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MARGARET WILSON

Community Spirit Award

In 2020, the magazine received a legacy from Margaret Wilson, who was a past President and Editor of the magazine. This legacy has been used since then to provide the children's award, which invites local Infant and Junior schools to nominate pupils who have shown exceptional progress in that year's nominated subject.

One of the aims of the magazine is to encourage a community feeling in the village, so this year we have added a new annual award – The Margaret Wilson Community Spirit Award.



In June, this award was advertised in the Magazine and on Liphook Talkback and the Liphook Community Board, inviting members of the village and surrounding parish to nominate the person or group of people who they felt had made a contribution to village life. Additionally, it was advertised at the Community Magazine stand at the Coronation event in May and on posters around the village.





We were delighted to receive 29 nominations for 8 different people or groups. This information was forwarded to the panel, chaired by Simon Catford and consisting of 3 independent members of the village.

The panel met in the summer and spent some time discussing each nomination before deciding on the winner. The winner, Steve Saycell, received a Glass Award and a certificate, and at the magazine AGM in October, these were presented by the magazine Chairman Roger Miller. The Glass Award will be displayed in the Liphook in Bloom cabinet in the foyer of the Millennium Centre.

The panel of judges reported that:

"The exemplary dedication of the nominee in coordinating the activities of the Liphook and Ripsley Cricket Club much impressed the judging panel. Mr Saycell invests significant time - over and above full-time employment - and enthusiasm to give local children a taste of cricket from a young age and a focused approach to build solid cricket skills as they progress through the age groups. They, and their families, also enjoy the wider health / social / emotional benefits of participation in a team sport / community club which brings families together from different schools around the area. Mr Saycell manages a dedicated team of volunteer coaches in order to achieve this, offering coaching support and leadership. The Club is thriving and the panel are of no doubt that this is as a direct result of Mr Saycell's personal intervention and commitment."



Today the fog and frost rule this domain The trees hang with the white dressing Of a frost that refuses to loosen its grip

Daylight hours grow shorter The brooding darkness reigns The refugees of light seek shelter

Out here in the wilds the quiet The silence is only punctuated by The wind and sounds of creatures

The drab colours of vegetation Are only disturbed by the tumbling Streams as if hasty to escape

I am content to let winter hold Its sway for I trust that Spring And Summer are on their way

Richard Gould

MY ADVENTURES AT THE SCOUTS AND GUIDES Jamborgg in South Korga By Annalise Vaughan.



Ali at top of Seoul Tower.

After two years of fundraising to accumulate $\pounds4,000$, Annalise Vaughan – known as Ali - was ready and excited to fly via Warsaw in Poland to the South Korean capital of Seoul for the international Scouts and Guides Jamboree this August. To be chosen, last year's Carnival Queen had to go through an all-day selection process with 40 other guides, held at the Millennium Centre more than two years earlier.

She said: "The Jamboree only takes place every four years and I knew if I did not pass, I would never be able to go again as a guide because I would be too old. I could only go as a leader.



Ali in Nanta Show.

"Preparation for the trip involved two years of plenty of activities and we had bonded with other units from the UK. The coach left on 30 July 2023 from Basingstoke to take us to Heathrow airport carrying our brand-new identical kit bags.

"South Korea is eight hours ahead of UK time and after our arrival we travelled on their clean and air-conditioned metro to our hotel where we spent the first night. The temperature was pleasant – around 27C. After a good night's sleep, we dressed in our uniform for the first day at the camp. For dinner, which consisted of delicious street food, we could wear what we wanted.

"The campsite was not ready since it had been flooded before our arrival. A total of 4,500 scouts and guides gathered there - made up of 90 units from across the UK. But we had to spend a second night in another hotel sharing rooms.

"The Jamboree normally provides an opportunity to make life-long friendships with scouts and guides from all over the world. Sadly



Hampshire Hogs camp Site.

because of what happened later we could not mix easily with units from other countries because we all stayed in different hotels. But I did make some lovely new friends and we have already met up since we've been back."

Ali was 17 when she travelled to South Korea and celebrated her 18th birthday after she returned home, which is the cut-off age for taking part.

On August 2, the hosts put on a massive opening ceremony featuring a dozen K-Pop acts at the campsite, which was attended by 45,000 scouts and guides from all over the world. Bear Grylls welcomed them all with an inspirational speech. However, on August 5 an alert went out that a massive typhoon was on its way which meant everyone had to evacuate the campsite and retreat to hotels.

"We were supposed to stay on the campsite for 12 days, but the temperature went up to around 40C and it became very dusty and very hot. Everyone got bitten by nasty bugs. I had to get treated with ointment by the medical team who were kept



Hampshire Hogs Scouts & Guides unit dressed in traditional constumes at the Gyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul.



extremely busy with many people suffering from heatstroke. So, they closed the campsite and everyone had to be evacuated. We never went back but spent the rest of our time in a number of hotels. The typhoon was downgraded to a tropical storm but we had to stay inside for our own safety."

South Korea - at Ichon - Ali on the right.

"We ended up sightseeing for two weeks in Seoul instead and visited the Gyeongbokgung Palace, a temple, a museum, the aquarium, and the war memorial as well as taking part in an immersive theatre performance. We dressed up in traditional costumes, went to the top of Seoul Tower and had a fantastic view across the city.

"Food provided was either sweet or spicy with meat, lots of sticky rice or noodles. I am vegetarian and really liked the street food. We were given plenty of 'Pocari Sweat' water to drink to keep hydrated in the heat. It tasted odd but it did the trick. We were able to go shopping in a massive five storey mall – they had everything from food to clothes and souvenirs."

"Then we were invited to the stunning closing ceremony on August 11, with all scout leaders on stage, followed by K-Pop bands performing. The event was streamed on Youtube so that our parents and families back in the UK and all over the world could watch it"

ACHIEVE YOUR ASPIRATIONS

ARE YOU 25 OR UNDER? DO YOU LIVE IN THE PARISH OF BRAMSHOTT AND LIPHOOK?

The Trust is a fund to support young people by awarding grants to help towards the cost of educational activities. These may include educational trips, specialist courses and tuition, pursuit of sports, extra-curricular activities, purchase of books, specialist tools and other equipment.



"It was an incredible experience which I will never forget and proved that even best laid plans can go wrong but that you learn from it. I would love to go back to South Korea again. It is so clean and people are very kind and friendly. They kept apologising to us for what



Just the Guides getting together in Seoul.

happened. I am full of admiration for the UK unit of the Scout and Guides for all the care we received while in South Korea."

"On August 18 we flew back to the UK – via Poland to Heathrow and went by coach to Basingstoke where our parents were eagerly awaiting our return."

Scouts & Guides Hampshire Hogs Unit cooling off at the campsite.





Liphook Scouts are again running their Christmas Card delivery service. The yellow collection boxes will be in Sainsbury's, Co-Op, Gables and the Deer's Hut from 2nd December to 16th December.

25p per card.



Delivery from 17th December will be in Liphook, Bramshott, Passfield, Conford and Fernhurst areas only.



EVENTS IN THE AREA LEADING UP TO Christmas and the New Year

Throughout December, Friday 8th December Saturday 9th and local restaurants and pubs Sunday 10th December **Millennium Centre** will be running Christmas 11.00am - 4.00pm. Film: Asteroid Citv lunches or events. Number One The Square Cafe For more events see page 39 **Contact individual establishments** Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/ Christmas Market. for more details. liphookmillenniumcentre Other events in December to include: Santa's Grotto. Saturday 9th December Saturday 9th December Candy Tree making workshop. 7.00pm - 9.00pm and 10.00am - 2.00pm Wreath making workshop. Carols. Sunday 10th December Friends of the South Downs Plus special festive drinks and treats 10.00am - 4.00pm 71/2 mile walk "In search of Christmas through the month. Spirit". **Petersfield Christmas Market** More events planned for January In the town centre with over 100 stalls The walk will be from Chapel Common and February including Bottomless on Sunday. (near Rake) over to Weavers Down and Brunches and the Harry Styles Tribute visiting Wylds Farm for some Christmas Experience. Spirit. To join us, please email: enquiries@friendsofthesouthdowns.org.uk or call: 01798 875073. Pilates in a Chair . . . Saturday 16th December Sunday 31 December 9:55am - 12:30pm Whatever next?! 4.00pm - 7.00pm **Family Christmas Party River Wey** Banish the Christmas blues and kick Water Testing at Allee's Meadow. Disco, buffet and soft drinks. start with a Standing/Seated Pilates Main Hall, Millennium Centre. Testing at a number of points along the Class. Come and enjoy the benefits of Tickets £5 each river, and Kick Sampling at Allee's stretching in a relaxed environment Call: 0775107827 Meadow. which is stimulating, sociable and fun. email: daziesdisco@gmail.com Tools: RWT Test Kit provided. For more information, please contact Clothing: Waders or Wellies. Louise on: 07866 881845. Email: louisegilbertsonpilates@gmail.com For more details and to confirm your Web: www.louisegilbertsonpilates.com attendance visit:

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Saturday 24th February

Two fat ladies at Conford!

Conford Village Hall will be hosting a Bingo Night. Come and join the fun in our cosy village hall! Ticket holders only as numbers will be restricted. £15 per ticket, which will include several games of bingo, a cold supper, prizes and friendly company. Licensed cash bar.

For further information and to buy tickets, please contact: Penni Smith at **pward573@btinternet.com** or **07986 710129.**

Friday 1st March 2024 2.00pm

World day of prayer 2024

This event is highly significant!

We want to continue to pray for a world in turmoil. Earthquakes, flooding, violent storms, droughts and wildfires in Europe, Australia and Hawaii. And of course Human conflicts too. The on-going war between Russia and Ukraine, and the war between Israel and Palestine (Hamas). For resolution and reconciliation. Please call the number below *in January* for final details of the WDoP event . . . or watch local press.

On behalf of Liphook Christians, Keith Ireland 07508 009492.

LIPHOOK HERITAGE CENTRE

Since opening in 2011, generous residents have donated an assortment of artefacts and memorabilia ranging from the charming to the unique. Diverse in nature they all have one thing in common in that they are connected to Liphook in one way or another; each one a single element of our past history.

Photographs, pictures and ancient maps have been given to us and provide a charming insight into the changing face of our area. Reasons for these donations have been varied, sometimes to enhance our exhibitions, or out of gratitude for our work but mainly for us to protect and preserve for posterity in the hope that these treasured possessions may keep the memory of their former owner alive.

