphook u3a

By Gwenda Pate.

October marks the twentieth anniversary of Liphook u3a's first meeting. The group began as the brainchild of a group of forward thinking residents of the village which has grown to be a thriving institution which provides hundreds of local people with interesting monthly meetings-always on the first Monday of the month, unless there's a Bank Holiday when the meeting moves to the following



Monday. To mark the special anniversary October's meeting began with Chairman Carolyn Williamson cutting a cake which had been made especially for the event. The cake was enjoyed by the members who were at the meeting-a reward for their attendance!



This however is only a part of the activities of the group as there are over forty interest groups and members can be a part of as many of these groups as they can find time for. The range of groups encompasses almost anything that one could want. There are active groups such as the two Boules groups, Croquet, Golf, Strollers, Walking group, table tennis and a recently launched group which tries out a variety of active skills such as paddle boarding amongst others.



If energetic pursuits are not your thing there are groups which

explore items of interest in the area. These include the Trips Out Group when visits, usually by coach, to places of interest are arranged, Churches and Pubs which is exactly what it says on the tin, and the thriving Theatre Group which takes in dramas, musicals and concerts in a variety of theatres locally and in London. Transport is by coach which removes the pain of parking.



Craft based groups are also popular and include Card making and Papercraft and Flower Arranging. Like all the groups these are led by volunteers who do excellent work in keeping the groups running.

More brainteasing groups also operate and include Chess, Computer Club, Creative Writing, Current Affairs, German, Geology, History, Local History, Science and technology, Scrabble, Board games, and Bridge.

More esoteric gatherings are based on personal taste - literally in the case of Cooking for Men, and others such as Film Appreciation, two Wine Groups, Music Appreciation, Photography and Exploring Art.

So much has come from that small group of Liphook residents who decided to form the first u3a group here twenty years ago - how much we owe them.

If you would like further details on any of these groups come along to a monthly meeting or contact: chairman1@liphooku3a.org.uk

St Mary's Celebrates 800 Years By Rod Sharp



Photo by Roger Miller.

On 7th October members of the Portsmouth Cathedral Choir gave a choral concert at St Mary's Parish Church at Bramshott to celebrate the 800th anniversary of our parish church, with an eclectic programme of music by composers both ancient and modern, ranging from Mozart and Orlando Gibbons to Judith Weir, the present Master of The King's Music. The visit, originally arranged to take place in 2020, was delayed as a result of the Covid-19 coronavirus restrictions.

The concert was introduced and the Choir was welcomed and thanked by Kate Lloyd Jones, the curate at St John's, Greatham who attended St Mary's before her ordination earlier this year.

Historic England has a Grade II* listing for St. Mary's which refers to an aisleless church of c.1220 with later additions from the medieval period to the more substantial additions of the 19th century. The tower is narrower than either chancel or transept which suggests an early church with aisleless nave which was enlarged around 1220 by building, round the chancel, north and south transepts and a large chancel to the east, north and south and carried up as a central tower.

In 1901 Canon W.W. Capes, known as the scholar-rector of Bramshott parish who is commemorated there by a stained

glass window, wrote that the first mention which he could find of any Rector was one Matthew who held the benefice of "Brembelsete" in 1225-1230. The parish evolved from medieval manors which included Bramshott, together with Lidesette (Ludshott) and Ciltelei (Chiltlee).

The church which has served our community for over 800 years was built to serve the settlement which had grown up on the heathland to the south of Hindhead near the highway which was to become the London to Portsmouth Road; the later development of the turnpike road and, more particularly, the railway, led to the daughter hamlet of Liphook outgrowing its parent.

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REMEMBERING HER MAJESTY Queen Elizabeth II

By Alistair Halliday.

When Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the longest reigning British monarch, passed away on September 8, the country went into mourning. After attending her own Platinum Jubilee festivities, to celebrate 70 years on the throne, the Queen captured the heart of the nation, young and old.

Sharing his memories of the monarch is Liphook resident, Alistair Halliday, Commodore Royal Navy, who was an Area Defense Counsel (ADC) to the Queen in his last two roles.

"I served for 33 years in the Royal Navy and HM the Queen was always our Commander in Chief. I still have my commission document signed by her when I joined in 1977. Like everyone, I was hugely saddened by the sad news of her passing. She had lived a long and full life but the loss when it came was still very sudden, sad and emotional and we all felt we had lost someone who was always there for us. I was lucky to see the Queen four times in my life, and while I have also met King Charles four times, I was never fortunate enough to be able to speak to her. The last time was in Westminster Abbey a year ago in Oct 2021 at the 100th anniversary service for the Royal British Legion.

"During that amazing week before her funeral, I was in Horseguards to see her coffin make the slow journey to Westminster Hall. My wife Monica and I decided to go up to London to pay our respects. We joined the start of the queue at 7am - a long way east of Tower Bridge in Bermondsey. As soon as we joined, we started chatting to the people around us and we have all become friends as a result! It was a long day and we entered the Hall at 7.30pm, more than 12 hours later, just before the Princes Vigil. It was one of the most memorable and emotive sights I have seen - all quiet with only the tapping sound from the guards signalling the changing of the guard. As I walked past there was a huge glint from the jewels in the crown - the sort of which I have never seen before - probably because of the sheer size of the diamond and the Black Prince's ruby.



Portrait of Queen Elizabeth II Photographed by Randal Mackenzie. She wears her signature three-strand pearl necklace and matching earrings. Pinned to her chest is an aquamarine brooch that was a present from her father, King George, for her 18th birthday.

We saw King Charles III, the Princess Royal and Princes Edward and Andrew just outside as they arrived to do their vigil a few minutes later.

"I was hugely proud to receive an invitation to attend the state funeral on Monday, 19 September. Her Majesty was the Royal Patron of the Forces Employment Charity I run. Again, I went up early to arrive in Westminster Abbey by 9.45am - some two hours before the start of the service. At first there was a lot of chatting, but the mood became much more sombre and quiet during the final hour before the start. I first heard the distant sound of the pipes playing 'Mist

Covered Mountains' and it was a sound I will never forget. It got louder and louder as the massed bands slow marched their way to the Abbey. Finally, the sight of the coffin moving along the nave carried by the amazing Grenadiers with the flowers on it dancing in the light and then that lone piper was iconic.

"I thought the whole day was brilliantly planned and executed with utmost precision, and all the members of the Armed Forces and Police who took part can be hugely proud of the wonderfully professional job they all did. It was all such a fitting tribute to the most remarkable monarch the country, and the world, has ever seen. It feels somehow as if we have been through some surreal experience. Clearly, we will never see the like of Queen Elizabeth II again. Her life-long dedication to serving the nation was extraordinary and set the highest example for us all to follow. I do believe she should go down as Queen Elizabeth the Great."

The coronation of King Charles III will take place next year on Saturday 6 May, at Westminster Abbey.

A Final Farewell

Lay down your head, in softness rest,
The burden of your life now shed.
The mantle of your cares depart,
Your footprints etched in silent tread.

Your glorious reign at last has run
Its course, through darkness into light.
Our figurehead, our steadfast rock
Led on with majesty and might.

Now hear the muffled bells ring out,
Belov-ed Scottish air so fine,
As with bowed heads your progress watched
By farmers, in assembled line.

And onwards to your place of birth,
Embracing you with tender care,
The lines of people woven through
The beating heart of London's lair.

Immaculate, the steady march
Of forces, and of kith and kin.
By grace of God with strength untold,
The Abbey nurtures all within.

Now fanfare sounds the final scene,
And favourite Fell stamps her farewell,
Companion corgis, one last time,
Strain at the leash to bid you well.

And in St. George's vaulted roof,
Where Angel's breath enfolds the day,
The lonely piper's sad lament
Ascends, and slowly, fades away.

O noble Queen, our steadfast rock,
For whom our thanks and prayers were said,
Lay down your head, in softness rest,
The mantle of your duty shed.

Angela Glass



The Churches of Liphook

Welcome to Liphook Churches' Christmas Services 2022

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

METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday 24 December
Candlelit Carols - 6.00pm.

Saturday 24 December
Christmas Communion at
Lindford Methodist Church -
8.00pm.

Sunday 25 December
Christmas Day - No Service.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 24th December
Christmas Carols at
Immaculate Conception,
Liphook - 6.00pm.

Christmas Mass in the
Night - 6.30pm.

Christmas Vigil Mass at St.
Joseph, Grayshott - 10.00pm.

Sunday 25th December
Christmas Mass at
Immaculate Conception,
Liphook - 9.00am.

Christmas Mass at St.
Joseph, Grayshott - 11.00am.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Sunday 4th December
Messy Church Advent at
Church Centre - 10.45am.

Sunday 18th December
Crib Service at St Mary's
Bramshott - 10.30am.

Sunday 18th December

Carol Service at St Mary's
Bramshott - 6.00pm.

Saturday 24th December
Christingle at Church Centre
4.00pm.

Sunday 25th December
Christmas Day - St Mary's
Bramshott, Communion -
8.00am and Holy Communion
9.30am (joint).

TRINITY

Sunday 18th December
All Age Nativity - 11.00am.

Bring your child along at

10.30am where they will have a
chance to dress up and join in
the fun as we tell the nativity
story (no rehearsal required).
Aimed at primary school
children but all are welcome.

Sunday 18th December
Carol Service - 5.30pm.

Sunday 25th December
Christmas Day Family Service
- 10.00am.

*All services will be held at
Liphook Infant School.*



Catholic Church

Waiting and Judgment

This autumn I was summoned for jury service and so joined a few dozen men and women from all walks of life one Monday morning at a Crown Court. Jury service entails a great deal of waiting around and also, for most of those summoned, the requirement to pass judgment on one or more fellow human beings. Until 2004 clergy were ineligible for jury service; among the reasons for this was that clergy should not be arbiters in criminal cases 'since their calling would incline them to compassion and they might feel it difficult to consider the claims of justice alone'. That conflict, between mercy and justice, certainly bore heavily on my mind as I prepared myself to serve and to take the oath to 'faithfully try the defendant and give a true verdict according to the evidence'.