We cherish every piece; the chunk of concrete which was brought to us when the War Memorial located in Bramshott Churchyard was renovated and repaired; the building brick which was identified by our Chairman as being from a local brickworks on Longmoor Road, the brick pillars of which are still standing; the grandfather clock face which was forged at Conford by a member of the Bunch family; a piece of local iron possibly smelted in one of our local forges; crockery commissioned to be special to Liphook, easily identified as it has views of Liphook emblazoned around it; the silver butter knife, which we were told graced the table for a dinner party held for Canadian Officers during the Great War; the sketches sent home by a soldier at the Front in WW2; the model of the Catholic Church crafted by a local member of the Blower Family and given to Canon Murtagh who in turn gifted it to The Heritage Centre on his retirement; the rifle certificate won by an ex-soldier for his accurate marksmanship, or the Golden cockerel which once graced the bar of the Deers Hut; to mention just a few!

We frequently find ourselves answering queries on ancestry, our buildings, our streets, our societies etc. all from historic documents held in our archive. We have been able to identify objects from the smallest of clues, such as the Identity Tag of a soldier stationed at Bramshott during WW1 merely from part of his army number, very exciting for us and eventually revealing many of his family connections back in Ontario!

One enquiry took place quite recently. On the face of it, this particular Wednesday was very quiet. However, we were beavering away at our various projects, scanning, searching, filing, etc. when a visitor entered our domain. "I just wondered if you could identify this" she said excitedly with more than just a hint of challenge in her voice as she opened a tissue parcel to reveal a piece of broken glass. Instinct told me that this was no ordinary piece of glass. Green in colour, translucent and very thick it was shaped like a bullet. "It was found next to a gardener's bothy in a house in Liphook" she said. I replied that



By Val Gaskin.

there was not much to go on but we would do our best. I took some photographs and circulated them to various people who I thought might recognise it and kept my fingers crossed. Very soon we had an answer to our guery. Our antigues expert told me that this piece of glass was from a very distinctive bottle, first manufactured between 1880 and 1910 and made specifically to hold carbonated water. Called Torpedo Bottles due to the unusual shape, they were made in such a way that they could not stand upright, but rather, had to lay on their side in order that the liquid stayed in contact with the cork to avoid it from drying out and cracking. The glass was thick to prevent it from shattering during the carbonation process and green in colour to keep the liquid cool. The manufacturer's name was often embossed into the glass, some containing better quality liquid than others. An undamaged bottle made by London Weebs of Islington is now a collector's item and may be worth as much as £170 whilst others produced for the mass market may sell for about £15.

One of our residents remembers one such bottle of carbonated water being kept in a metal cradle resting on the counter of the Railway Hotel (now Cadogan Place) in Station Road. It's good to talk, and a lot of discussion took place around this latest find. We discovered that relatives of



Torpedo bottle piece.

one of our volunteers hold a torpedo bottle in their collection, embossed with the words 'J. Schwerpe & amp; Co. 51 Berner Oxford Street Genuine Superior Aerated Waters'. A member of the Millennium Centre Staff has torpedo bottles sitting on his windowsill at home, constantly in danger of being broken when his cat tries to find a sunny spot for an afternoon snooze! Our curiosity took us away from Liphook, as it so often does and we learned that the process for making carbonated water was discovered by Joseph Priestley in 1767. Later Johann Jacob Schweppe developed the first practical process to manufacture bottled carbonated mineral water. His company regards Priestley as 'the father of our Industry' according to Wikipedia.

No longer holding any refreshing liquid we can only speculate 'our' bottle was thrown onto a rubbish heap and eventually became embedded in the ground until it was discovered in 2023 when someone's curiosity was aroused. We no longer have this piece of 120 year old glass; it is back with its owner. However, If you happen to find one of these bottles whilst turning over the soil on your allotment or at the bottom of your garden, and find yourself becoming tired of dusting it, or rescuing it from the antics of over-zealous cats or children, we would be happy to cherish it in one of our display cabinets where we promise it will remain out of harm's way.

The Heritage Centre is upstairs in the Millennium Centre and is open:

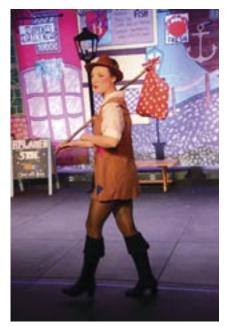
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Acknowledgements: Wikipedia

Torpedo Bottle.

THE MAD GOMPANY By Vanessa Breach.

The M.A.D. Company has been entertaining theatregoers for over thirty years, playing to delighted audiences of adults and children alike. We are a thriving, loyal and committed group. Many of our founder members are still involved and some of our younger members have gone on to join professional companies involved in West End productions.



We have been the proud recipients of many accolades and awards over the years and are once again very proud to have been awarded an Accolade of Excellence from NODA SE - The National Operatic and Drama Association South East District, for our production of Sleeping Beauty in 2022. This is a very prestigious award and, as a small, local group competing against many much larger and acclaimed companies

it is an astonishing achievement and a real tribute to our talented and dedicated team. All of our profits go to charity and the company is made up entirely of volunteers.







Apart from our very popular annual pantomimes, we also run a summer school (Liphook Theatre Club) for children aged five to eleven, offering them a chance to learn a whole range of theatre skills and crafts, both onstage and backstage, culminating in a performance to relatives and friends. This takes place during August and is always in high demand.

The M.A.D. Company has also collaborated on several occasions with "Love To Sing", Liphook's popular choir, and have presented three mini operettas – The Pirates Of Penzance, The Mikado and earlier this year, HMS Pinafore. We enjoy supporting local community events including Liphook Carnival and are delighted to continue to entertain the people of Liphook and beyond.



Our next event is a blockbusting production of Mother Goose in February. With all the traditional elements, this happy family show will delight all ages with colourful sets and costumes, and of course, plenty of audience participation. The performances take place during February half term (HCC) making it an ideal holiday treat and we'd love to see you there. Tickets are available from December on: **www.thelittleboxoffice.com/mad**

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On behalf of our stall holders, we would like to thank those of the Community who have supported the Village Market throughout 2023. Your valued support has enabled us to continue to hold the Village Market in 2024

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National Cadet Sailing Champions

By Simon Catford. Picture by Corinne Whitehouse.

Liphook's young people once again lead the way in sporting achievements on the national stage. The latest to join the role of honour is Sam Nee and her crew mate Audrey Giumali who in August came first in their class at the International Cadet National Championships in Abersoch, Wales.

Fourteen-year-old Sam, who lives in the village and attends Bohunt School, has been a member of Frensham Pond Sailing Club (FPSC) Cadet fleet for four years, the last two years of which she has acted as helm – no mean achievement itself. Joined by Haslemere based Audrey, they make an impressive team in a Cadet and have trained hard together. As Sam says, "Cadets are a great way to learn from more experienced sailors; as a young crew you learn from your helm who is generally older than you. I like two person boats as it is more sociable although FPSC are a friendly bunch anyway. Audrey and I have had a great time!"

The Championships took place over four days and really tests the crews with constantly changing winds and tides. Strategy is everything and a lot of preparation goes in before the race even starts. "We had a couple of good starts and built from there," recalls Sam "and we just kept on going, using all the skills and techniques we have learnt and practised. A hard event but worth it!"

By winning the National Championships, Sam was invited to sail in the Endeavour Trophy, held every year at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club. It is classed the Champion of Champions event as crews sail against National Champions from different dinghy fleets around England, which can sometimes be Olympic sailors.

With this achievement under their belts and with three years left to run in the Cadet class, what next for the National Champions? "Unfortunately, Audrey will be sailing with her sister going forward, so my goal is to work hard with my new crew so that we are selected to represent GBR at the World Championships in Plymouth next year. I was fortunate enough to represent GBR at the World Championships in Belgium this year and hope I can do it again next!"

So well done to the pair who have done themselves proud and good luck to all the other sportsmen and women of Liphook – you have been set the challenge of representing your village!.

Picture shows Sam (left) and Audrey in full race action.



CHURCHER'S COLLEGE EARLY YEARS EDUCATION EXCITING EXPANSION By Amanda Inkley.



Because of an increase in parental interest looking for places, it has been wonderful to expand our school to two Reception classes this together with a 'continuous provision' room, which houses such items as an art easel, extensive Community Playthings water activity table,



sand tray and woodwork bench, means we have numerous facilities for the children to experience and enjoy.

Our facilities continue beyond the classroom into our Reception Garden, accessed directly from both classrooms. Here the children are able to continue their learning with free flow activities. Bikes and trikes, climbing and balancing equipment,

a sandpit, slide, gardening and digging areas, to name but a few, the children have a wealth of learning opportunities to explore, under the umbrella of play.



year. Puffins and Dolphins operate as two discrete, individual classes, but also join together very happily to form our new Reception Unit.



With a beautiful new build completed over the summer, we were up and running for our first cohort in September. One new, and one completely refurbished classroom,

MICHELLE FROST REFLECTS ON HER TEACHING CAREER DOING Whatever it Takes By Gabrielle Pike.



Michele Frost.

Michele Frost grew up in Bude in Cornwall in a close-knit community. Her mother ensured that the family had roots, while her father, who was in the armed services, travelled around the world.

She started teaching in 1986 at Shottermill Middle School in Haslemere and stayed for two years.

Then Michele decided to go on a round the world

trip, including Asia, Australia and New Zealand. While in Australia she accepted a teacher exchange with a school in Brisbane, which meant swapping everything – schools, houses and cars. The school she was assigned to was multi-cultural where children spoke 49 different languages. The motto was – we all smile in the same language! There she had to get used to remote teaching long before Covid, since some of the children lived in the outback and to go and see them was difficult.

Michele celebrated the start of the Millennium in Sydney and one year later, in January 2001, she joined Liphook Junior School as deputy head. At the time, both the Infant and Junior schools had their own head and deputy head teachers. Michele also became acting head at Bordon Junior School in 2005. She had taken the National Professional Qualifications for Headship (NPQH).

She says: "Standards at Bordon Junior School in Budds Lane at the time were low. It was a Garrison school for children of service families." She was determined to transform it, by creating a community for the children and their families, so they were able to thrive and feel safe.

She became head teacher at Bordon four days a week and worked with an educational partnership of 44 schools in mid 2005 who shared ideas. She took children from Bordon on aspirational trips to Alton College where they were encouraged to have a "can do" attitude and aim to go to university. They were reassured they could achieve whatever they wanted to and encouraged to believe in themselves.

Michele also worked with the community in Bordon, inviting parents to come along to see their children in plays and pantos.

Michel remembers a highlight when children at Liphook Junior School took part in competitions like the reading garden – write for purpose. They were thrilled to be shortlisted and when they won, they were over the moon. It was built in the school garden and children's book author Jaqueline Wilson came to open it. Included in the garden was a man-made river, and after school it started to snow and created a magical atmosphere!

When the head teachers of Liphook Junior and Infant Schools left, Michele was working three days a week in Liphook and two

days in Bordon. They tried to find two new head teachers but the governors wanted to introduce one executive head for both schools. Michele applied and was appointed in 2011, starting the Federation of Liphook Infant School and Liphook C of E Junior School in January 2012.

"I felt like the captain of a ship and all the staff helped to make sure that the children became the centre of their attention," Michelle recalls "I had the best teachers, with a sense of humour and their qualities and skills brought the two schools together from Year R to Year 6. Staff, the governing body, parents and children are what makes the schools special."

Together they created the Gingerbread Child. "It takes a whole village to raise a Gingerbread child and help them to be the best they can be. They own their school and they look after it. Their values are friendship, respect and excellence. Friendship is so important for everyone and respect for property, themselves and their friends and excellence is about being your best self. They develop a love for learning and discover that life is precious."

Michele's mantra was - whatever it takes!

"This is what makes a school strong over the years. There are 24 strategies in place, like the mental health strategy – to help children cope with different situations.

"During Covid we sent out videos encouraging children not to give up when struggling. Parents had to teach their children themselves, they had to learn how to use Zoom and Teams.

"We also had two Ofsted inspections in 2021 and 2022 and were rated 'outstanding' which was a brilliant team effort".

Michele recalls: "Canada Day was always the highlight of the year for the children. It is important for them to remember what has happened in the past. They were excited, when they were invited to go to Canada House in London to perform the play they had put on for the Canadian guests who came to the commemorations at St Mary's Church and the Canadian war

graves. It had moved all guests of honour to tears. As the coach approached the embassy, the children spontaneously started singing the Canadian Anthem "O Canada". It was very moving."

"I love it when I meet some of the children after they have left the school and find out what they are doing now. Or when their parents give me updates on their lives."

Michele will be sadly missed by pupils, parents and the community when



Canada Day 2022.

she decided to retire after almost 12 years as executive head this summer. "I just turned 60 and knew that I had done enough for both the schools. It is now someone else's turn to take over and take everything forward."

"It was so lovely of the children to put up some home-made posters in Liphook wishing me all the best for the future and for them to raise money for a holiday of my choice through Liphook Travel." "Taking over from me as executive head teacher is Jacqueline Taylor, who has been with the school for several years. I am delighted to say that I will be staying on as Governor.

"In the meantime, I have discovered some new hobbies. I started rowing and love it, have joined a choir in Petersfield as well as a cycling group, which includes some of my former teacher colleagues."

Branshott Vale By Jenny Woodsford.

Bramshott Vale is an impressive and beautiful Georgian property off Tunbridge Lane. It was built in 1731 by John Butler, member of a notable local family, who was also responsible for reviving the water-powered iron foundry at North Park in Fernhurst.





It is Grade II listed and has East and South elevations built in the Flemish Bond style of brickwork whilst the North and West sides have sandstone walls. There is a particularly attractive tall arched staircase window with brick pilasters or rectangular columns. It is understood that the interior still has three rooms with the original pine panelling, a pine archway and a stone floor in the Hall amongst other features of interest. It has been said that the cornices, pilasters and staircase are very similar to designs by Sir Christopher Wren who died a few years before the building of Bramshott Vale.

On John Butler's death he left the property, which was then called "Shorts", and its surrounding farm land, to his son, also named John and it is his initials that are cut into the bridge on the front drive (JB 1778) and in the garden wall behind the

house (JB 1790). Memorial tablets to various members of the Butler family can be found in St Mary's Church in Bramshott.

The name was changed to Bramshott House in about 1841 when owned by Sir AK Macdonald and it was finally changed to Bramshott Vale around 1927 when it was owned by Mrs Fox-Strangways who was also responsible for the building of Vale Cottage. The estate went to auction in 1948 in various lots according to the sales details in the Heritage Centre, including the farmhouse, 87 acres, Vale Cottage and Bramshott Vale House with gardens.

Nowadays the property is well-known thanks to the Highland Cattle that peacefully graze in the fields between Tunbridge Lane and the property. A public footpath crosses their field from the kissing gate on the drive to the stile and the cattle, hopefully, pay no attention to the many walkers that use this route!





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The General Wine Company By Simon Catford.



The General Wine Company's (GWC) store on Station Road has been a familiar face in the village for many years; doubtless many readers will have visited for that special bottle as we approach Christmas. But the GWC is much more than just a wonderful Wine Merchant as I found out when I met with Managing Director Alan Snudden at his warehouse on the Beaver Industrial Estate.

"The two stores (the other being in Petersfield) probably make up but 20% of the total business – we are essentially wine importers and independent suppliers for the licensed trade," confirms Alan "and we operate extensively across the South East. We took on the Station Road store in 1988 when the previous owner, Doug Collins – one of our customers – decided to retire and it made a perfect base for us in the village. Originally the building was much smaller but we knocked out some walls and pushed it right back to the footprint you see now. It's a great size for us and we are delighted to be able to serve the people of Liphook with different, higher-quality products than those found in the major supermarkets, and as we ship directly from the vineyard to Liphook, they are competitively priced."

The store is ably run by Manager Tim Mellor who has been there for nearly twenty years. "We hold regular tasting events," says Tim "where we aim to focus on one or two wine or spirit types per event rather than a wide cross section. This allows us to go into a bit of detail and working closely with the producer, we can offer some very competitive deals." Christmas is obviously a particularly busy time and the website –



Alan Snudden with his beloved Claret.

www.thegeneralwine.co.uk - has all the details including opening hours over the festive season. Tim and his highly trained team will be very pleased to offer customers any advice needed in making their selections.

And talking of training, Alan is keen to point out that not only do GWC encourage and support its staff in attaining the Wine and Spirits Education Trust diplomas (internationally recognised qualifications) but also act as an Approved Training Centre themselves. "If you are as passionate about wines as we are", says Alan "it is only right that we should do our bit to increase an employee's knowledge in the products they sell or supply. This ensures that we can always offer the right wine or spirit to suit any occasion or budget and we enjoy passing on our knowledge."

So how did it all start? "By accident really!" Alan explains "At the age of about 19 I found myself in France and got a very lowly job at a Cognac producer. Despite knowing nothing about the wine trade I was fascinated by the process and kept asking questions - my interest was kindled. This led to another job in Bordeaux and thence to Burgundy and I worked very hard both physically and mentally - increasing my knowledge all the while. Fast-forward a few years, I was back in London and working for a wine importer when I decided to try my luck on my own. Originally I came to Haslemere but swiftly moved to Liphook. It was an absolute roller-coaster at the time as most business start-ups are but I loved every minute of it. We now have two warehouses in the village, a small sales team, an admin and warehouse function and a team of drivers. All highly committed and hard working. They are the business and I am very proud of them all!"



Tim and co-worker Henry amongst some of the extensive stock.

Securing wines from independent producers around the world is hard work but very rewarding. As Alan points out, "Major supermarkets shifting millions of bottles per year can probably only interact with say a tenth of producers given the scale of their demand. This leaves 90% for us to work with. We can import very small quantities of a wine or spirit and offer these to our trade customers who love the choice and quality. Many restaurants want their 'own label' bottles and we can supply these in whatever quantities and deliver straight to their cellars. We are a very flexible company and have built up a fantastic network of hotels, restaurants, clubs and other licenced venues that keep coming back for more."

The GWC product range includes no or low alcohol drinks as well as some bottled beers, mixers and mineral waters. But it's the wine that is the core business. "It's a fascinating world and I love trying new products as well as keeping the old favourites. Do pay us a visit and let us share our passion with you," asks Alan. "And thank you for the continued support from the good people of Liphook"

Cheers!

The Churches of Liphook

Welcome to Liphook Churches' Christmas Services 2023

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

METHODIST CHURCH Saturday 16th December Carol service - 6.30pm.

Saturday 24th December Christmas service - 10.00am.

Sunday 25th December No Service at Liphook, but Lindford Methodist Church will have a service - 10.00am.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Friday 15th December Candlelit Carol Service at St Joseph, Grayshott - 7.00pm.

Saturday 23rd December Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent at Immaculate Conception, Liphook -6.30pm.

Sunday 24th December Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent at St Joseph, Grayshott -10.00am. Sunday 24th December Vigil Mass of Christmas at Immaculate Conception, Liphook - 6.30pm.

Sunday 24th December Christmas Mass in the Night at St Joseph, Grayshott -10.00pm.

Monday 25th December Christmas Mass at Dawn at St Joseph, Grayshott -9.00am.

Monday 25th December Christmas Mass in the Day at Immaculate Conception, Liphook -11.00am.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Sunday 17th December Crib Service at St Mary's Bramshott - 10.30am.

Sunday 17th December Carol Service at St Mary's Bramshott - 6.00pm. Sunday 24th December Usual Communion at St Mary's Bramshott -8.00am.

Sunday 24th December Usual Communion at St Mary's Bramshott -9.30am.

Sunday 24th December Christingle at Liphook Church Centre - 4.00pm.

Sunday 24th December Midnight Communion at St Mary's Bramshot -11.00pm.

Monday 25th December Communion at St Mary's Bramshott - 8.00am.

Monday 25th December Family Communion at St Mary's Bramshott -9.30am.

TRINITY

Sunday 17th December Nativity Family Service at Liphook Infant School -11.00am.

Come along and enjoy a family friendly presentation of the Christmas story suitable for all ages.

Refreshments from 10.30am.

Sunday 17th December Carol Service at Liphook Infant School - 5.30pm.

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve Family Service at Liphook Infant School -11.00am.

Monday 25th December Christmas Day Family Service at Liphook Infant School -10.00am.



As a youngster the hanging of the advent calendar on the wall was an occasion for excited expectation - Christmas was not far away. Advent calendars were rather different in those days. Behind each door was a simple picture of something related to Christmas religious or secular - and not a chocolate in sight! The anticipation grew as more and more doors were opened. Halfway through we would put up Christmas tree and decorations (a little earlier than was traditional as it was a way of marking my birthday!). By the time the 24th door was opened to reveal a nativity scene, and carols were sung around the Christmas tree, excitement was at fever pitch before the great family celebrations on Christmas Day.

Nowadays each advent calendar door hides a treat. Christmas trees and decorations are up soon after Halloween, and there are Christmas Eve presents as well as Christmas Day gifts! In the quest for instant gratification, we seem to have lost the ability to wait, lost the thrill of anticipation, and lost the special joy of finally

arriving at our goal. By the time Christmas comes around many people are jaded and the great celebration of Christmas becomes an anticlimax. Unfortunately, the same attitude can also affect other aspects of life. The search for instant wealth, for extreme experiences or for immediate sexual gratification has damaged many individuals and society at large. We need to remember the old adage 'good things come to those who wait'!

May I wish you all an excitingly expectant Advent and a truly joyous Christmas.

Father Simon Chinery



Trinity Church

What is the best part of Christmas for you?

Maybe it's seeing family? Maybe it's opening presents and hoping that people listened to your hints? Maybe these things are the last thing on your mind as you think of all that needs to be done at work and at home before you get to Christmas Day.