Advent is a time for thinking about waiting, and about judgment. Before it was overtaken by a premature celebration of Christmas it was a time of preparation. Not just the arrangements for the celebration of Jesus' coming to Bethlehem two thousand years ago,

but also preparation for His return to bring this world to an end and to pass judgment in his people. God is both perfect mercy and perfect justice, and in Him there is no conflict between them. He took the just punishment for the sins of all humankind upon himself when, although wholly innocent himself, he willingly suffered death on the cross for our sakes. This supreme act of compassion paid the price that justice demands and enables God to offer mercy and healing to all those who are willing to accept their need of it.

May this advent be a time of growth for us all as we prepare to greet Christ.

Father Simon Chinery



LiphookCatholic.uk

Church of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday Worship at 11.00am

www.grayshottcatholic.uk/mass-schedule

Church of England

I can still remember reading a review of J.K. Rowling's first "Post Potter" novel. The reviewer's summary - "in short, a serious downer . . . !" Poor woman - years of writing children's fiction had probably driven her insane and when she finally had an opportunity to express all those seething negative emotions they all came out in one glorious cascade of doom!

Christmas feels different this year. For most of us the cost of living crisis isn't just a story in the newspapers, it's a daily reality and as I write the government are in disarray without a leader - I'm sure at least that will have improved by the time you read this! But as ever the problems at home are as nothing. Imagine living in the Ukraine right now, or the Yemen, or Ethiopia or East Africa, or Iran, or North Korea, or Venezuela or Pakistan.

Or maybe stretch your imagination to think of all those animals like the Polar Bears or the Adelie Penguins facing extinction because of our lifestyles. Christmas is a time of celebration, a time to be generous, but is that possible amidst the gloom. The world it seems is on a "serious downer". But as the good book says "in him was life, and the life was the light of all people, and

the light shines in the darkness". Jesus came to a dark world. In a stable in Bethlehem 2000 years ago and 2000 miles away a baby was born. Babies are always good news, but this one was particularly special. A present from our heavenly Father to a world in desperate need. So this Christmas if you're feeling that life is a "serious downer" talk to Jesus about it. Praying is such a simple thing to do, and yet the reason I'm still in work is because I've met too many people whose lives have been changed by the simple prayer "Jesus, help me".

Reverend Valentine Inglis-Jones



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

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

Sunday worship at Church Centre, Liphook at 10.45am

www.liphookchurch.co.uk

Methodist Church

I read of some principles for society and wonder where they come from:

- Reduce the gap between rich and poor
- Seek to ensure full employment
- Introduce measures to help the poorest, including a living wage
- Offer the best possible education
- Empower individuals to feel they can make a difference
- Promote tolerance
- Promote equal treatment of women
- Create a society based on values and not on profits and consumerism
- End all forms of enslavement
- Avoid engaging in wars
- Avoid narrow self-interest and promote a world view
- Care for the animals with whom we share our planet.

Any ideas about their origins? Perhaps it's some left-wing, 'woke' organisation? No. The origin of this 'political manifesto' is the preaching, teaching and writing of John Wesley in the

18th century. And what was someone credited with a major Christian revival in this country doing engaging in politics in what we might see as such a public and blatant way?

Surely those 18th century political principles are a statement in his (and our?) contemporary terms of something of what the Kingdom of God might look like. All of them are very much in accord with the life, ministry and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth whose birth we celebrate at Christmas and who came to embody God's presence on earth and show what God's Kingdom might look like when lived out on earth in the same way that it is in heaven.

Reverend David Muskett


The Methodist Church

Sunday Worship at 10am
www.liphookmethodist.org

Trinity Church

What's the sound, the music, of your Christmas?

We of course all have our favourites. Maybe for you it's listening to the Christmas No.1s of yester year or maybe something more classical. The thing about our choice of music is that it really does shape our Christmas. It sets the mood. It reminds us of joys and sorrows, maybe often of our own making, of the past and imprints the present highs and lows on our minds for future recall.

Whatever your choice of music, let me encourage you to hear afresh, or for the first time, the song of Mary (Jesus' mother) often referred to as the Magnificat, and let it shape your Christmas this year (you can find it in the Bible at Luke 1:46-56). It's a song of joy as she reflects on the baby she is carrying. One key theme that she speaks of is mercy. What God is doing in bringing Jesus into the world on that first Christmas is a display of God's mercy.

If we are honest with ourselves as we draw close to Christmas, that is what we often need. When we have let others down. When we have let ourselves down. We need mercy not justice.

And in our world mercy is something that is hard to find. Yet that is what we can find in Jesus if we will, according to the well known Christmas carol 'O little town of Bethlehem', receive him in the hope of him entering in and casting out our sin. Whatever shapes your Christmas normally, let me encourage you to let yourself be shaped and formed by mercy this Christmas.

Pastor Sean Clokey


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Sunday worship at Liphook Infant School
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Christian Aid



What gives you Hope?

With all the distracting news about Russia and Ukraine, UK government gaffes and

outrageous hikes in energy and food prices, it is surprising that so many charities still survive on voluntary contributions in these uncertain times. So a big thank you to Bramshott Open Gardens for their generous distribution of funds to local charities. YOU give us Hope.

Christian Aid are suggesting novel Christmas gift options for people in Africa: Cocoa saplings £10, antibiotic kits £10, crop seeds of hope £15, fruit tree saplings £15, emergency hygiene kits £29, goats £35, beehives £63. For more details please visit:

www.charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk

Why not give Hope, and an opportunity for many poor people to become self-sufficient by buying one, of many such novel gifts?

God loves a cheerful giver. Happy giving time.

Keith Ireland - Christian Aid Village Coordinator

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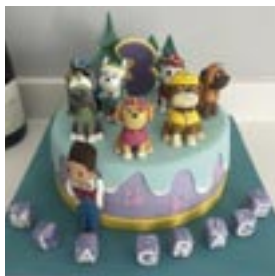
Cake Bakers In and Around Liphook

By Jen Woodsford.

Looking for a cake for a special celebration such as a birthday or anniversary – or maybe just one for your weekend tea? Look no further – lots of suggestions below!

Coluccia Cakes

Mandy told me that she has been baking celebration cakes from home for thirty years. She has made many different cakes over this time and will also ice and decorate a cake that the customer has baked themselves. She uses both buttercream and fondant icing and, maybe the largest so far has been a five-tier wedding cake decorated with 400 roses. If you would like some ideas before talking to Mandy there are lots of pictures on her Facebook page (Colucciacakes). There you can see her cleverly crafted flower decorated cakes but my personal favourites were the ones decorated with sugar paste animals.



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Lesley Hollands

Many of you may already know Lesley as she is a regular at the monthly market in the Millennium Hall, supplies jams and chutneys to the Day Centre and I first met her at the Horticultural Summer Show where she was in the kitchen supplying us with tea and cake. I discovered she is also the lady who sells her produce from her home on Longmoor Road – you may have noticed the sign outside her cottage. This lady of many talents makes jams and chutneys using the produce from her own garden, bakes savoury food such as quiches and a repertoire of weekend cakes and scones. She does not specialise in iced and decorated cakes but if you would like a fruit tea bread, Victoria sponge, Apple and Date cake, or a Frangipane tart just to mention a few then she can supply you. As mentioned above she also cooks savoury items and therefore can cater for small events given notice.



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Cakey Bakey Creations

Ashley started baking professionally around 8 years ago. Having been a keen cook, a classically trained chef and working in the catering industry for 32 years it was a natural progression for her. In order to transfer her skills into the cake baking sector she took a few courses but also taught herself by watching online tutorials and lots of practice. Her cake decorating skills started when it was her brother's 50th birthday and Ashley made him an illusion cake of burger and chips and it just grew from there. Recently she has begun to specialise more in buttercream and novelty cakes but she can make anything from a simple carrot cake to a majestic multi-tiered wedding cake. She prefers making cakes when she has a free rein to get her



creative juices going. Ashley is based in Bordon and works from home. Most customers collect from her but she can deliver depending on time and location.

Ashley has an excellent website: cakeybakeycreations.co.uk where you can see many examples of her decorating skills and a price guide.

Contact is through her Facebook page, business page **Cakey Bakey Creations**, or email: enquiries@cakeybakeycreations.co.uk

Cakes & Cocoa

Rajula candidly told me the story behind her home business. She had been baking for over 20 years and loved seeing the happiness cakes bring to people but started her cake making business a few years ago, after going through a difficult period in her life when she found it a way to unwind and de-stress.



Her favourite part of cake-making is combining interesting flavours, such as pistachio and Amaretto or mocha and caramel. As well as learning new decorating techniques, she also enjoys making tea-time cakes, such as chocolate, carrot, red velvet, coconut, lemon etc, but with a flair! She also loves designing hand-painted (with edible paint) chocolates with a variety of fillings, each one being unique.



Cakes & Cocoa is based in Headley and delivers free of charge within a three-mile radius of GU35. There are many examples of her creations on her website and she is happy to discuss your requirements.

Contact on: www.cakesandcocoa.co.uk
or: www.facebook.com/cakesandcocoa
or email: hello@cakesandcocoa.co.uk

Em's Cake Kitchen

Emily told me that she has always loved making cakes for family members so when she moved in to her first home in 2019, she made the most of having her own space to bake in. Starting by baking cakes for friends she hasn't looked back since! Her speciality is buttercream cakes but Emily also frequently supplies cupcakes, treat boxes and brownies.



Based in central Liphook all orders are collection only. Most bakes are custom orders but she occasionally does markets and special events with a range of bakes.



Contact by Instagram: [@ems_cakekitchen](https://www.instagram.com/ems_cakekitchen)
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Our monthly meetings at the Millennium Hall are also very popular and we enjoy some very interesting speakers covering many topics of general interest.

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

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Awesome Autumn Show

Horticultural Show Secretaries Anne and Sally were delighted with the members' response to their plea for entries for the Autumn Show which was held on Saturday, 3rd September at the Church Centre, Liphook. Considering the really difficult growing conditions this summer, the Show was amazing with the number and quality of exhibits. Several local shows which were to be held on the same day had been cancelled due to lack of entries. As usual our members came up trumps.

The Lady Skelhorn trophy for best in show was won by Hazel Simmons for her vegetable basket described by the judges as stunning. The Bob Bell trophy for the most successful exhibitor in the vegetable classes was won by John Gilbert together with the Vian Cup for best exhibition shallots and Certificate for Best

Vegetable for his onions. The Countess of Brecknock cup for most successful exhibitor in the flower classes was won by Ann Hausssauer who also won the Reg Elliott Cup. First time cup winner Christine Hill was surprised to win the Floral Cup. Other cup winners were Steve Amos, Lesley Hollands, and Helen Brown. The children's cups were won by 4 year old Chloe Langley and 10 year old Archie Gooding for their painted flower pots, birthday cards and vegetable/fruit models.

Mouthwatering refreshments were enjoyed by one and all and visitors were able to enjoy the good weather outside.

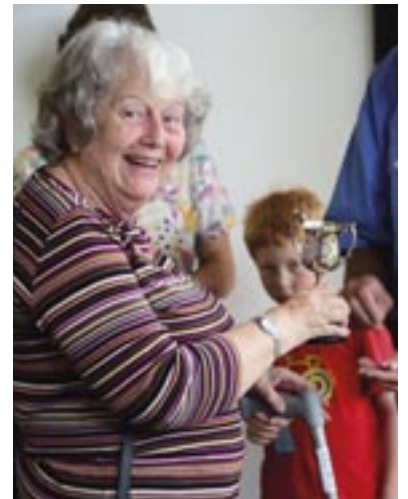
For further information about the Horticultural Society, please ring Miranda Rowe, Membership Secretary on **01428 723281**.



The Basket of Vegetables entries.



The Burnished Copper Flower Arrangement class.



The Floral Cup winner Christine Hill.



Hazel Simmons' Basket of Vegetables was judged the best exhibit in the show.



Helen Brown receives the Cookery Cup.



Archie Goodings winning Over 8 fruit and vegetable model.



Harrison Gooding's winning entry in the Fruit or Vegetable Model class.



Steve Amos' winning dahlias.

Liphook Infant & Junior School



The Liphook Express was born from our Federation belief that reading is absolutely key for all children to succeed - not just in English but in all areas of learning. The vision was to create a quiet special area specifically for reading, and as reading takes us on exciting journeys and adventures a bus felt like the perfect space.



The bus arrived as a rather shabby but well-loved double decker. With the devotion of our Parent teacher associations, local businesses, pupils and staff it has been transformed into the beautiful and fun environment we have today. We are very grateful to Hugh Bonneville and Damian Hinds for opening the bus. We loved hearing Hugh read to the children!



Children in **Reception Class** have really enjoyed making new friends and have enjoyed making use of the outside and inside areas of school. They have really impressed us with their cooperation and fantastic talking skills



Year 1 and 2 have been working hard and having lots of fun. Year 1 have worked particularly hard on their phonics, reading and writing. Pupils in Year 2 have produced some beautiful natural art based on the work of Andy Goldsworthy.



Year 3 pupils really enjoyed going to Goodwood Home Farm as part of their topic on food and farming. The education team was amazed at their knowledge and enthusiasm! They concluded their topic by joining with Year 2 to lead the Harvest Service at St Mary's Bramshott.



Year 4 had a very busy time learning about the rainforest in the Amazon. They impressed us with some beautiful writing and art work. The children really enjoyed experiencing all of the plants and animals at The Living Rainforest.



Year 5 have enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt. They put their knowledge and skills into action during an Egyptian focus day, when they compared Ancient Egypt to three other ancient civilisations.



Year 6 had a wonderful time at Calshot Activities Centre. They enjoyed participating in a range of adventurous activities including sailing, climbing, skiing, archery, the high swing and problem-solving tasks. It was fantastic to watch the children using our eight learning hearts of: collaboration, communication, independence, resilience, perseverance, growth mindset, learning tools and thinking creatively. The centre staff commented on the children's enthusiasm and excellent behaviour and manners.





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Real English Drinks Group & Little Fish

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In the Spring 2022 edition of this magazine, I reported on the Real English Drinks Group (REDG) business operation based in Liphook. Readers will recall this comprised of a distillery behind the train Station, bars and restaurants and an events business. In the ensuing six months they have not been idle so I caught up with Director Mark Window for an update.

The two most significant developments this year has been the construction of an additional warehouse on the Liphook footprint and the opening of a second restaurant (trading as RedH) in Midhurst. Mark confirms that the Midhurst site has been a great success and the team, led by restaurant manager Mimmo, have established it as a go-to hospitality venue in the town. In the meantime, the Haslemere restaurant continues to build its customer-base. Over in the distillery, the range of quality products is expanding with a new after dinner liqueur range known as 'Puds' being launched. Their website – www.realenglishdrinks.co.uk – has full details of all the products available.

In September REDG held their third Oktoberfest in Haslemere which again proved hugely popular. They are plans to repeat it in 2023.

Turning to the proposed restaurant and bar in Liphook (utilising the old Countrywide store), Mark confirms that whilst they remain committed to opening a third site in the medium term, the current tough economic conditions mean that the development is currently on hold. However, the site is being put to good use as it now houses the offices and production kitchen of Little Fish, an innovative new company offering restaurant quality sushi and pan-Asian cuisine to rural communities.

Joint owners of Little Fish, Neil Witney and Neill Ghosh (pictured) showed me around. With REDG acting as landlord Little Fish has built a state-of-the-art sushi making kitchen that services its extensive network of collection outlets (14 and counting) in the local area. Neil takes up the story, "As a professional, Michelin trained chef I've worked in top-end restaurants in London, France and the Middle East and have built up a wealth of knowledge and experience in the industry. When COVID hit, my career, like so many in the hospitality industry, was decimated, and I needed to find a way to get through. Venturing back into sushi happened by chance. On Mother's Day 2020, just as COVID was taking hold, I made a sushi platter for my wife which we posted on Instagram and, before I knew it – and

The Little Fish kitchen in its new livery.



thanks to social media – people were asking me to make some for them. So my Farnham home quickly became the beating heart of what is now Little Fish. It was very hard work but ultimately a success!"

Neil was ready to go to the next stage and met up with partner Neill who had decided to leave his previous life in the luxury travel world behind and was looking for a new venture. Selling Neil's sushi from a gazebo outside his Haslemere home, Neill could hardly keep up with demand such was the popularity of the product. Enter REDG and their empty building in the village.

Neill explains, "The timing was perfect – we needed more space and REDG wanted to utilise its building. So we set about installing the kitchen which now represents the entire production capability of the business. We have hired a very talented team to prepare, pack and distribute our super fresh food for the good people of Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex. Demand has been exceptional and we are delighted with the up-take. Our aim is to have some 40 outlets within a year and we are confident that the Liphook operation can meet that demand. It's an entirely scalable business."

Already adding new dishes to the existing menu, Little Fish are proud of the quality of presentation as much as the food itself. Their production techniques – which include a cutting edge 'sushi robot' – result in almost zero food waste and they can cater for all types of food allergies and intolerances. Their use of computerised logistics means that on-line orders – www.little-fish.uk – can be placed from 14 days to 12 hours in advance and are freshly made each day and delivered to collection points via their fleet of distinctively liveried refrigerated vans. They have even installed a refrigerated locker at the Liphook site for ease of collection and more will follow. They are also developing some cocktails to complement the food; one suspects more than a little input from REDG here!

Neil Watson (left) and Neill Ghosh with the refrigerated locker at Liphook HQ.



In summary then, Liphook is now the headquarters of two successful businesses who are working in collaboration to provide high quality food, drink and services in the hospitality sector, both locally and on a national scale. As local employers they add to the economic resilience of the area and are proud of their ability to attract and retain good people. They are keen to acknowledge the support and loyalty shown to them by customers, employees and suppliers in the village and beyond. I am sure we will be hearing more from both businesses in the future.

The Old Post Office

Copy and photos
by Simon Catford.

GIVES UP ITS SECRETS!

Villagers will be aware of the restoration of the Old Post Office at Number 6, The Square which has been on-going for a number of years. Indeed, this magazine reported on progress in its Summer 2021 edition. Since then, further secrets have been unearthed as the works continue which make for a fascinating glimpse into the life of this ancient building. I am grateful to owner Damien Blower of Stedman Blower Architects for his assistance in this brief article.

Perhaps the biggest discovery in terms of mass is the blacksmith's quenching trough un-earthed to the rear of the building. Made of solid granite and weighing in at approximately one tonne it is highly likely that this was used by the smithy that stood on the site of the current Cinema as an essential piece of equipment. It is thought to have been dragged next door and then buried, presumably when no longer needed when the smithy ceased operation. It has now been cleaned up and installed just behind the letter box to the front of the building, to be used as a planter (see picture). It may also house this year's village Christmas Tree (kindly donated by Liphook resident Chris Jackson).



Quenching trough.



Other discoveries were made in and around the old chimney stack. Somewhat neglected, altered and abused over the centuries there is little of the original hearths and lintels remaining. However, a child's well-worn leather shoe and two pencils were found. The shoe (see picture) is of particular interest in that it is likely to have been placed there as an anti-witching safeguard. People have long thought that evil spirits and other forces of the supernatural enter a building via the chimney which by definition is open to the sky. Placing a shoe is supposed to confuse malefic forces containing as it does the very essence of a person's spirit. The shoe is thought to date from the late nineteenth century

and anti-witching went on until the inter-war period. It is also quite common to find scratches, markings and symbols inscribed into timbers, especially over openings, like doors and chimney hearths. So, if you own a building built any time before about WW1, keep an eye out for hidden objects built into the structure and strange markings on old timbers.

And other finds suggest more anti-witching behaviour. Householders were very wary of voids in walls and under floors – an ideal place for evil spirits to hide. To discourage such behaviour glass bottles were used to fill the gaps, some of which were sealed. Many such bottles have been found in the cellar, not all of them broken. The way they were arranged suggest careful placement, not haphazard disposal. Large quantities of broken glass were also found, again filling voids around the building. Did these measures work? Who can say . . .

Another much more practical discovery - that of a well - was made in the rear of the building. Extending to some 5 meters deep and carefully lined with sandstone (pictured) the well is shown on the old Tithe maps of Liphook, pretty much exactly where it was discovered albeit covered over. This source of water would have been essential for the smithy as well as for human consumption; one hopes it was sufficiently potable. Also found, but separate from, were four large stone slabs that would have covered the well to prevent people falling in.