Christmas is a good time, but it can be very busy and, to be honest, very stressful. It can be a time of family strife. It could lead to financial problems.

Amidst all these things, the good news of Christmas is not so much food, family or presents, but a story of God's love and grace. As we celebrate Christmas we would like to invite you along to our services where we hope you will hear about the truly best part of Christmas, the good news of the birth of the saviour, Jesus Christ. We hope to see you there!

Pastor Sean Clokey



Methodist Church

British etiquette usually dictates that to find out about someone new, you have to wait to be introduced. Well, that's a bit tricky in these circumstances so, in the words the Rolling Stones put on the lips of (ahem) the devil, 'Please allow me to introduce myself.'

I'm Dave Faulkner, and I'm the new minister at Liphook Methodist Church. By the time you read this, we may have met on carnival night when our church on London Road will have been out serving hot drinks. I've moved here after spending thirteen years on the fringes of Woking with my wife Debbie and our two young adult children. Our daughter is in management in the fast food sector, and our son is at university. You may see us walking our cocker spaniel in Radford Park or near the Deer's Hut and Old Thorns. Other dog walking recommendations are most welcome! I am also the author of 'Odd One Out: Good news for those who feel they don't belong', available at **www.bit.ly/OddOneOutBook**

Liphook is the smallest place I have ever lived, although I'm conscious of the housing expansion. If you'll allow first impression observations from a newcomer, we are woefully

There seems to be so much darkness. Wherever we look the stories just get worse! War in the Ukraine and just recently a conflict in Gaza that could spiral out of control in the most terrifying way. Environmental catastrophe seemingly around the corner, and the internet always ramping things up, spilling into everything especially the minds of our precious children.

I haven't even started with us! Maybe we've had a hard old year. Maybe our corner of the world has been full of darkness! Yesterday I was with a friend of mine we'll call Maria. Maria has really known the darkness that can visit so many of us. Not long ago she lost one of her children in a tragic climbing accident months after he'd graduated from university. A young man we'd known from when he was a small boy full of insatiable curiosity! Maria is amazing. She wholeheartedly forgave those who had been in many ways responsible, without any hint of bitterness. She's been the rock for her family who have all struggled in many ways. She's also a church warden! This calls for great patience and kindness! She's just kept giving in the face of all the pain. She's like a light in the middle of so much darkness lacking in facilities for an expanding area. To take one example, wouldn't it be better for the environment if we didn't have to travel miles outside Liphook for some essential shopping?

In saying this, some might want to tell me to keep out of politics and the like and just preach the spiritual stuff. But if God is Creator, then he cares about it all, and in the Bible the prophet Jeremiah told God's people to 'seek the welfare of the place to which they were sent.' I hope to play a small part in that. And having had excellent relationships with local ward councillors in my last appointment, I hope to find the same here. Councillors, you can email me on **david.faulkner@methodist.org.uk** –

I'd love to meet you.

Reverend Dave Faulkner



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and I know she would say that all her hope and resilience and compassion and kindness come from her faith in a God who promises to be a light in the darkness. Who saw the enormous problems that we created and have carried on creating ever since we first set foot on earth and gave us that which was most precious to him.

This Christmas as you look on the child in the manger, may his light and his life fill your heart with fresh hope. May he shine into the darkest corners and the most difficult places in your heart and may you know the peace and even the joy of his presence.

Reverend Valentine Inglis-Jones



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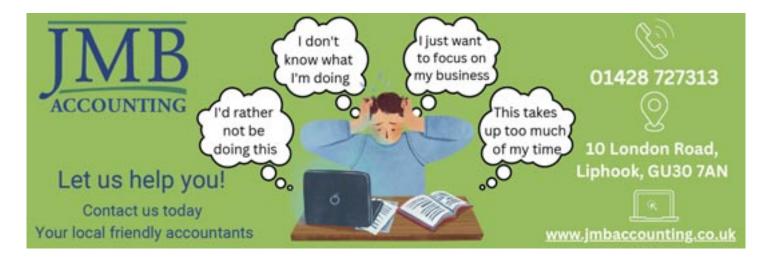
Wars continue - Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine, with real devastation and human needs.

This Christmas, let's remember, as adults what it's like to share "things" and love our neighbours near and far.

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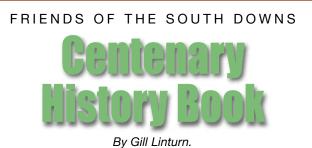
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By Margaret Simpson.

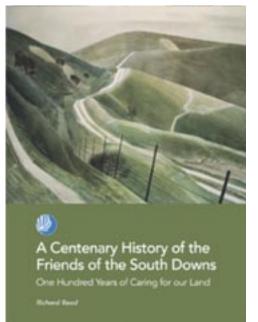
We had a good turnout for Liphook W.I.'s August Meeting. We engaged our brains with a quiz devised by the Committee. A glass of wine and a few nibbles helped to get things underway and everyone enjoyed the evening.

New members are always warmly welcomed so, if you'd like to give us a try, come along to Liphook Village Hall at 7.30 on the third Wednesday of each month.'



Caring for our Land

To celebrate the Centenary of the Friends of the South Downs, Richard Reed has written the definitive history of the Society beginning in 1923 with two friends walking on the Chalk Downs up to the approach to the Centenary in 2023. Richard joined the



Society of Sussex Downsmen in 1947, when the Society was less than 25 years old and is still a member today! This fascinating book, "A Centenary History of the Friends of the South Downs" begins with the Society's origin and the fight to save Crowlink, through the preand post-war years, up until the formation of the South Downs

National Park and the inclusion of the Western Weald and the approach to the Centenary.

The threats to the Downs may have changed over the last 100 years but in his book, Richard eloquently highlights the

enormous and prolonged efforts that the Friends of the South Downs have made to protect the natural beauty of the area, promote access and conserve the landscape.



If you are inspired to read more, you can order online by scanning the QR code.



Author: Richard Reed.

SOCIAL CLUB HELPS

By Cheryl Twiddy. Pictures by Cheryl and Debbie Jelley.

Bramshott and Liphook Social Club answered a call for help from Liphook Day Centre by holding a fundraising event on the 26th August. Nicky Dean, Cheryl Twiddy, Debbie



Cheque Presentation.

Jelley and Anne Hall got their heads together and organised the day with lots of great things to do and buy.

Nicky and Cheryl used their social media platforms to shout out to the people and businesses of Liphook for donations and many of you donated your wares to the bric a brac, book sale, raffle, lucky dip, etc. We were also grateful to have a special guest in attendance, Puppacino from Number One the Square, who could be seen getting involved and causing mischief throughout the day.

Debbie and Lorraine who are the managers of the Day Centre, along with Anne and the rest of the team of volunteers helped to organise the children's lucky dip and were also collecting for the bric a brac, book stall etc, as well as helping on the stalls during the day. Sarah (Debbie's Sister) made one of the cakes for a guess my weight game.



Cheryl, Nicky and Pupaccino.

The money raised will go towards organizing fun days out for the clients of the Day Centre.

Nicky, Cheryl, The Club Committee and its members, were pleased to be able to hand the Day Centre a cheque for £920.00.

The social club is also supporting the day centre by hosting a skittles evening for the clients and volunteers as well as helping with selling tickets for their panto - The Wizard of Oz (comedy of errors) on the 9th December at Rake Village Hall, tickets are £10 per person, show starts at 2.00pm.

At the social club, our aim is to help the community as much as possible with fundraising, hosting events, meetings etc. The club is currently used by The



Cheque Presentation.

Royal British Legion, Liphook MAD, Liphook Carnival Committee & Liphook Football Club as well as the Day Centre. The Social Club has a whole host of events coming up throughout 2024, such as Country Singers, Michael Jackson Tribute, Elvis Tribute and so much more; you can find us on Facebook.



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A SHORT HISTORY **THE CHIEF CONTROL**By Rupert Town-Jones. Image courtesy of the Blower Foundation.



As we approach Christmas, I thought it would be time to reflect on the origins of the tree itself. The idea of the Christmas tree came from Germany and records show that the first tree was put up in 1419 in Freiburg which is in the Black Forest region in the south western part of that country. It was decorated by the town bakers with fruits and nuts and also with baked goods all of which were given to the local children to eat on New Year's Day. Merchants throughout the northern continent started to copy this idea and put up decorated trees outside their guildhalls. The Christian reformer Martin Luther is said to have added lit candles to an evergreen tree and there are also records that a tree was placed in Strasbourg Cathedral in 1539 under the leadership of the Protestant Martin Bucer. The earliest representation of a Christmas tree is on the keystone sculpture at a private house in Alsace and is dated 1576.

Turning to this country, many of us associate the Christmas tree tradition starting with Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria. But it was his grandmother-in-law and distant cousin Queen Charlotte and wife of King George III who introduced Britain's first recorded tree into the drawing room of the Queen's Lodge at Windsor in 1800.

Queen Charlotte came from the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Strelitz in north Germany where it was the custom to bring the branch of a yew tree into the house and dress it with candles. This was much enjoyed by the Queen and when she came to England to marry the king in 1761, she was determined to carry on this tradition. Every year she would install a yew branch in the drawing room at Windsor or Kew Palace, depending where the royal family was spending Christmas. The yew branch would be decorated with candles and small presents such as sweets, toys and jewellery. The candles would be lit and everyone would gather around the branch to sing carols before the Queen handed out gifts. The King and his Queen had a total of fifteen children of which thirteen survived into adulthood so there must have been guite a gathering in the room.

In 1800 the Queen decided to hold a big Christmas party at Windsor for some of the local aristocratic families. With so many people assembled it became clear that one yew branch would not be enough to hold the presents for all the guests and so she arranged for a complete tree to be installed in the centre of the room. This was filled with plenty of candles, baubles, trinkets and toys. News of the tree spread quickly and Christmas trees started to be put up in wealthy houses round the country. Any evergreen tree was regarded as sufficient although pine and fir varieties were favoured as they were a better shape and more plentiful. They were also easier to dig up on account of their shallow roots. The term 'Christmas Tree' was to first appear in 1835.

Unfortunately, Queen's Lodge was knocked down by the vain King George IV (who would have benefitted from the earlier Christmas celebrations) in 1823, five years after his mother's death, as the building spoilt his view of the Long Walk at Windsor Castle!

In 1840, Queen Victoria, granddaughter of Queen Charlotte, married Prince Albert who had grown up in the Bavarian town of Coburg where the Christmas tree was a much loved tradition. He had spruce trees imported from this town for use at Christmas and to be enjoyed by the Royal family. In 1848, a sketch appeared on the front cover of the Christmas edition of the 'Illustrated London News' showing the entire family gathered around the Christmas tree at Windsor Castle. Initially only the better off families could afford a tree but Prince Albert encouraged the use of public spaces to install trees for the enjoyment of the general public. He also arranged for decorated trees to be distributed to the Windsor army barracks as well as local schools and hospitals.

In due course the price of Christmas trees became more affordable and thousands of trees were planted for the Christmas market. Now between 7- 8 million trees are sold in the UK each year. The most famous specimen is probably a tall Norwegian Spruce, generally about 20 metres high, donated by the people of Oslo, in Trafalgar Square each year since 1947 in gratitude for the British war efforts. For many this act at the start of each December signals the start of Christmas celebrations. But the tallest living Christmas tree in this country is to be found at Wakehurst Place, Haywards Heath, this is about 37 metres high and is adorned by 1,800 lights annually. In a 2004 survey, the scent of a Christmas tree came eighth in a poll of the nation's favourite smells, behind the sea but ahead of perfume.

So in the course of over 200 years since the times of good Queen Charlotte, the country has enjoyed illuminated trees which now can be fitted with safe electric lights rather than lit candles!

NOTHING STOPS PLAY FOR LIPHOOK'S CARNIVAL

Not even torrential downpours could stop this year's Carnival, which attracted more than 4000 revellers from the village and surrounding areas.

Celebrating the return of this much-loved event, they enjoyed



the entertainment in the Square by the fantastic Batala Samba Band from Portsmouth, now a firm Carnival favourite.



Hollycombe Steam in the Country team.



First time participant Jason Hooker from Liss brought along his Ford Focus Sonic the Hedgehog show car, used mainly for fundraising. So far, he has raised £3,500 for a local autism charity.

well as a 1910 Fowler Traction Engine.

Leading the Carnival procession as

always, was the popular Liphook Fire Service. Joining for the first time was the Lindford Off-Road Landrover Discovery Ambulance. Hollycombe Steam in the Country volunteers showed off their Marshall Q Class as

Highlight of the evening, Carnival Royalty, including Princess

Jessica and her attendants Emelia and Sophia, took over the Square to start the evening's proceedings. Queen Dee showed off her glamorous designer dress, which was donated by Little Secret Bridal and Prom Boutique in Hindhead, who are also firsttime sponsors of the Royal Float. The honour of crowning this year's Carnival Queen was given to Greg Stafford, the newly elected prospective Parliamentary candidate for Farnham, Bordon and



Liphook, himself a huge supporter of the Carnival.

Carnival regulars, the Dolphin Marching Band, a youth band from Poole in Dorset, as well as the Surrey Pipe Band from Woking, kept the crowds entertained throughout the evening's procession.

White's Joinery, who celebrated their 6th year of taking part in the Carnival, chose a Lord of the Rings theme, including Neil White as Gandalf. Their impressive float took 16 hours to build and won first prize in the Trade category. Bramshott and Liphook Social Club, a regular attendant, were promoting their facilities in Headley Road, which offer pool and darts teams as well as private hire, quiz nights and tribute nights. They won first prize in the Pubs and Clubs category.





The Forest Lane Friends, a section of Longmoor Road, chose to recreate Alice's Wonderland Tea Party. Paul Johnson was amused to be told his float was in the newcomer's category, having taken part in the Carnival procession for the last 67 years as a member of the Deers Hut. It won the Team the Best Street and Best Illuminated trophies.





The Methodist Amateur Dramatics Society, founded in 1991, presented a selection of former Panto characters on their float,



which took two weeks to build. They also advertised their February 2024 performances of 'Mother Goose' and invited everyone to the 80's themed after Carnival party at The Links Tavern.

Liphook In Bloom, who keep the village blooming all year, showed off their floral skills as well as launching a recruitment appeal for new members. President Terry Burns invited anyone who could spare a few hours a month to come along for a taster session, with or without horticultural knowledge.





Liphook Guides delivered the sweet treat of the evening with their stunning candy shop float. It took two weeks to prep and was built by Les Vaughan. A total of 27 girls and 13 adults participated, winning 'Best on the Move' as well as second prize in the children's category.



Guides with Best on the Move.

A strong team of 16 Liphook Scouts, won first prize in the children's category with their Viking Ship float. The Liphook group have four sections of Beavers aged 6-8, Cubs aged 8-11, Scouts aged 11-14 and Explorer Scouts aged 14-18, learning new skills and taking on new challenges regularly.



Ashford Farm from Steep, another Carnival regular, supports and sponsors Petersfield Young Farmers. They offer free range turkeys and geese for Christmas at an early bird discount, and won second prize in the Pubs and Clubs category.



A late entry were the four "Welshies Liphook Dinosaurs" who were just in time to collect 1st prize in the Walkers category.

Ed's Veg showed off a selection of fruit and vegetables by dressing up as them, including a massive pumpkin. They support the Carnival as well as Liphook and Liss Food Bank and deliver seasonable salad and veg boxes to customers.



The grand finale of the evening was delivered by Paul White and his team with a spectacular fireworks display at the Recreation Ground, sponsored by Old Thorns Hotel and Resort.

A big thank you from the Carnival Committee went out to all sponsors including Traviss & Co, White Joinery, Howdens, the Beauti Pod and the Links Tavern.

Jonathan Neil from Haslemere in Pink Purple.



Retiring chair. Sally Cameron said: "So far we've raised £2,700 on the night but there is still time to donate online! This was my last carnival as I am stepping down next February. The turnout and floats were amazing. A big thank you to all who braved the weather and those who worked tirelessly on their fantastic floats! Let's see if we can double the floats and spectators next year for the new chairperson. Thank you Liphook!"

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As the summer draws to a close the members of Liphook's u3a can look forward to an interesting selection of speakers at our monthly meetings which take place in the Liphook Millenium Centre's main hall on the first Monday of every month at 2.00pm. The topics are wide ranging and there's something to please everyone over the course of the year.



Refreshments being served at a recent event.

Subjects this Autumn have included talks on "Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies"; The Roman Bathhouse by a speaker from the Novium Museum at Chichester; One of our members regaled us with an account of his adventures while cycling from Lands End to John o' Groats and finally stories from behind the scenes of Centre Court.

The meetings begin with an introduction by our Chairman Carolyn Williamson followed by the speaker of the month. There is usually an opportunity to ask questions of the speaker and this is followed by the refreshment break when warm beverages and biscuits are served by volunteers. At the December meeting the comestibles are more seasonal. This is the opportunity for members to mingle and catch up with friends and also for visitors to find out more about what the u3a can offer.

The monthly meetings are an important part of the u3a but there are also over forty interest groups in Liphook's branch which cover a huge range of activities. These groups cover areas such as those for the energetic, the arts, the studious and visits beyond the confines of Liphook.

Surely there must be something to pique the interest of every one of the residents of Liphook and surrounding areas who are aged over fifty. (u3a is the abbreviation of University of the Third Age hence the over fifty tag).

All the groups are run by

volunteers from within the

on behalf of the members.

Without the volunteers there

would be no u3a, while the

mainstav is our chairman

Carolyn Williamson who

holds it all together.

group and we are grateful for

the sterling work that they do



Carolyn Williamson.

For further information go to: www.liphooku3a.org.uk or contact: Chairman1@liphooku3a.org.uk

Have a Go Group By Isobel Humphreys.

Have you ever fancied trying out a new activity but somehow never got around to organising it?

In the summer of 2022 like-minded people in Liphook u3a decided to get together and start a new group, the Have a Go Group or HaG for short. The driving force of the group, Neil, invited those interested to suggest a list of activities they would like to try. Having pulled all the ideas together we were all asked to vote on our top choices and a plan was made for the next few months.

Our inaugural meeting was on 27th June 2022 when 13 intrepid adventurers met up at West Itchenor for an introduction to kayaking. We were on the water for a couple of hours under the expert guidance of instructors from Fluid Adventures. Everyone enjoyed the experience although some have no wish to do it again, but at least they Had a Go.



Since then we have picked an activity about once a month. There is no set day as it all depends on when instruction is available. After the kayaking we kept to a watery theme and tried our hand at paddle boarding at Chichester Water Park. Our instructor managed to get everyone standing up and paddling and all the participants felt a great sense of achievement.

We have also tried clay pigeon shooting and archery but not everything has to be physical. We've had a couple of sessions at the bowling alley in Chichester and arranged an introduction to water colour painting. The choice of activity is governed by what the members want to try and when necessary, the activity is booked through an organisation to provide necessary coaching. Members are not expected to take part in every



activity - pick what interests you. Usually we try to include a meal afterwards.

So far we have ridden e-bikes in Alice Holt forest, gone go-karting, again using electric vehicles, tried our hand at pickleball, done an indoor sky-dive, and we're planning to walk over the O2, throw a pot and play skittles over the next few months. There are still plenty of ideas floating around - abseiling, escape rooms, laser quest . . . The group is always open to further suggestions. If you're interested in joining the group contact: haveago1@liphooku3a.org

NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION OF

The start of the new academic year is always a series of firsts: the first time the children have spent a whole week with their new teachers, the first time that our new Year R children have met their classmates, and the first time that our Year 6 children have been on a school residential. As you can see from the photos below, the children across the federation have had an excellent start to their academic years with plenty of trips and in-class experiences and opportunities to enthuse and excite them. We look forward to the rest of the year with anticipation...





Year R have been developing their social skills with a lot of collaborative play and exploration, both in the classroom and outside in the playground. They have developed their geographical knowledge and created their own mini-Liphooks

Liphook, we set up our classrooms in a similar way to Year R

at the start of the year for a smoother transition. We hook the

learning on familiar or engaging starting points. This term, the

children have used Little Red Riding Hood as a starting point

for their learning. In English, they have explored the outside

using wooden blocks with images of themselves and their houses on. They have also enjoyed our new maths programme which teaches them the early maths skills they will need to grow into amazing mathematicians.







environment for clues about Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf, before using the school reading bus for some quiet, calm enjoyment of that, and other traditional tales. Also as part of the topic, the children's design technology knowledge has been developed by creating fruit kebabs suitable for Grandma in the story.



Our **Year 2** children have started the year fantastically well and have already enjoyed their first school trip to Gilbert White's house, where they explored the natural environment and looked closely at the animal and plant life that is around us in Hampshire. Back in class,

the children have considered healthy foods and built on the DT skills they learned in Year 1. They have considered the taste and texture of locally and globally grown vegetables before improving their cutting, dicing and grating skills to make healthy wraps for themselves. In **Year 3**, the children have had such a smooth transition from the infants to the juniors, settling quickly and confidently. They began their Year 3 journey by visiting Goodwood Farm as part of their 'Feeding Our Planet' topic. They were lucky enough to experience a real-life, working, organic farm. They learned about the animals, crops and machinery at Goodwood, made their own butter, and tasted their delicious milk. The highlight of the trip was seeing 2-day old baby calves. The education leaders were blown away by the children's knowledge, manners and inquisitiveness.