Photo: Blower Architects.

Well.

As the restoration work continues it is highly likely that other secrets will be unearthed that will add to the rich history of the building and the community it served. More details of these and other finds are contained in the Heritage Centre above the Millennium Hall. Do go along to find out more.

In the mean-time and as Christmas approaches, we can all enjoy the lights on the tree and the Christmas window display courtesy of Stedman Blower Architects.

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Yes, thank you, I'd fancy a beer.

Just talking to you makes me quite hoarse,
*Some words you say are
really quite coarse!*

Where are your aids so you can hear?
*They're in my pocket to keep
them near.*

Then put them on where they belong,
*But they make it too loud when
hearing a song!*

Alan Brett

Liphook in Bloom

By Barbara Miller.

FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT

Throughout the summer excitement mounted as sunflowers began to show their heads above hedges and fences throughout the Parish. Liphook in Bloom launched a Sunflower Competition back in May when a generous sponsor promised to donate £20 per foot to a Ukrainian charity in the name of the winner. The competition was one of several activities this year to celebrate 25 years of Liphook in Bloom.

Over the weeks competitors sent in photos of their sunflowers, together with the measurement, to the Liphook in Bloom website or Facebook page which was then displayed on a leader board. On Monday 5th September judges Terry Burns and Roy Livsey visited the top three competitors to check the measurements.



1st Place - Anne Govier.

In first place was **Anne Govier** whose sunflower measured **12'7"/3.84m**. Her sunflower self-seeded from last year's planting. Second place went to **Gill Snedden** at **12'3"/3.73m**, again self-seeded. In third place was **Diana Pont** with **10'3.5"/3.14m**; her sunflower had been planted by her granddaughter. The judges commented that they were much taller than anticipated and they had to go and get some taller steps!



2nd Place - Gill Snedden.

The long hot and dry summer seemed to change to autumn at the beginning of September. This year it became very noticeable that some of the bedding plants were more drought tolerant than others. The cosmos really struggled and had to be removed leaving gaps in some of the beds. However most of the beds managed to survive through to October. The one exception to this was of course the Millennium bed. The petunias in this bed had looked absolutely stunning throughout the hot weather – albeit we were constantly watering them – but as soon as we had some wet weather they gave up, the weeds took over and we had no choice but to take all the plants out.



3rd Place - Diana Pont with Judges Terry Burns and Roy Livsey.

By the time you read this article summer will be a distant memory. The bedding plants will have been removed and thousands of spring bulbs will have been planted. The poppies will have been put up and taken down and the Christmas lights will be going up. Only then and for a short while will Liphook in Bloom members take time to put their feet up - but probably browsing through the gardening catalogues and planning new displays at the same time!

Hopefully you will all be able to take some time to relax over the festive period. As we enter a new year you may start to think of new things you would like to try and ways to make new friends. Liphook in Bloom needs new members. Many of the original members who have done such a wonderful job for over 25 years need to put their feet up – for longer than Christmas! We need new people and welcome new ideas. It doesn't matter if you know very little about gardening, we will show you how. If you have particular garden skills and expertise you will be doubly welcome! Maybe you cannot help with gardening, but you have a car with a tow bar – then you could be a valued member of the watering team, driving the water bowser. Above all Liphook in Bloom is a great way to get to know people in the village.

If you are thinking of joining us and would like more information please visit our website www.liphookinbloom.co.uk; look at our Facebook page or give Joan Holdsworth a call on **01428 724016** – she would love to hear from you.

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Churcher's College

In March Maddy Lawrence, an ex-pupil of Churchers Sixth Form dislocated her hip playing rugby, but tragically then lost her life to compartment syndrome and sepsis just two weeks later. In the aftermath of this disaster and as a result of the generous donations made by friends, family, neighbours and rugby enthusiasts across the country her parents, Simon and Karen have now set up a charity in her name called Maddy's Mark.



Janine and Phil at the start of their cycle ride.

This name was to put a spotlight on the enormous mark that Maddy had made in her short life and the mark that her charity would have on young women. Maddy faced life with boundless enthusiasm and determination, displaying the resilient character that was always her bedrock. She especially loved Art and on receiving an A grade in Art, it was this field that she went into on leaving the school. She continued to thrive in new places, using the excellent underpinning gained at Churcher's, securing a Distinction in Art Foundation at Oxford Brookes. She loved creation and design, flourishing at the University of West England.

This was combined with a ready smile and a loud laugh. Goodness, she buzzed with life, her fun-loving character, desire to push herself and her ability to think outside of the box. She always encouraged others; her light blazed bright on this course. And yet she, like so many in pandemic education, also had a high degree of anxiety. She therefore instinctively understood the pressures of this new modern life and she was determined to find a way through. As she had strong values of teamwork, mutual support and fellowship, she searched for a sport which would dovetail with her beliefs.

In rugby she found those values. She played on the wing for her beloved University of the West of England rugby team. And at UWE she found her band of sisters, who were, and are, committed to helping each other through all life's challenges. Her parents have been so touched and heartened to hear their many stories

about how Maddy helped them build their confidence, self-image, and self-belief. Simon and Karen feel this is a fitting way towards helping, what they hope will be many people, by promoting positive mental health and wellbeing in young women, through the sport of rugby.

Maddy took all that was in her and all that the world dealt her, and she marched on with a smile. Simon and Karen are determined to follow this example of hope and perseverance, to ensure her life continues to encourage others to be kind, bold and to bring love. As part of this fundraising, Maddy's aunt Janine Gillard, a Year 4 Class teacher at Churcher's College Junior School and Nursery, and her fiancé Phil Taylor are cycling to Athens and started on 12th September, from Churcher's Junior School. The children waved them off as they cycled past banners and flags that they had made for the occasion having researched their itinerary. So far they have cycled 1800 miles through France, Switzerland, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, and Albania. They have experienced many kindnesses and help but they have also had to deal with numerous unforeseen obstacles including daily soaking wet clothes and trainers; being chased and bitten by dogs; stung by insects and a few falls! And yet they still have such warmth, fortitude and laughter. Their family and friends are in awe of their Herculean feat and look forward to welcoming them on their arrival at the Parthenon. You can follow them on Janine's blog: www.petersfield-to-the-parthenon.com



Children's book stall.

In addition to the monies raised by Janine and Phil, the children that she taught last year and their parents have been working on various events in school to raise money for Maddy's Mark. The term started with a cake sale, followed by a book sale and a "name Phil's bike" competition. So far the children have raised almost a £1000 pounds.

We are now planning a non-uniform day when Janine cycles back into school after her half term sabbatical. The children are planning this celebration when we will welcome her home and take time to reflect on her achievements. Janine and Maddy's Mark, has inspired the children and encouraged them to think about what can be achieved with resilience, which is one of the school's values.

Seniors On The Go

*Copy and photo
by Gabrielle Pike.*

Seniors on the Go was started six years ago by Bob Hall as a meeting place for retired men who wanted to get together over a cuppa, enjoy the company of others, play a few games of Scrabble, Rummikub or Dominoes and go on occasional outings. They always hire a mini bus to visit a number of places of interest in the local area, followed by pub lunches, which are enjoyed by everyone.

Bob realised that senior chaps were not too keen to go to day centres, but loved getting together with others discussing world matters and swapping stories. Meetings take place on Monday mornings, between 10.00 am and midday at the Peak Centre,

Midhurst Road, Liphook. Entry is £4 which covers the cost of the hall hire, coffee, tea and biscuits. If funds allow trips or meals out are subsidised.

The group now has between 10 to 12 members and recently ladies have also been welcomed. For more details call Bob Hall on **01428 72775**.



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**WE HAVE
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Memories of Conford Bakery

By Jen Woodsford.

More recent arrivals in Liphook and it's surroundings will only know Conford as a small collection of houses down a narrow lane with no amenities apart from those in Liphook itself. However there has been a settlement there for hundreds of years, although it never had it's own public house or church it did have a school and small shops. The school building has been preserved as the village hall and the shops are all now converted into residential accommodation.

The bakery was known as The Bakehouse and was situated at the entrance to the hamlet next to Windy Ridge. Bread was possibly baked here for centuries but over the past century we have records of the bakers. From the 1940s Owen Small was the baker and he built the house known as Belton's Corner for his mother-in-law which was situated a couple of plots to the rear of The Bakehouse. He also built The Vale where his mother lived and he practised bread-making there before taking it up as a profession. Once he started work as the local baker, he would hand deliver his bread in a large basket daily around the hamlet. The Smalls were an old Conford family, at one time living in a cottage called Black Cottage which appeared to be of very unsound structure as during storms it rocked! This was demolished and replaced by nos. 1 and 2 New Cottages.



The original bakehouse. Photo courtesy of Liphook Heritage Centre.

I have received many memories from local people while writing this article and one particular story has come from Terry Burns who wrote the following:

"My job at the bake house as a boy living in Conford was to collect brushwood from the surrounding commons to light the bake house fires. These fires were fuelled by coke and it was my job to clean these out on a weekend and I would help the neighbours make up the dirt road with the clinkers and cinders. I was paid in delicious loaves and currant buns. It really was the best taste in the world.

At one point Mr. Small was frustrated by a rat problem. Knowing I was in the Cadets shooting team he said he would give me 3d (3 old pence) for each rat's tail I brought him. I was telling my story to my friend Tony Jackson who lived on a farm who said there were lots of rats in the barns there too. The outcome was that 2 cunning school boys culled many rats on the farm as well as at the bake house and many tails were presented to Mr. Small. He was flabbergasted and said he didn't realise how bad his infestation was. However, our ill-gotten gains would have been returned to the bake house coffers as we would buy a small loaf

to take swimming or when sailing boats on the river together with a small wedge of cheese from Carpenter's shop next door."

In the 1950s the bakery was taken over by Mr Jeans and, after his death, his wife continued to run it with the help of her son Alan and Gerald Maunders. By then they had the benefit of oil-fired ovens and their day typically started at 6am. Originally the ovens were fired by faggots then, as mentioned above by Terry, converted to coke and in those days the working day would have started at 4am. The average weekly output was 1700 loaves, 300 dozen rolls and 200 fancy breads. On Saturday mornings they had up to 100 customers at the bakery itself not including the deliveries. Mrs Jeans was the first woman president of the Mid-Hants Association of Master Bakers, Confectioners and Caterers. She is also remembered locally for organising parties on Conford village green, roasting a pig in the bakery, and allowing neighbours to roast their Sunday joints in the oven.

In 1974 Mrs Jeans retired and the bakery was bought by Gerald and Kay Maunders. Gerald's previous full-time occupation had been railway signaller at Liphook but he retired from this on taking over the bakery. Gerald had started working part time in the bakery for Owen Small in 1948 and carried on when Mr and Mrs Jeans bought it. The bread was delivered around Conford and Liphook by his son Adrian Maunders. Gerald's stepson Christopher recalls delivering bread throughout Conford and Liphook every Saturday including to the Wavy Line – now the Co-op! The Maunders continued using traditional methods for their bread-making until they sold the bakery in 1988. Shortly after being purchased by Jill and Ken Potter it closed down in 1989.

Many previous residents have memories of the smell of flour and freshly baked bread that pervaded the area. One friend of mine who was then living in the hamlet fondly remembers on returning home from work visiting the bakery daily to eat the still warm fresh bread, in particular the plaited loaf, whilst dinner was cooking!

Sadly, it was demolished in 1990 and a comfortable family home named The Old Bakehouse has been built on the site but I have discovered that The Bakehouse lives on in many memories.



Replacement dwelling (The Old Bakehouse). Photo courtesy of Jen Woodsford with permission of the owners.

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UPDATE FROM THE **Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council**

Aqueduct at Radford Bridge



The aqueduct, and surrounding land, is a Scheduled Ancient monument, owned by the Parish Council and lies within the River Wey Conservation Area. The River Wey Conservation Area runs through the entire parish and was designated in May 1983 to protect a series of aqueducts built along the River Wey in the 18th century to create an extensive water meadow system.



The section of the river designated as a Conservation Area runs from Hammer Bottom through to Headley Mill, passing through Marshes Hollow, Radford, Liphook, Bramshott, Passfield and Standford. The river, its valley setting, and the 18th century system of water meadows combine to create an historic landscape setting, worthy of protection.

A complex system of sluices, hatches, tunnels, and stone aqueducts as well as less conspicuous 'stops' were built. Many of these remain intact as they have been repaired and maintained by the River Wey Trust.

(Extract from "The River Wey Conservation Area" published by East Hampshire District Council)

The aqueduct is clearly visible from Radford Bridge but is now in need of careful restoration work. However, Scheduled Monument consent is required through Historic England particularly for work that involves removing, repairing, adding to, or altering a Scheduled Monument. Once all the necessary approvals have been gained, we hope that this restoration work will take place over the next few months.

For more information on the work of the River Wey Trust go to www.riverweytrust.org.uk

Toilet Facilities at the Liphook Millennium Hall

The toilets at the Millennium Hall, although fully functional, are long overdue for upgrading, with three rather cramped cubicles for the Ladies and only one cubicle for Gents. Instead of separate sections for Ladies and Gents there will now be four spacious, self-contained cubicles with its own sink, hand dryer, and toilet.

The work will be carried out in a phased manner so there will be no disruption to access to facilities for visitors to the Hall. Improvements to the disabled toilet are also planned and these will take place at a later date to ensure there is minimal disruption for Hall users.

Tractor Shed Relocation



Parish Council grounds staff and equipment currently work out of the large block building located in the Recreation Ground. The two storey building is commonly referred to as the 'tractor shed' and once

housed the local youth club on the first floor, when it was called the Beacon Building. Adjacent to this is the old wooden pavilion, now scheduled for demolition.

Since the buildings are now beyond economic repair and not fit for purpose, there has been much deliberation on how the Parish Council can improve facilities for staff and equipment. The complications of storing equipment, demolition, and construction of a new building, resulted in looking 'outside the box' for an alternative solution to replacing the building in the Recreation Ground.

The compound at Radford Park used to house the Works Department many years ago. The current building is far too small to repurpose, but the compound is much larger than it first appears and will easily contain a new secure agricultural type building. The Parish Council, with support of the Grounds Team, have decided that this is the best option. Once work is completed, the redundant buildings at the Recreation Ground will be demolished, leaving an area that could be used for other community facilities.



Sound System at the Liphook Millennium Centre

Despite investing in handheld microphones and a large speaker, the steel framed structure of the building, the furnishings, and acoustic tiles in some of the rooms did not improve the ability for Councillors and visitors to be heard at Council meetings held in the LMC main hall. A more professional and robust solution was required. Hence approval has now been given for the purchase of a new sound system that will provide microphones for all attending councillors and guests. This system will connect to the existing loop system. We look forward to more residents attending Council meetings to try the new system out.

Traffic Calming Measures for Bramshott's Sunken Lanes

Following the combined efforts of your Parish Council, particularly Council Chairman Cllr. Jeanette Kirby, our EHDC Cllr. Angela Glass and Hants County Cllr. Debbie Curnow-Ford, village gates and signage were finally installed at the entrances to Bramshott in October.

Contact: council@bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk for more information on these projects and work of the council.

Chiltley Bridge Club

Chiltley Club play Chicago bridge, no partner required, on Friday afternoons from 1.30pm to 4.30pm at the Peak Centre Liphook. We are a friendly group and a welcome awaits new players, of any standard. We pay a yearly subscription and £2.00 for the afternoon of bridge. Tea and biscuits are served and the highest score each week wins a bottle of wine.

Why not come and give us a try? Either just drop in on Friday afternoon or alternatively ring **Dick Roberts** on **01428 722061** or **Cecil French-Lynch** on **01428 7279399**.

Countryside Companions

By
Marilyn
Ambrose.

All the best laid plans . . .

Our walking programme secretary spends many hours each quarter getting together a programme of 13 walks. It sounds so simple, but it is no easy task - encouraging people to lead a walk, trying to fill 13 slots and ensuring that there is a variation in walks and distances, so there is hopefully something for everyone each quarter.

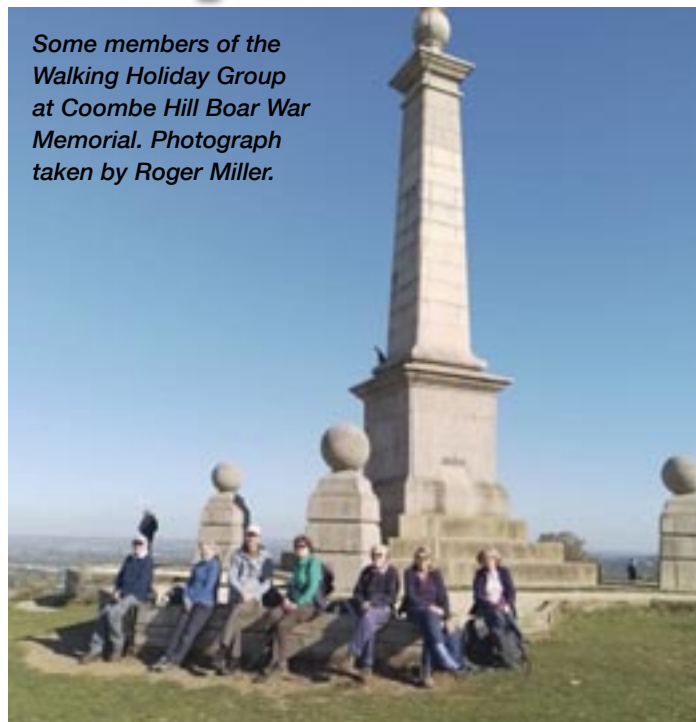
Having just looked back at the programme for the summer, it was noticeable that after all the time that was spent tweaking and perfecting, only four of the 13 walks actually took place as per the schedule. It started so well - the short pre-walk before our annual summer BBQ and boules at the Rising Sun in Milland was held in perfect summer weather. But then things got a little too "perfect" and the following week's walk had to be cancelled due to excessive heat (is this climate change, we wondered?). The walks on 21st July to Leith Hill and 18th August round Northchapel got swapped, then things got back on an even keel, and Chiddingfold to Ramsnest Common and East Dean to Heyshott took place as programmed. We ought not to complain when we get warm weather (although being British, what else would we talk about?), but by mid August we were heating up again, so our 11th August Woolbeding jaunt got postponed to 25th August, displacing the planned Eartham to Slindon walk which moved to 15th September. The walk planned for 14th July round Hayling Island finally happened on 1st September - luckily there were still some sunflowers for us to see but the nesting birds had all flown from the oyster beds by then. Finally in September we got some much needed rain . . . so much so that our 8th Sept outing to Cheriton and Tichborne could not go ahead.

Sunflowers on Hayling Island.



The last walk which actually happened as per the programme was on 22nd September to Petworth and the Shimmings, which is a delightful figure of 8 ramble through gorgeous countryside East of Petworth in the morning, followed by a stroll through Petworth Park in the afternoon, where the deer were much in evidence. This format works well for our group as it allows for those who prefer a slightly shorter walk to peel off at lunchtime, whilst also catering for those who prefer to do a longer distance. The final change was that Rowhill Copse Nature Reserve became a walk along the Monarchs Way.

Some members of the Walking Holiday Group at Coombe Hill Boar War Memorial. Photograph taken by Roger Miller.



This was an unusual quarter with that many alterations, but factors such as climate change are going to make this more, rather than less, likely. The programme for the autumn has just been issued and details can be found on our Facebook page Countryside Companions Walking Group - why not join us and see if this one runs as scheduled, but if the elements choose to disagree, the aim is "to enjoy, not endure" which is a fundamental objective of the Walking Group.

In contrast the annual Walking Group holiday went exactly as meticulously planned when 11 members enjoyed walking three sections of The Ridgeway, centred on Tring. Extensive views, early autumn colours at their very best, followed by evenings spent at local pubs and restaurants went precisely as intended, but how our holiday organiser managed to get warm, sunny days in mid-October as well was a real bonus.

Hopefully you will have spotted us taking part in the "last ever" Carnival. Just to clarify, despite sporting 'les vestes jaunes' and carrying a banner, we were not supporting a strike or a protest! However, we were delighted to be awarded 2nd place in the Walkers category.