What a start the **Year 4** children have had! Not only have they read and written stories based in the Amazon Rainforest, and sewn an assortment of beautiful leaves, they have had the opportunity to visit the Living Rainforest in Hampstead Norreys in Berkshire. They thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the sights, sounds and smells of the lush tropical rainforest, which contain over 850 types of plants and animals, including many rare and endangered species. The children loved trying to spot Cinnamon, the sloth, the beautiful blue poison dart frogs and the variety of different birds that wondered around their feet as they listened to the guides explaining to them about sustainability and rainforest adaptations. Our wonderful children were praised for their interesting questions and attentive listening.



In their topic which is centred around the book "Journey to the River Sea" by Eva Ibbotson, the children in **Year 5** have been busy learning about the importance of rivers and the part they play in our lives. In order to bring their learning to life, they spent time at the River Wey in Radford Park, identifying key parts of the river and carrying out experiments looking at the speed of the water and the different types of sediment on the riverbed. In art, they have focused on vanishing points and using water colour, painted perspective images of a river concentrating on background and foreground. Through writing in English, they have studied different types of flood defences and the impact they have on keeping communities safe during intense rainfall. The children have also been lucky to have hockey coaching from Haslemere Hockey Club each week.





What an exciting start to this academic year the children have had in **Year 6**. They were lucky enough to have a four-day residential to Calshot; an activity adventure centre in Southampton Solent. This was a not only a test of their courage, but a perfect opportunity for the children to make life-long memories. Over 90 children enjoyed an action-packed trip, completing activities such as kayaking, climbing, skiing and low rope courses. They developed their problem solving and team-work skills by completing activities which involved them having to think of creative solutions and work together to complete a difficult challenge. In the evening, they enjoyed further activities such quizzes, games night and a visit to Calshot castle.





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UPDATE FROM

East Hants District Council

By Bill Mouland, Nick Sear and Angela Glass.

The Boundary Commission Review

The review of the size of constituencies across the country, at the time of the next General Election in 2024, has taken place, and Bramshott and Liphook, Headley, Grayshott, Farnham, Churt, Hindhead and Haslemere, will form the new Farnham and Bordon constituency. As a result of this, after the next General Election, Bramshott and Liphook, Headley and Grayshott, will no longer have Damian Hinds as their MP, and Farnham, Churt, Hindhead and Haslemere, lose Jeremy Hunt as their MP. All political parties who wish to contest the seat, will be choosing new prospective Parliamentary candidates.

The cross-border constituency is not usual, but it was a change in constituency boundaries 16 years ago, created by the previous boundary review, that formed the present constituency when Damian Hinds MP gained his seat. Your three District Councillors will remain as District Councillors for East Hampshire District Council.

Development Management

There continues to be a very high demand on the team, which will undoubtedly increase. New appointments both within the team and by external recruitment, continue to take place. This will speed up the planning process.

Planning Policy

The team continue to work on the emerging Local Plan and its associated evidence base, ready for a Regulation 18 Public Consultation in January 2024. This consultation will include the Council's preferred strategy, site allocations and policies, to meet the development needs of the Local Planning Authority through to 2040. There will be a Consultation in Bramshott and Liphook, early next year, on the Local Plan, in order to gain residents' views.

Planning Enforcement

The Enforcement team have issued 5 Enforcement Notices, during the last 8 weeks, and have 10 appeals in progress. A further 5 notices are being considered and drafted. One court case for a breach of 3 enforcement notices took place recently and the team secured $\pounds12,469.08$ in fines for breaches of the notices. There was also a public enquiry that was due to take place in November, and 2 further high-profile cases to ensure compliance, that take place in December. A further 5 new enforcement appeals are currently with the Planning Inspectorate.

East Hampshire Norse

The East Hampshire Norse Joint Venture has been successfully launched. The service faced challenges over a couple of months due to the re-appearance of the latest strain of Covid at the depot, that had a significant impact on the workforce. This led to delays in the non-statutory aspects of the service (garden waste) as resources were re-allocated to protect the statutory service (general waste, recycling and bottle collection). The expanded garden waste service is continuing to be rolled out, with invitations to rejoin from October, sent to all customers who used to receive the service. The second phase which was due to start in October will invite all new customers from the waiting list onto the service, with subscriptions starting the following month, to allow for new bin delivery. Vehicle reliability continues to be an issue that caused the service significant disruption, and while officers work on a full fleet review, we are quickly removing the most troublesome vehicles from the fleet and replacing them with more reliable vehicles.

East Hants Accommodation

The contract for the refurbishment of the new offices in Bedford Road, Petersfield has now been let and works have started with the aim for occupation by the end of the year. The proposal is to rename the building Monterey House, after several trees that grow around the building. Procurement has been completed for the installation of a roof-mounted PV panel scheme to include the installation of 6 electric vehicle charging points, battery storage and inverters.

Work to explore options and develop ideas for Penns Place continues, with engagement with key stakeholders underway. An update with proposed next steps and timescales will come to Cabinet later this year. Detailed work is also underway to consider what facilities and spaces will be needed to support customer-facing services across the district. An update paper with recommendations on our approach will come to Cabinet later this year. All Council meetings that are held in public, are broadcast, and can be easily accessed by going to our EHDC website, **www.easthants.gov.uk**

Homelessness

Currently we have 8 households in Bed and Breakfast. All of these placements have exit plans in place and alternative accommodation options have been identified. Homelessness has been on the rise in areas across Hampshire. On a positive note, three Ukrainian families have recently moved into houses that EHDC purchased, and they are extremely pleased with their new accommodation.

Hosting families from Ukraine

Currently there are approximately 389 Ukrainian visitors in the district, representing around 184 families. Although some families have relocated to private accommodation, the overall numbers have slightly decreased. However, the demand for hosts remains significant, prompting EHDC to launch a Hosts campaign. As part of the initiative, we have produced a series of short films highlighting the advantages of hosting, which will be shared on our social media platforms. Our aim is to inspire more people to offer their homes as hosts in the district.

Foodbanks

Officers in the Community team have conducted comprehensive needs assessments at all the foodbanks in the district, to gain a deeper understanding of their support and equipment requirements. This essential information will shape the allocation of funds for foodbanks, aligning with the Leader's Priority. Additionally, plans are underway to organize a foodbank coffee networking event, where foodbank members from across the district will convene to share knowledge and insights with one another.

Councillor Community Grants

We still have Grants available. The present grant pots finish on 29th February, 2024. We each have £1,000 of our £4,500, specifically towards "green" projects, which is still available. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any assistance:

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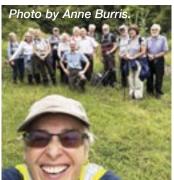
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WHERE DO WE START...

At Countryside Companions Walking Group, we take it in turns to lead our weekly walks, so inevitably they come from a variety of different sources. Originally the idea for this article stemmed from a walk where we passed the source of the River Meon – this got me wondering where people get their routes from. The Meon walk was lead by someone who plots a route on their computer, then goes and tries it out.

The two outings after Meon were based around the same area but came from very different sources. Cobbett's Walk, a figure of eight starting from Hawkley, came from a downloadable leaflet from the website Visit Hampshire. We tweaked the starting point to ensure we passed the pub around lunchtime.

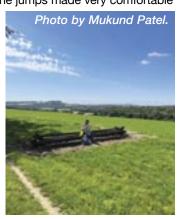




The next week saw us tackling Noar Hill from Selborne, another figure of eight route. A photograph from this walk even made it into the October edition of Country Walking magazine, from where this walk was taken. But sadly, they cropped the selfie taker out, so we are including her here.

This was followed by a walk round Ebernoe and Kirdford from the "Fancy Free Walks" website, which is a brilliant source of mainly circular walks of varying lengths. Our Harting Down to Compton excursion (including parts of the Compton Cross Country Course where some of the jumps made very comfortable

seats for a drinks stop) was first walked by its leader many years ago and came from "Twenty-One Favourite Walks in Surrey and Sussex compiled by members of the Godalming & Haslemere Group of the Ramblers Association". Printed in 1996 (long before Fancy Free Walks and all the internet information now available) it can still be bought online today!



An Iping and Milland walk was invented using the footpaths marked on an Ordnance Survey map and and literally joining the dots. One of the highlights of this walk was the lunch stop of the Milland Village shop and café, but we feel our exertions justified the amount of cake we consumed.

By Marilyn Ambrose.

A Goodwood walk taken from The Times took us downhill from the Trundle to walk round the outside of the racecourse, up Levin Down, into Charlton and then back up the Trundle. Despite the thunderstorm warning, we managed to be safely ensconced in the pub in Charlton when it really bucketed down in the middle of our hike.

"50 Walks in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight" was the source of our next foray, a lovely gentle stroll from Farringdon to Chawton across grassy meadows and woodland paths, and delivering us around lunchtime to another fabulous tea room in Chawton (is it wrong to have your cake whilst you wait for your toasted sandwich?).

Rather bizarrely amongst all the changeable and damp weather, the first walk in September was cancelled due to a heat warning, but we were back on track the following week with a walk taken from the "Round and About" magazine, which periodically drops through our letterboxes. Starting in Compton, we walked along the North Downs Way then veered off towards Guildown, with views down over Guildford, back down to the River Wey and returning via Lowesley.

Another walk from The Times took us from Chichester Marina to West Wittering, including the excitement of the return journey by bus. The walk around Bramdean and Hinton Ampner came about because the leader spotted the name Bramdean Common on the map, and decided he would like to explore this unknown territory. He found a fascinating and very varied circular walk in the "Four Marks News" magazine walks booklet, taking in three churches, passing through Hinton Ampner gardens with various oddities along the way including an Emu farm. The last of the three churches, fittingly called The Church in the Wood, was a tiny but ornate tin structure. As it says on the Church website "Access is on foot by mud track. Park your car on Bramdean Common and listen for the bell!"



We have the Community Magazine to thank as the source for our Terwick and Fyning walk. This was a short walk as 12 of us were away in Goring on the group's annual walking holiday, when 29 miles of The Ridgeway were covered in 3 days in unseasonably fabulous weather. And the source for the walks . . . a book aptly name "The Ridgeway"!

Whilst not everyone's idea of fun, part of my enjoyment of belonging to Countryside Companions is sourcing, trying out and tweaking routes, and the amazing discoveries you make along the way. Fancy giving it a go? Join us and see how easy it actually is - ccwalkinggroup@gmail.com



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Highfield & Brookham Schools

The South Downs National Park Trust set up its Bee Lines scheme to establish or restore pollinator habitats, with grant applications open to any businesses within Britain's newest national park. Recently we received a grant from them and the nursery, pre-prep and prep school, which sits in 175-acre grounds, will use the cash to extend its wildflower-planting project. The grant will cover the hire of a specialist rotavator for two weeks and 15 kilos of wildflower seed mix which can cover more than 6,500 square metres of land.