Countryside Companions Walking Group by Gabrielle Pike.



A Golden Year for a Golden Girl

Copy by Gabrielle Pike. Photos by Gary Mitchell.



the Sunday Times Disability Sports Woman of the Year.

After ten years of competing on the world stage Olivia is more dedicated than ever to her sport: "Wow, what an amazing summer it was and I am still so excited about it.

It is now ten years since I made my first appearance on the Paralympic stage in London 2012. There have been a lot of highs and plenty of lows in that time but I really felt as though all the years of preparation came together on the track in Birmingham this summer. I had a really strong winter training. The injury to my shoulder had really improved following months of rehabilitation and I spent a month in Florida in April before the season started. I finally broke the 5 metre mark for my long jump which I have been chasing for years and my coach tweaked my summer training to concentrate more on endurance work than I would normally do".

"My 100m races were going well and in July I entered an open meeting at the warm up track at the Olympic Park. It's a really fast track, the weather was boiling hot and I just felt really good. I lined up against the girl I have been trying to beat for nine years, Sophie Hahn, and somewhere around the 60m mark I found another gear and won the race. I couldn't believe it and was probably super annoying to all those around me with my shrieks!

"With this win recently in my mind I found out I had been made joint captain of the Welsh Athletics team and went down to the

holding camp in Cardiff feeling super positive. The Welsh team were the best team I have ever competed with - it was such a supportive environment and everyone got along so well. My event was on the first day of athletics at the Alexander Stadium".

"After last year's Paralympics where there was no crowd and no family and friends it was amazing to walk out into a packed stadium at 10.30 in the morning. The crowd was phenomenal and everyone was so happy to be coming together to celebrate sport. I had decided that I was going to hold something back in the heat so didn't run my fastest. Sophie was in my heat and she won and was clearly elated. I felt good qualifying second - I had a good lane draw and I had kept something back for the final.

"That night walking into the stadium it felt like London 2012. It was incredible and the warmth of the evening matched the warmth of the crowd. All home nations' athletes were given massive welcomes. I knew I had about 30 family and friends in the crowd, including a few from Bohunt School. Knowing they were there supporting me really spurred me on. 'All day I had been reliving the feeling of winning a few weeks before and somehow I did it again and ran through the line winning gold. Words can't describe the elation I felt and I think my celebrations said it all. Being an athlete is tough and experiencing what I did in front of a home crowd was the best feeling in the world and one I will never forget. I couldn't believe it and my feet haven't really touched the ground since."

"I had a great break celebrating with family and friends and went on holiday to Thailand which was fantastic. I am now back in Loughborough, training hard again and loving it. Next year we have our world championships in Paris and then the Paralympics in 2024 - I can't wait!"



Olivia Breen with her parents Michael and Helen at Birmingham.

Epic Comedy Has Arrived in Liphook

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If you are looking for a fun night out with lots of belly laughs - Epic Comedy provides it all. With two sold out events at the Liphook Millennium Centre under his belt, comedian Paul Cox has discovered what people need right now - Epic laughter.

Founded in 2021, Paul's sole intention was to bring epic comedy shows to local communities across Hampshire and West Sussex.



Epic Comedy Martin Wratten, Paul Cox and Rich Wilson.

As Master of Ceremonies, his job is to warm up the audience before each comedian comes on and to provide a good mix of different styles of stand-up comedians.

Engaging with the audience - he is happy for them to participate or

just to remain in the background.

Liphook has already embraced epic performances by celebrity stand-up comedian Paul McCaffrey, best international act Rich Wilson and South Coast 2017 winner Martin Wrattan.



Epic Comedy Paul McCaffrey and Paul Cox.

The next event is scheduled for 3 December and will be featuring 8 out of 10 Cats comic Lloyd Griffith, Jack Campbell, who won comedian of the year in 2014 and Fiona Ridgewell, funny woman finalist of 2020.

One thing is for certain, Epic Comedy is here to stay. Dates booked for 2023 are: 18th March, 20th May, 14th October and 2nd December with a possible date in the summer to be added. Tickets available at www.epiccomedy.co.uk

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District Councillors' Report

So much has happened since our last Report for the Magazine, not the least, the death of our late much-loved Queen Elizabeth II. Her whole life was devoted to the service of this country, a duty which she fulfilled right up to the last days of her very long life. Over the years we celebrated her different significant Jubilees, but the celebration of her Platinum Jubilee was a fitting tribute to all that she had achieved and enabled us to show Her Majesty the affection in which she was held by so many people, across the wide variety of organisations and charities with which she was involved, and across the nation. It was a celebration that raised our collective spirits.

A few short weeks later, at her beloved Balmoral, after performing her last duty to install a new Prime Minister, our great Queen died, and our mood changed. However, as she would have expected, through grief, shone the immaculate process and pageantry that is followed upon the death of a monarch. The whole world watched as the progress from Scotland to Westminster for the Lying-in-State took place, and the solemn dignity of the funeral and processions to Westminster Abbey and Windsor Castle, with the added poignancy of the presence of her favourite Fell pony, and Corgis, enthralled us all. For so many people she was the only monarch they had known, and it is still difficult to realise that she has gone.

The Chairman of East Hampshire District Council, Cllr. Sally Pond, read the Proclamation in the Council Chamber at Penns Place, in the presence of the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, announcing the succession of The Prince of Wales to become King Charles III. The protocol for this ceremony is issued from the office of the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Nigel Atkinson, Esq. and must be strictly adhered to. All Council meetings were suspended for the duration of the period of mourning. The Flag was at half-mast above Penns Place, other than during the Proclamation of King Charles III.

With the split from Havant Borough Council, and the future move to new premises in Bedford Road, Petersfield, there is a lot taking place. In Planning, Regulation 18 is being revisited, in the light of different messages coming from Government, which will delay the delivery of the draft Local Plan. When the Plan comes before a Government Inspector, it has to be sound, if it is to be approved, and this will involve a lot of work including several public consultations. The Plan will apply to areas of the District Council, other than the 57% of the District that is within the South Downs National Park, which authority has its own Local Plan.

Next May there will be elections for the District, Town and Parish Councils. The process is underway leading up to this, with candidates for all parties being selected by their different political parties. However, business continues as usual within EHDC, including the provision to each District Councillor of £4,500 to be spent on Grants for different projects across the Wards. We each have a little left, and the cut-off point to apply is next February 2023.

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***Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year,
and let us hope for a more stable world in 2023.***

A Tribute to Avis Funge

Copy by Gabrielle Pike. Photo courtesy of the Funge family.



One of the oldest residents in Liphook has passed away this autumn at the age of 104. Avis Funge, who was born on 1st August 1918, has seen many changes in the parish, where she lived all her life. She was the youngest of four children and her parents were active members in the community. They were involved with the local football club, the carnival and bonfire night as well as organising regular Saturday night dances in the Village Hall, where Avis celebrated her 100th birthday four years ago.

Her ancestors owned Malthouse Farm, now Malthouse Meadows, and the Green Dragon Pub. At the age of eight, Avis moved into a newly built bungalow in Longmoor Road with her family, financed mainly by her mother's washing services.

She lived there until she went into service aged 14 as a scullery maid. Six years later, she met and married Arthur Funge and the couple went on to have four children. They lived in the same bungalow which was converted into flats after Avis' mother died, to accommodate her family as well as some of her siblings. Avis and Arthur enjoyed 55 years of happy marriage, before he passed away in 1995.

Avis remained active in the village and made regular appearances at the Day Centre, the local Bridge Club, Ramblers and the Over 60's Club, where she was honorary chair. She loved her garden and won an award from Liphook In Bloom. She also spent many years delivering the Liphook Community Magazine. She continued to live independently in her flat until January 2016, when she fell and broke a leg, which meant a move to Greenbanks Nursing Home.

Avis celebrated her 100th birthday with close family, which included some of her 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.



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Ship House, Liphook

By Jen Woodsford.

The name Ship House may be unfamiliar to some of you – today it is better known as Lloyds Bank, one of several historic buildings in The Square conservation area.



Historical photo of Ship House courtesy of Liphook Heritage Centre.

Very little is known about its early origins but it is a Grade II listed building with an early 19th and early 20th century façade. Ship House is believed to originally have been half-timbered, possibly thatched and having a basement with

vaulted cellars. This could mean that the original building behind the later façade dates from the 1600s or even earlier. From snippets gleaned from Laurence Giles's notes in the Heritage Centre it was originally owned by the Chichester Diocese and then leased. It was formerly known as The Old Ship Inn and there is also a suggestion that at one stage, possibly after use as a public house, it may have been named Liphook House.

Records go back to 1671 when it was leased from the Dean and Chapter of Chichester Cathedral. An early leaseholder of interest (from 1792) was Mrs Elizabeth Keen who was also the landlady of The Anchor. Maybe she took it on because The Old Ship Inn would have been in direct competition with The Anchor? It appears that Mrs Keen closed it as an inn between 1800 and 1820, added the Georgian facade and it then became a private house. After several changes of leaseholder, it first became a doctor's house in 1907 with Dr Shelmerdine at which time it was

definitely named Ship House. At some point a few years later it was sold by the diocese with records showing that in 1919 Mrs Shelmerdine sold it to Dr Allen who lived there until 1935. Dr Gosset bought the house in 1939 and resided there until 1947. During World War II Mrs Gosset ran a canteen and reading room in the house for the Canadian soldiers stationed at Bramshott and Dr Gosset was famous for the lovely roses in the garden that won awards from the horticultural society. The RHS names him as ACV Gosset in 1954 for being the recognised breeder of a hybrid tea climbing rose which he named after his wife Meg.

The last private owner was a solicitor, Brian Paull QC, who used it as both a home and office. His father Dudley Paull lived at Bridge on the Haslemere Road. Local resident Jenny Bennett has memories of these years when, as a child, she played in

the lovely walled garden while her mother was working for Brian Paull and also recalls visiting the doctor's surgery which was then in the building next door, now L&S Café. In 1962 it was sold in various lots, the house and ¼ acre walled garden was bought by Lloyds Bank, and a further area (originally up to 5 acres) was sold with planning permission for 18 houses. This is the area where you can see Shipley Court, its garages and Liphook Village Surgery now. After making various alterations to Ship House, including the creation of their car park on the garden area, Lloyds Bank moved in 1964 and are currently still there.