The grant comes just four months after Highfield and Brookham pupils sowed wildflower seeds across the site to mark Earth Day, with the primary aim of giving a helping hand to our prized but threatened pollinators – bees and butterflies.

Well Being Hub

In September, we officially opened our dedicated wellbeing hub, otherwise known as The Beehive. Alicia Drummond, founder of Teen Tips, an organisation which supports mental health and wellbeing in children and adolescents through on-site and online training, cut the ribbon to mark another exciting chapter in the ongoing pastoral story at the school.

The Beehive, named after parallels were drawn between busy bees and children at Highfield and Brookham, not least when it comes to community, effectively working together and looking after each in other in the hive, is now ready to play a starring role in our pastoral provision. The bright and friendly space, which will be staffed throughout the day by teachers expertly trained in mental health first aid, is a place where children can relax, reset and regulate their emotions whenever they need to.



School officially opens dedicated wellbeing hub.

With the mental health and wellbeing of the children in mind, a series of key initiatives have been recently rolled out which have resulted in the school being named a finalist in the 'Student Wellbeing' category of the Independent School of the Year Awards and in the 'Raising Awareness' category of the National Association for Pastoral Care in Education. In the past 12 months, the school has created space in the children's busy days to allow time dedicated to their mental health – in the form of 'Weekly Wellbeing Workshops'. And it was an overwhelmingly positive response to the wellbeing workshops that provided the trigger for the rural boarding school to invest in the development of their very own wellbeing centre.

Pupils Donate Harvest Haul to Liphook Day Centre

This year's Harvest Festival haul has been donated to Liphook Day Centre. The veritable feast of canned goods, packets, bottles, jars and fresh produce was delivered by pupils from Highfield and Brookham School. Four children were joined by Highfield and Brookham Head Suzannah Cryer for the handover.



Head Suzannah Cryer and children from Highfield and Brookham School delivered a bounty of harvest goodies to the Peak Centre in Liphook.

The harvest handover follows hard on the heels of the school presenting a cheque for more than £7,000 to trustees of Liphook Food Bank following a year of fundraising, with the nursery, pre-prep and prep school continuing to cement its strong links with the local community. Food bank trustees Glynis Blake and Mary Braitch were treated to a fun and topical adaptation of classic children's tale The Enormous Turnip before receiving the welcome cheque from children at the nursery, pre-prep and prep school.



Children from Highfield and Brookham School presented a cheque for £7,068 to Mary Braitch and Glynis Blake from Liphook Food Bank.



St Luke's Church, Milland.



Crossing Liphook Golf Course.



Street Scene, Liphook



St. Mary's Church, Bramshott.

Borderlands

Probing the Sussex Perimeter

John Byrne spent two years exploring and then recording the perimeter of Sussex in verse. He looked at many places either side of the border, including places local to Liphook. In this section of his mammoth poem he reflects on 'our local patch'.

Hampshire Gate the most exclusive property around Sits right on the Border here mere yards from Sussex ground Langley is the place name just a mile north of Rake Where mainline trains race past the door all silence to forsake

It is a good few decades now since Pevsner* passed this way That strong sharp-tongued Historian with always much to say Two Milland churches coexist in close proximity

He praised the old he shunned the new he cheered simplicity

The road traversing Milland is much more than it appears Discovered quite by accident in fairly recent years The Tarmacadam surface here conceals something more This ancient way to Silchester is Roman at its core

When crossing Liphook Golf Course 'tis best policy to run You're safest if a driving golfer scores a hole-in-one The lengthy Sussex Border Path cuts through this hallowed ground Where club on ball and little else provide the only sound

The coaching route to Portsmouth little more than dusty track When Samuel Pepys from London came in tougher times way back A one night stop at 'Lippock' saw him freshened by his stay 'fore rising on the brand new morn to venture on his way

You'll never come across it standing deep within a wood At Linch this Listed 'building' is somewhat misunderstood One foot in height, it's pretty old and sits here quite alone A Grade Two listed monument well weathered boundary stone!

Is Bramshott Hants the village with the most ghosts in the land? So many strange encounters to deduce and understand Frankenstein man Karloff came to live here once retired Where his ghost now haunts his old house new hunters to inspire!

One senses short-lived summertime beginning to degrade Short nights pilfer evening minutes, its edges slightly frayed A host of good things handed out depleted now its store A season long in coming searching for the exit door.

*Nikolaus Pevsner was an architectural historian best known for his County-by-County guides, The Buildings of England.



Tuxlith Chapel at Milland.



Crossing Liphook Golf Course.



The Royal Anchor, Liphook.



Bramshott.



A DIFFICULT SUMMER

It was another difficult summer for gardeners, not least for Liphook in Bloom. The summer planting went in on 10th June. The soil was already very dry and all the flowerbeds had to be well watered in or hundreds of plants would have been lost overnight. June proved to be challenging; consistently high temperatures and lack of rain meant the watering team were out daily. However, the hot dry summer wasn't to last. July and August were very unsettled, often cool, dull, windy and with a lot of rainfall. On occasion the hanging baskets looked very bedraggled and although many of the flowers did not like torrential downpours, the weeds thrived!



Photograph by

Joanna Kossak.

It was after the hot dry summer of 2022 that Liphook in Bloom began a long discussion about the impact of climate change and sustainability. In January the team had a talk from Dr. Suzanne Moss, head of education for the Royal Horticultural Society. Her talk was titled 'Growing Sustainability' and she covered a wide range of topics that related to the difference that individuals can make in their own gardens. Residential gardens account for 29.5% of the UK's urban area, so making changes in the way we garden can have a massive impact.



Two examples of styles of planting by Dr. Suzanne Moss.



After hearing the statistics, the team decided to explore the ways in which we can also reduce the amount of water we need to put on the beds, the carbon dioxide we produce and the chemicals we use.

We have decided to increase the amount of permanent planting in several of our beds which means that we will not be disturbing the ground and releasing carbon. It will reduce the area of some beds which will in turn reduce the amount of annual bedding and bulbs that we need to plant. Having seen



Rudbeckia fulgida var deamii RHS. Photograph by Jim Wileman.



examples of colourful displays that a mixture of perennial flowers, grasses and shrubs can create we have decided to make a start by completely replanting the two beds at the Millennium Centre with permanent planting.

The seasonal planting areas in some of the other beds will also hopefully reduce the workload for the team! Suzanne Moss has been kind enough to walk around our beds and make suggestions on a combination of

Stipa tenuissima RHS. Photograph by Sheila Dearing.

plants we can use that will give year-round colour, suit the conditions for each bed and make a suitable habitat for insects and wildlife. The photographs show examples of the style of planting and examples of the type of plants.

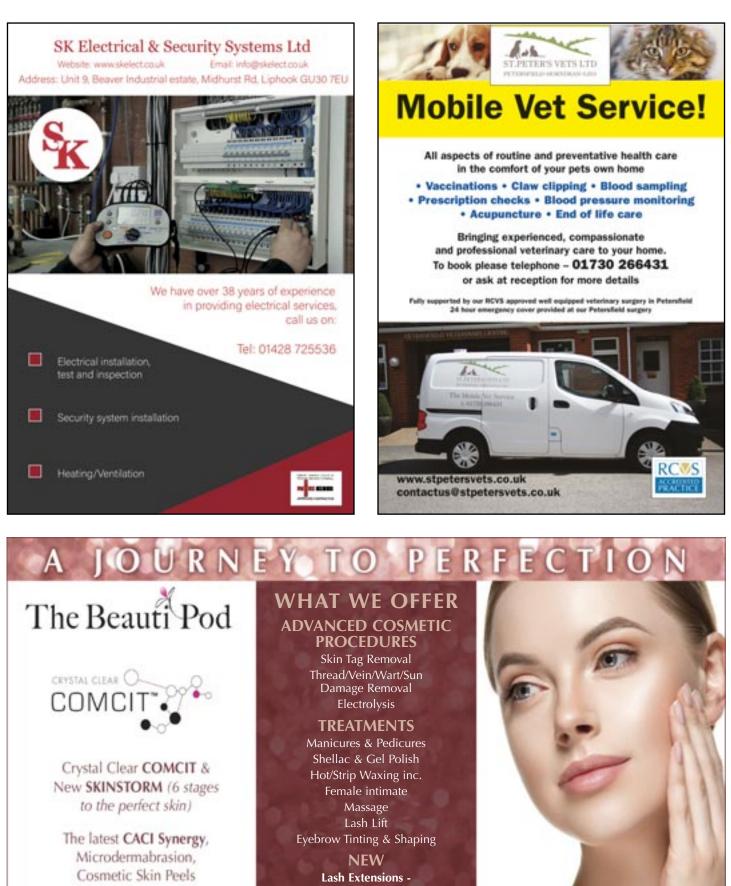
The gradual change to more sustainable planting is an exciting project for Liphook in Bloom. From the outset we have taken pride in the standard of displays enhancing the village. We will continue to set this high standard of planting but in a more sustainable way to help look after this wonderful planet that we inhabit



Osmanthus x burkwoodii RHS. Photograph by Carol Sheppard.



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COMMUNITY SUPPORT LAUNDRY CHARITY IN LIPHOOK

Still Here to Help You By Jen Wiseman.



The Community Support Laundry of Liphook is a truly unique Charity and has been in Liphook for well over 30 years. This wonderful service was formed primarily to assist the elderly, but is offered to anyone of any age who is incapacitated, perhaps after a stay in hospital, or during recuperation. It is also available to carers or perhaps someone looking

after a sick child, understandably too busy to cope with laundry. The need may be permanent or temporary. There is no commitment and the Committee are always keen to fit in with everyone. Although the premises are situated next to the Peak (Day) Centre, the Laundry is, in fact, a separate independent Charity.

Expenses are kept to a minimum. At present, the cost of a dry load of washing (Laundry bags provided at a modest one-off

cost) is just £7.50, for which it is washed, dried and ironed. Members of the Committee will, if necessary, collect the laundry and deliver it back to the Clients. The hardworking, cheerful Committee and Laundress are always keen to fit in with everyone.

As an essential service, the Laundry carried on throughout Lockdown, and is open all year, except for the Christmas period and over New Year. If you are wondering whether the Laundry can help you, please telephone Irene Ellis on 01428 723823, or Barbara Frost 01428 723540 and



they will be only too happy to discuss your needs.

The Laundry is situated to the side of the Peak Centre, next to the pathway up to Sainsbury's, and is open on Tuesday-Wednesday 9.00-13.00 and Thursday 9.30-10.30.



By Christopher Hayward.