*The Ship house today.
Photo by Jen Woodsford.*

Bench in Station Road

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Photo by Gabrielle Pike.

In May 2021 it was reported that the well-used bench outside the old 'Countrywide' shop in Station Road had been vandalised. On examination, the concrete supports were intact, the partially corroded bolts supporting the slatted wooden back had been distorted and the slatted wooden back had been wrenched off and were lying behind the bench on the pavement.

A plaque on the seatback commemorated the seat's installation by Age Concern Liphook in 1954. But there were no records of the seat's funding or installation, although some trustees recalled a similar bench having been provided outside the Co-op in Headley Road at the same time, however, there is now no remnant of it. Since the vandalised bench had been erected outside the supermarket that preceded the Countrywide shop, it appeared that seating had been provided for tired shoppers waiting for transport home from the two large shops in the village, close to bus stops.

There was no record of who had vandalised the seat, and no reason for its destruction, other than its poor condition. Enquiries to the parish council and East Hampshire District Council confirmed that neither of these organisations had responsibility for the seat

or for the land upon which it sat. An official at Hampshire County Council confirmed the land was not the responsibility of the council, but was privately owned, although the council did not have the owner's details - access over the land was via permissive rights and it appeared Age Concern Liphook was responsible for the bench.

My investigations revealed that 'Red.H', a local organisation, had acquired the redundant shop in anticipation of providing a bistro-style café. I organised a meeting with the Commercial Director and Property Manager, who confirmed they were about to refurbish the front of the store and the pavement in front to provide suitable seating, which would incorporate the original Age Concern bench. In the meantime, as a gesture of goodwill they repaired and refurbished the vandalised seat, which continues to be well used.



30 years ago Liphook resident Stuart Gordon launched “Hands On” Sports Injury Treatment and Remedial Massage practice. He recalls that he was lucky to have a small article and advert published in our lovely Community Magazine, and is delighted to give a progress report on how “Hands On” has since thrived in Liphook.

He originally worked from Passfield Enterprise Centre, then from his former home in Locke Road, then for a while used a small room at Bohunt Centre. For the last 15 years Stuart has worked from a converted garage at the home he shares with his work and life partner Auriol, in Dryden Way just off the Headley Road.

He says, “my original plan was to treat loads of local sports people who got injured playing their particular sport, and whilst this has proven to be the case, I have found the treatment methods I use are equally relevant to the general aches and pains so many of us suffer in all walks of life and at all ages. As a consequence, I’ve had the pleasure of treating children as young as 4, to my oldest aged 97, a lovely gentleman who had ‘retired’ 4 times but was actually still working part time for a builder in Haslemere Road, as well as going to the gym twice a week! He regaled me with stories of life through both wars and into modern times . . . what a character!

Another lovely encounter was with a well-known local resident who, having recovered from a major heart attack, set about walking the South Downs Way to raise funds for the Heart Foundation. He had suffered a horrible bout of shin splints on the very first day of this 6 day walk, and from then on came to see me at the end of each day for treatment to calm the inflammation and reduce the pain, and each morning to have his feet and lower legs taped to minimise the problem before setting off to meet the group at an ever more distant venue . . . by day 5 and 6, he was coming to my house at about 5.30am.

His determination to complete the walk was amazing and it was a pleasure and honour to help him achieve it!! I still see him and his wife striding down the bridle path by our horses in Conford Park, and it was through one of these chance encounters that my partner Auriol (a horse nut) became a supplier of horse manure to Liphook in Bloom!

Having grown up in Hindhead playing many sports, I was grateful to have many old friends and team-mates come to see me with various aches and pains, I’ve subsequently treated many of their children too, which is lovely. One of the joys of my work is keeping these local connections, many of which came from 13 years spent coaching both my sons football teams for Liphook Youth FC. I still get the odd call from former players who are trying to keep playing into their mid-thirties now!

I’m immensely proud of the fact that apart from my first 6 months in practice I’ve never had to advertise my services, relying purely on word of mouth recommendations!

One example of ‘keeping it local’ is the connection with one of my former footballers Jack Plumridge, who I coached from age 7 – 11. Jack has gone on to establish a fantastic fitness training business here in Liphook and we regularly recommend clients to each other as and when appropriate. One such example of this is Liphook sisters Isabella and Madeleine Edgington, both of whom train with Jack for fitness and strength work. Isabella, a climber, was sent to me by her elite squad coach (also living in Liphook), when suffering from an elbow injury. Isabella recovered well and, following a great set of results in UK competitions was selected to represent GB Climbing!! Meanwhile her younger sister Madeleine, just recovered from a foot injury, is competing in a National Championship qualifier in Tetrathlon (shooting, swimming, riding and running). They are talented teenagers who it’s been a delight to help . . .

Good luck to both of them!!



Twenty-Four years ago, we expanded our “Hands On” health and fitness services to include the then, relatively new to the UK, exercise system ‘Pilates’. Auriol had been working as a highly qualified fitness trainer in gyms around her native habitat of the New Forest for 15 years prior to our meeting. She subsequently travelled up to Liphook for a while, working as gym instructor to year 10 and 11 pupils at Bohunt School, and during that period we both treated/trained a paraplegic client just outside Liphook with a particular form of exercise called ‘Muscle Memory’ training. We decided one of us should train in Pilates and Auriol was the obvious choice.



Stuart at Optogait analysis screen.

Specialising in small groups of injured or rehabilitating people, primarily by referral from Physio's, Chiropractors and me, Auriol ran classes at the Edge in Haslemere, and at the Millennium Hall, Liphook. For the 10 years leading up to lock down Auriol ran 4 classes a week at Conford Village Hall (formerly a Victorian School) which was a delightful case of synchronicity as her mother, age 92, is one of the oldest surviving pupils of Conford School, and was a guest of honour at the 150 year celebration there last summer.

At Hands On, we constantly look for new treatments or equipment that we believe will add value to our practices and with this in mind we became the UK distributor of a unique sensory nerve stimulating insole called Barefoot Science, which provides the first genuine alternative to long established orthotics, which Stuart had trained in many years ago.

In order to market the insoles to other professional therapists, as well as the public we established a new business called "All About Balance" in 2019. To help show how effective our insoles are we additionally purchased a high tech gait analysis system in May 2021. Called Optogait, it provides incredibly accurate data on all aspects of movement to see where injuries may be coming from, help with falls prevention and we can even test clients in different shoes to see whether they are helping movement patterns or in fact making them worse.

We then incorporate the use of Barefoot Science insoles to create measurable improvements in movement, as well as relief from painful conditions such as Plantar Fasciitis and knee pain. The Optogait system also provides 'biofeedback' training, whereby subtle changes in step length or body movements can be suggested and seen in 'real time' to help retrain anyone from stroke victims to professional sports people. The measured data accurately records all changes. Stuart visited the developer of Optogait in New York State to be trained in its use in March 2020, returning just 2 days before lockdown!

We earlier mentioned Auriol's passion for horses, and more recently she has been able to combine her lifelong love of

horses with her interests in natural health by qualifying as an Equine Iridologist. Auriol explained "Iridology is a non-invasive technique using a torch, magnifying glass and camera to study the Iris (eye)". Rather like Reflexology, each part of the Iris relates to our different body parts and systems, so that any marks on the Iris can give information for instance about genetic strengths and weaknesses, behavioural and physical traits such as spinal or neuromuscular injuries. These marks can also give clues to levels of inflammation, toxicity, acidity and the state of organs, giving an overview of the horses' health. Human Iridology does the same, and in both cases have been used in many cultures dating back to the ancient Egyptians and Romans, throughout time proving to be a useful adjunct to the medical checks carried out by Doctors, or Horse Vet's. Auriol says she has started to build up some clients in the local horse world, and through her connections with vets at Hampshire Equine she has also assessed horses' eyes as far afield as Poland.



Brother and sister at work.

Once the Iridology consultation is finished Auriol prepares a substantial report of her findings and may recommend subtle changes to a horse's management, or offer supportive herbs, oils or remedies, and if appropriate will suggest a particular form of body work or refer for veterinary checks.

The most recent addition to the "Hands On" stable is Stuart's sister Kyene, who in fact helped run the therapy school where Stuart trained in 1990-91. Having moved back to the area in Oct 2021 Kyene, a highly skilled and experienced natural health practitioner provides a combination of Cranial Sacral Therapy and subtle massage techniques to help ease physical and emotional blockages, which can be complemented by Reiki healing and the preparation and supply of Bach Flower Remedies to further enhance these gentle 'Hands On' healing methods.

For more information: www.facebook.com/HandsOntoHealth

or telephone:

Stuart **07767 622498**

Auriol **07747 868819**, Kyene **07505 926093**.