Welcomes retired members from around the area nestled in the scenic South Downs. As one of the district's longest established social organisations new members from a professional and business background are welcome to join the monthly evening meetings. Whilst the monthly meetings of supper with a speak-

er covering a range of topics give opportunity for male

company, at the monthly pub lunches and walks, outings to places of interest, the annual summer barbeque, and Christmas luncheon a warm welcome is extended to partners and guests. With a strong charitable ethos at the heart of the club's activities, funds of more than $\pounds10.000$ have been raised over the last decade for local and national charities.

For further details visit the club's website: **www.probuspete.com** or contact the clubs secretary: **clarke-v@talktalk.net**



Now smell the log fires burning bright And see the candles in the night, And hear excitement on the stair, While frosty chill fills cold night air.

'Though we anticipate the snow, And warm our hands in firelight glow, Outside in dark and dim-lit place, The red fox barks, and stills his pace.

Inside the house as we prepare For festive feast, the children dare, Each other, on this Christmas Eve, To say if they all, "still believe". And so, to bed, but not to sleep, To toss and turn, but not to peep, Until at last their eyelids close, While dog-tired parents, gently doze.

Beneath the clear and starry sky, The red fox watches, steely eye, As Parish folk leave nearby church, And deep in pockets, car-keys search.

And on this day when Christ was born, In land now striven, battle-torn, When will these conflicts ever cease, And is there such a thing as peace?



So, smell the log fires in the night, And see the candles that we light, As red fox makes his silent way, We pray for peace this Christmas Day

By Angela Glass.



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Client from Willow Gardens, Liphook

It's Those Onions Again!

Copy by Anne Govier and Sally White. Pictures by Brian Simmonds.

Another very successful Flower Show was held by Liphook Horticultural Society in the Church Centre, Liphook on Saturday 2nd September. The Committee were delighted with the excellent number of high-quality exhibits. Amongst them were again John Gilbert's giant onions for which he won the Best Vegetable Certificate together with The Bob Bell Trophy for best exhibitor in the vegetable classes and the Vian Cup for his shallots. Brian Simmons was delighted to win the Lady Skelhorn Cup for Best in Show for his perfect display of 15 blackberries. Popular classes were the one vegetable one flower class, the cut flower class, the marmalade cake baking and the flower arrangement in a teapot.



Gill Snedden and Barbara Frost shared the Cookery Cup.

Ann Haussauer won the Arthur Johnson Cup for her beautiful dahlias as well as the Countess of Brecknock trophy for best exhibitor in the flower classes whilst Lesley Hollands and Mary Eyre won the Reg Elliott Cup and the W A Coyte Cup respectively. Gill Snedden and Barbara Frost were delighted to jointly win the Cookery Cup. Marie Claire Keyser won the Floral Cup for her floral arrangements. The Committee were very pleased to see more entries in the floral art classes thanks to



Lovely red tomatoes.

Marie Claire Keyser's tuition session in flower arranging held recently. Elsie Eyre and Harrison Gooding won the two children's cups for their entries.

The Committee were pleased to see new entrants putting in several entries, amongst them Edwin Brooks from 'Ed's Veg'. To his delight he won first place in the



The Novice Trophy went to Edwin Brooks.

mixed cut flower class with his outstanding bunch of mixed flowers. He also won the new Novice Cup for his mixed dahlias.



Lovely Autumn Display.

As usual mouthwatering cakes were served with tea and coffee, thanks to Lesley Hollands.

If you would like further information about the Society, please contact Ann Haussauer on **01428 723045.**

Marie-Claire Keyser's winning entry for 'A Walk in the Woods'.



Forty Ygars on the Wgy By Alistair Young.

The River Wey Trust was founded nearly forty years ago as a result of a group from the Liphook Preservation Society (now known as the Heritage Society) getting together to restore the aqueduct which you can see from the lay-by in London Road. That work, completed in 1984, sparked an interest in the water meadow system of which that aqueduct was a key part.

Learning and understanding the water meadows and the use and management of the waters broadened to the general history of the river, the mills and structures which relied on the river . . . and the river environment itself.

The late Adrian Bird – founder and key instigator of the Trust which he liked to call his 'hobby' – supported the water testing initiative of the national Fresh Water Watch group, taking part in their regular annual testing programmes and working with others who care about the river as part of the Wey Landscape Partnership.

Then came the pandemic. During that period we lost Adrian, but found a growing number of people who discovered that 'outside' was a good place, and the river as a focus of well-being.

The Trust had been discussing

sampling'. That is a method of

increasing involvement with testing and were trained by the Frensham

Fly Fishers in the technique of 'kick

assessing the numbers and types of invertebrate fly larvae and Nymphs which spend a period of their lives on the riverbed. The RiverFly organisation which started with the angling community has a method of scoring the results of the samples

to give an indication of the state of



Mayfly Nymph.



the ecology. Invertebrate mini-beasts such as Mayfly larvae and freshwater Shrimp or Gammarus are very sensitive to changes in their habitat and are key indicators of pollution in a body of water.

The Trust runs monthly kick sample tests in the river at its watermeadow site, Allee's Meadow, which is off Tunbridge

Gammarus (Shrimp) and a cluster of fish eggs.

Lane in Bramshott – next to the Liphook allotments.

The results – which can be seen on the Trust website at **riverweytrust.org.uk/waterquality** – show that the river is in reasonable health, with a stable community of invertebrates. The sample scores vary with the seasons but have never approached the "warning level" identified by the RiverFly organisation.

Invertebrate health is however not the only water quality indicator, and while these mini-beasts are a good indicator of

the ability to survive, they do not measure the level of chemical interference in the water.

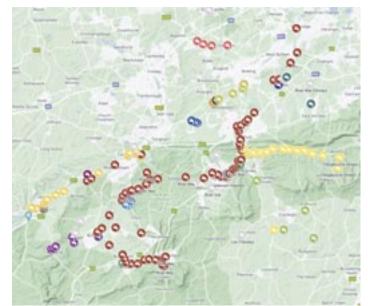
We are not equipped to run those full scientific tests which require a laboratory with safe and sterile handling of water samples, but we do have the capability as citizen scientists to collect volumes of basic test results.

Using test kits from Water Rangers, we are able to collect a number of chemical indicators from the river. The protocols and test equipment used have been validated by academic researchers, so that these data provide a reliable indicator of the chemicals in the water. Collected regularly over a large number of sampling points and over a similar timeframe, these



results provide a powerful body of information, and allow us to identify problem areas and hot spots which need to be highlighted and examined with the full set of lab tools.

With regular tests for almost two years, and with an expanding group of volunteers and interest groups, the Trust is coordinating the information from over 180 test sites along the length of the Wey, both north and south branches, and as far down as the confluence with the Thames at Weybridge.



The Water Quality testing points on the river (Google Maps).

These results - with a link to the whole group page on the Water Rangers website – are also available on the Trust's waterquality page, or use the WaterRangers link at https://app.waterrangers.ca/groups/river-wey-trust-water-quality-testing.

These data allow us to understand such things as the levels of nitrates which will usually result from agricultural run-off as the fertiliser is washed off the land. Used to encourage growth in crops, in the river they encourage excessive growth in plants and algae, choking the water and reducing the light needed by animals and invertebrates . . . killing off life.

Human and animal waste, detergents and other household substances contain phosphates, a nutrient that accelerates the growth of algae and fungus and robs river water of oxygen – again killing off life.

Assessing the presence of these chemicals, together with levels of acidity and oxygen in the water are key to understanding where action needs to be taken. Through the Wey Landscape Partnership, we are able to work with water companies and those agencies who can address the problems. Working with them in a positive way means that the testing we do makes a real difference.

We are not yet able to have a full picture of the state of the water. Testing for such as e.coli which comes from animal and human waste cannot be readily done without a lab, so along

with the group at Zero Guildford, funds are being raised to provide lab capability for those tests which are so important in these days of sewage overflows which impact all river users; humans, fish, animals, and birds.



Water quality testing at Allee's Meadow.

If you would like to contribute to these funds, please send us an email for details - of course you will always be welcome to join us in water testing – details of the events we hold are at: **riverweytrust.org.uk/volunteer**

UPDATE FROM

Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council

NEW COUNCILLOR

We are pleased to welcome Robbie Ireland who recently joined us as a parish councillor. Robbie is a lifelong Liphook resident and runs his TV aerial and satellite services business in the village so will be a familiar face to many. Robbie is keen to help make the village a better place for the youth of the village.

If you would like to contact any of our councillors, please visit our website: https://bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk/council/councillors

RADFORD PARK

We have recently received some funding from developers' contributions to install a new boardwalk in Radford Park. This will open up a previously little used area of the park and we look forward to this work commencing in 2024.

By the time this magazine is published, we should also have installed some new steps at the entrance to the park by Locke Road.

PICNIC ON THE GREEN 2024 Save the date!

We will be hosting a Picnic on the Green on:

Sunday 5th May 2024, 12.00 - 6.00pm.

We are now looking for local groups, schools, organisations and business to get involved in this year's event. In keeping with our previous Queen's Jubilee 2022 and King's Coronation 2023 events we will be encouraging fundraising, and this time with an eco ethos.

If you are interested in getting involved in this popular community event please get in touch by emailing:

events.manager@bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk or telephone Gill Snedden on 01428 723889.

D-DAY 80 6TH JUNE 2024

We are also looking forward to holding a beacon lighting ceremony on Thursday 6th June 2024 in the evening to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Our plans are in the early stages but if this is something you would like to get involved with, please email the Parish Clerk using the details below.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL RESIDENTS

Finally, we would like to wish all our residents a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

We hope by the time you read this article you will be enjoying our annual Christmas lights around The Square!

> Email: clerk@bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk Telephone: 01428 722988 Website: www.bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk Facebook: facebook.com/bramshottandliphook



Our film for Friday 8th December is Asteroid City.

In the New Year, films will be on the 2nd Friday of the Month, with an extra one in January.

Friday 12th January Friday Friday 9th February Frida Friday 12th April Friday Friday 14th June

Friday 26th January Friday 8th March Friday 10th May

Films will be published on our website: www.liphookmc.co.uk



For tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/liphookmillenniumcentre



Community Events

Coffee Mornings - Every Monday from 11.00am - 12 noon

Soup n Natter - Every Friday from 12.30pm – 1.30pm £4.00 per person

If you would like to hire one of our rooms, or even the whole complex at Liphook Millennium Centre

Tel.: 01428 723889

Email: events.manager@bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk

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A. Steven, 07796 268095, Parade Night: Tuesday at Wolfe House, Bordon, 7-9.30 p.m.

BALLET & JAZZ DANCE CLASSES - from 2¹/₂ 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 2¹/₂ years at Headley Village Hall, Grayshott Village Hall and Pinewood Village Hall, Bordon. Contact Hilary Bishop AISTD on 01428 605290.

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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.

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LIPHOOK YOUTH CLUB - John Tough, 01428 724492.

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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@haslemereswimmingclub.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.

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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

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