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS IN AND AROUND LIPHOOK

- AGE CONCERN LIPHOOK** - Sue Knight: 01428 723502.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - 0800 9177 650.
ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY - Dementia Helpline: 0845 300 0336.
BADMINTON CLUB - Morgan Thompson: 01730 817881.
BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (Petersfield and District) - Jenny Peters: 01730 821920.
BELL RINGERS (Bramshott) - Diane Hart: 01428 723798.
BORDON BOULE CLUB - Mr A. Thomas: 01420 478298.
BOWLING CLUB, LIPHOOK - Bruce Penny: 01428 722013.
BRAMSHOTT EDUCATIONAL TRUST - e: clerk.bramshott.trust@hotmail.co.uk
LIPHOOK ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY - Sylvia Wise: e: membership@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk
 Carole Baker, e: chair@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk
BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK BRANCH OF THE EAST HAMPSHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION - Angela Glass: 01428 722375.
BRIDGE CLUB (Liphook) Friday Evenings - Mrs M. Paterson: 01428 723177.
BRITISH RED CROSS - Mrs C. Saunders, Chase Community Hospital, Conde Way, Bordon: 01428 488801.
CANCER RESEARCH U.K. (Shop) - 20 Station Road: 01428 724664.
CHILD WELFARE CENTRE CHILD HEALTH CLINIC - 9.30am - 11.00am. Wednesdays. Millennium Centre: 01428 483827.
CHILTLEY BRIDGE CLUB - Mr C. French-Lynch: 01428 727939 or Dick Roberts: 01428 722061.
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - National Number: 03000 0231 231.
CONFORD VILLAGE HALL TRUST - Mrs R. Parry: 01428 751364 and Deputy, Mrs G. Woodward: 01428 751474.
COUNTRYSIDE COMPANIONS WALKING GROUP - Christine Bullard: 01428 722974.
 w: www.facebook.com/Countryside-Companions-Walking-Group-105704895378091/
CRUSE - bereavement care. Confidential counselling and information: 0800 808 1677.
DOGS TRUST DOG SCHOOL HAMPSHIRE - 01329 448243
 e: hampshiredogschool@dogstrust.org.uk
 w: www.dogstrustdogschool.org.uk
DREAMS COME TRUE - Sophie Gunner, Community Fund Raiser: 01428 726330. e: Sophie@dreamscometrue.uk.com
DYSTONIA SOCIETY - Jennifer Wiseman: 01428 722516.
FLORAL DECORATION SOCIETY (Liphook) - Wendy Evans (Sec): 01428 722212.
FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH DOWNS - 01798-8750732.
 e: enquiries@southdownssociety.org.uk
FURNITURE HELPLINE - Gerald Robinson: 01420 489000.
GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION - Pam Higgins: 01428 751572.
HAMPSHIRE BADGER GROUP - Mick Neeve: 01420 87366.
HASLEMERE BORDER ATHLETIC CLUB - e: Contact@hbcac.co.uk or w: www@hbcac.co.uk.
HASLEMERE CAMERA CLUB - Clinton Blackman LRPS: 01428 727403.
HASLEMERE PERFORMING ARTS - Angela Canton: 01428 652360.
HASLEMERE SUB AQUA CLUB - Thursdays at Herons Leisure Centre, 7.45pm for lecture, 8.45pm for pool training.
 w: www.haslemeresubaquaclub.com
HASLEMERE SWIMMING CLUB - Helen Reynolds, e: admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk
GRAHAM INGRAM BAND (BRASS) - Chairman, Maurice Wright: 01428 723940.
HERITAGE CENTRE - 1st Floor Millennium Centre: 01428 723325.
 e: liphookheritage@gmail.com
HOCKEY CLUB (Haslemere Ladies) - Home ground at Woolmer Hill. Pauline McBrown: 01420 477409.
HOLLYCOMBE STEAM AND WOODLAND GARDENS SOCIETY - Mr R. Hooker: 01428 724900.
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (Bramshott and Liphook) - Secretary: Ann Haussauer, 41 Chiltley Way: 01428 723045.
 w: www.liphookhortsoc.org.uk
LABOUR PARTY (Liphook Branch) - Dr. John Tough, Horseshoes, Griggs Green: 01428 724492.
LIBERAL DEMOCRATS LIPHOOK - Mr M. A. Croucher: 01428 723834.
LiDBA - (Businessmen's Association) Sec. Ken Charles: 01428 727438.
LIPHOOK ACADEMY OF DANCE - Rebecca Paris: 01428 725267.
 Liphook, The Steward: 01428 722711.
LIPHOOK CARNIVAL - Sally Cameron: 0771 731 3440.
LIPHOOK & RIPSLEY CRICKET CLUB - Secretary - Nick Clansfield: 07789 284568. e: Nick.cansfield@hotmail.co.uk Youth Co-ordinator - Steve Saycell: 07771 788486. e: stevesaycell1@gmail.com
LIPHOOK CARERS SUPPORT GROUP - Sonia Meredith: 01428 288913.
 e: soniameredith@icloud.com
LIPHOOK CHURCH CENTRE - Enquiries: 01428 725390.
LIPHOOK COMMUNITY LAUNDRY - Irene Ellis, Chairman: 01428 723823.
LIPHOOK DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY - Peak Centre, Bookings Centre No.: 01428 727751.
LIPHOOK DIABETES UK COMMUNITY GROUP - Sandy Maroney: 01428-725193. e: sandy.maroney@hotmail.co.uk
LIPHOOK FOOD BANK - w: www.liphookfoodbank.com 07871 287295
 e: liphookfoodbank@gmail.com
LIPHOOK HISTORICAL WARGAMES GROUP - Trevor Maroney: 01428 725193.
LIPHOOK IN BLOOM - Joan Holdsworth: 01428 724016 or Phil Jordan: 01428 724903.
LIPHOOK & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB - Nick Harling. e: idmrc-Secretary@outlook.com
LIPHOOK MILLENNIUM CENTRE - 01428 723889.
 w: www.liphookmc.co.uk
LIPHOOK MODELLERS CLUB - John Clare: 01428 729967.
LIPHOOK TABLE TENNIS - Peter Ritchie: 01428 727815.
LIPHOOK TENNIS CLUB - Simon Hargreaves: 01420 474899/07717 016374.
LIPHOOK UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB - Andrew Oxtan: e: chairman17@liphook-united.org
 John Raeyen: e: media-contact17@liphook-united.org
LIPHOOK VILLAGE HALL - Bookings: Mrs L. Miller: 07751 832983.
LIPHOOK VILLAGE SURGERY PPG - 01428 728270.
LIPHOOK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - Secretary, Muriel Bullingham: 01428 741237.
LISS IN STITCHES - Deirdre Mitchell: 01730 267214.
LOVE TO SING CHOIR - Liphook Methodist Church Hall. Contact Vanessa K. Breach: 07766 083862 .
LUDSHOTT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB - Diana Grant: 01428 713706.
LYNCHMERE CRICKET CLUB - Contact Richard Saulet: e: lynchmerecc@gmail.com
M.A.D. COMPANY (Methodist Amateur Dramatics) - 07766 083862.
MEALS ON WHEELS - Apetito: 0808 271 6600.
MUSICAL SOCIETY (Haslemere) - Choir and Orchestra, Rehearsals Mondays. Sue Ecclestone: 01428 605612.
MYAWARE CHARITY (Myasthenia Gravis) - Mrs J. Finney: 01428 776467.
NATIONAL TRUST - Ludshott Commons Committee - Susan Salter: 01428 751409.
OPERA SOUTH - Caroline Martyrs: 01428 64476 or 07950 646326.
OPTIMIST BADMINTON CLUB - Bohunt - David Lush: 01428 725166.
PARISH COUNCIL - Bramshott and Liphook - The Haskell Centre, Midhurst Road, Liphook: 01428 722988.
PEAK CENTRE - Booking Secretary, Ann Hall: 01428 727751.
PETERSFIELD AREA WILDLIFE GROUP - Mr & Mrs Oakley: 01730 2663920.
RAMBLERS (Liphook & District) - Secretary, Caroline Lemka: 01428 713727. W: www.liphookramblers.wordpress.com
RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT CENTRE - 01483 546400 or Freephone: 0800 0288022.
RIVER WEY TRUST - e: office@riverweytrust.org.uk
ROTARY CLUB - Haslemere, Debbie Morley: 01428 643416.
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - Sean Brady RM: 0771 100 6847.
ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION (Liss & District) - 01730 895470.
R.S.P.C.A. - Di Fowler: 0771 303 8429.
SSAFA/FORCES HELP (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmans Families Association) East Hants Branch, Divisional Sec., Patricia Lyons: 01420 561264
SELF SUFFICIENCY GROUP - East Hants, Dru Furneaux: 01730 814193.
STANDFORD, PASSFIELD AND HOLLYWATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Sue Sergeant: 01428 751326. Hall Bookings, Ron Sergeant: 01428 751326.
TAI-CHI - Diana Forbes: 0777 569 6249.
THE ARK PRE-SCHOOL - Helen Jackson: 0777 539 4230 or 01428 725390.
THE ARTS SOCIETY GRAYSHOTT - Kathy: 01428 608842.
 w: www.theartssocietygrayshott.org
THE ARTS SOCIETY HASLEMERE - Chairman: Mrs Madeleine Boxall. w: www.theartssocietyhaslemere.org.uk
THE BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK HERITAGE SOCIETY (Bramshott and Liphook) - 01428 723325.
THE LYNCHMERE SOCIETY - Conservation and Natural History. Membership enquiries - Louise Searight: 01428 723715.
 w: www.thelynchmeresociety.org
THE TANTUM TRUST (local charity for local people) - Shops in Station Road (01428 727211) and in Bordon, Grayshott & Haslemere, e: info@thetantumtrust.co.uk w: www.thetantumtrust.co.uk
THREE BORDERS KNITTING CLUB - 01428 606957, 01428 712055.
u3a LIPHOOK - e: membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk
VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP (Bramshott and Liphook Parish) - 01428 723972. Transport provided for those in need.
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Sue Knight: 01428 723502.
WOOLMER FOREST ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 1st Wednesday of month, Colin Brash: 01428 713256.
WOOLMER FOREST LIONS CLUB - Ken Bassett: 01428 713285.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PERSONS' CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LIPHOOK YOUTH CLUB - John Tough, 01428 724492.

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

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

MADHATTER NURSERY BOHUNT SCHOOL - 01428 727288.

MATRIX MAJORETTES - Mrs Julie East, 01420 487804.

METHODIST YOUTH - Mrs Sharon Tikaram, 01428 723801.

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

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

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

SWIMMING CLUB - admin@haslemerswimmingclub.co.uk

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

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

TRAINING BAND - Maurice Wright, 01428 723940.

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

GIRLGUIDING LIPHOOK DISTRICT

With guiding girls have fun, adventure and the space to discover their
potential. If your daughter would like to join our active Girlguiding
District in any section then register at:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/
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:

membership@liphookscouts.org.uk

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

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

Scouting sections:

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

Any changes, please email to Fay Boyett:

fay.lcm@outlook.com

by the copy date shown on the Inside Front Cover



Liphook Scouts CHRISTMAS POST

Liphook Scouts, now celebrating their 50th
anniversary, are running their Christmas Card
delivery service. The yellow collection boxes will be
in Sainsbury's, Co-op, Gables and the Deer's Hut
from 3rd to 17th December.

25p per card.

Delivery in Liphook, Bramshott, Passfield,
Conford and Fernhurst areas only.



