

# Liphook

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## PARISH PEOPLE

# Avis Funge



In 1993 Laurence Giles, wrote a little book called 'Liphook Lives' which featured Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Funge and was an interesting account of their lives. I have dipped into this resource to begin Avis' story. Later I will talk to Avis and add a few final words.

Avis' father was a carpenter working for Sir Archibald Macdonald

of Woolmer Lodge (which later had a change of name to become Ludshott Manor). Sir Archibald had a disabled son and as his little boy was tutored at home, twelve other boys were invited to keep him company. Alfred Denyer, Avis' father was one of them.

Avis' mother, Ann Burt, who was born in Brockenhurst had a hard upbringing and as a child did not learn to read or write, consequently teaching herself these skills while working as a kitchen maid for Lady Colvin at Rake Court. She was a beauty and at local dances met two men who both wanted to marry her. She made her choice by the toss of a coin and luckily Alfred won. They were married at Brockenhurst in 1905 and started life together in one room of her mother's house, number one York Terrace (off the Headley Road) although soon afterwards her parents moved to number three, taking all the furniture with them. The young couple sat on the stairs to eat their meals until Mr. Caesar, Alfred's boss took pity on them, giving them old chairs and a table from his attic.

The Denyers had four children Ann, Bessie, Dick and Avis. Their father's army career ended in 1916 and then he served as an instructor of musketry in the Royal Engineers at Longmoor despite being blind in one eye. Avis praises her mother, saying that she was a wonderful woman who took in washing to augment the family budget. On first fetching water from the shared well she 'soaped' the clothes with Sunlight soap and soda, followed by rubbing, scrubbing and rinsing. Little Mrs. Madgwick used to help with the wash. During six long weeks when the well water was condemned as being foul the water had to be carried in buckets and a galvanised steel bath all the way from Radford Bridge. Avis says, 'My mother must have got a bit fed up but she was never cross with me.'

Life was not all work however, and Avis remembers that when she was seven she was ordered to bed every Saturday afternoon for a nap, so that she would be ready for the fun of the shilling dances her parents ran in the Village Hall from 8.00 to 12.00p.m. Her father was the M.C. and a four piece band would play. Six dozen cream cakes from the Co-op would delight the dancers, among whom were soldiers from Longmoor.

On Sundays the whole family walked up the hanger path to Bramshott Church where Avis' father was a bellringer for twenty years. Sunday afternoons were spent making trips to King George's Sanatorium to take scones to the patients who otherwise would

have no visitors. Winter evenings were spent in front of the fire in the parlour, singing hymns accompanied by her father playing his piccolo.

Her parents were saving desperately to acquire their own house and finally managed to buy a plot in the Longmoor Road. They dug the footings for the bungalow by hand and the building work was done by family and friends. Avis' brother Dick did a lot of the carpentry, Bill Earwicker was the plasterer and Tommy Holdsworth was the plumber. Building a lovely home on a shoe string was a wonderful achievement. They named it 'The Weirs' after the part of Brockenhurst where her mother was born but it was nicknamed 'Wash Tub Cottage.'

The family were very involved with the Liphook Cricket and Football Clubs and Avis remembers trips to play matches in Portsmouth, in a hired lorry with a canvas cover over the players in the back. After the match there was a fish and chip tea, followed by a visit to the cinema or a music-hall.

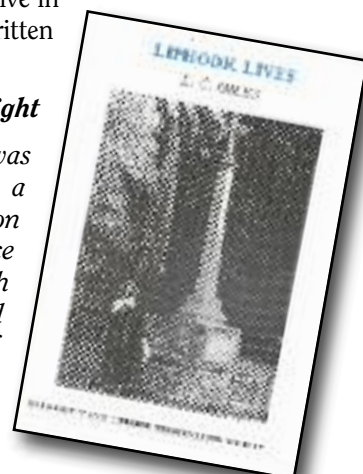
Avis continued to help her mother with the laundry which now included work from the Anchor Hotel and she carried the clothes back and forth in a push chair, later updating the transport when her parents bought her a Raleigh bicycle for £3.19.11. She says that all three daughters went into service at fourteen, each leaving home with a present of a gold watch. Later she and Arthur started courting and married on May 11th 1940. Her mother made them a beautiful cake, getting up several times during the night to see if it was cooking properly. They spent their honeymoon in Dawlish.

They lived in Rose Cottage in Newtown for seven years, before moving to the Working Men's Club, where Arthur became a steward. When he was poorly a change of jobs found them living in a flat in Ludshott Manor where Avis became a house maid, working for Mrs. Poland, then moving to Gunns Farm. Their final move was to her parents' home 'The Weirs', where they looked after her ninety four year old mother for four years until her death in 1974.

I caught up with ninety-eight year old Avis at The Peak Centre where she had just enjoyed a tasty lunch with friends. Now Avis lives at Greenbank but leads a busy life, still loving to play a game of Scrabble. She told me that her four children Peter, David, Joan and Sue are all well and have their own families. She would love to see Peter but he and his family live in California. She liked what I had written about her and her family.

**June Wright**

*Information for this article was gathered from 'Liphook Lives', a Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society booklet written by Laurence Giles, published in 1993, which included interviews with Avis and Arthur Funge. There is a range of booklets on different themes, written by local people and they are on sale in the Heritage Centre.*



*Front cover picture by Ann Wright, Liphook U3A Camera club. Otters seen at the British Wildlife Trust, Lingfield.*

# What's on in Liphook

## Friday 3rd March - Millennium Centre

A Street Cat Named Bob - A Film - 6.45pm

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## Sunday 11th June - Bohunt School Annual Liphook

Bike Ride

## Spring Appeal

As most of you know, your quarterly Magazine is compiled and delivered free-of-charge by volunteers from within the community. This work is all unpaid and we continue to owe a huge vote of thanks to all these individuals involved in both compiling and delivering to your door.

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However, as we do not receive any financial support from the Parish or District Councils, any shortfall in funds must be made up by donations and these come mainly from residents.

Your past support has enabled the Magazine to develop a firm financial base and devote more pages to local matters.

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**John Anthistle**

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# Peak Day Centre

I have to admit my ignorance. I knew the Peak Centre was off the car park near the chemist's – but until Chairman of the Day Centre, Paul Robinson, invited me round, I did not know what a service to the community it actually provides. This is the purpose of my article – so that other members of our community are made aware of what the Day Centre offers to the elderly.

It is primarily a social centre, open to clients (a maximum number of 18 a day) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm. Clients are brought to the Peak Centre in a variety of ways: by their carers, by volunteer drivers, nurses (from Greenbanks, for example) or via the Age Concern mini-bus. The charge is £12 for the day, which includes a two-course hot meal, coffee, tea, games and amusements such as cards, Scrabble, dominoes. Most importantly, it gives clients, many of whom are on their own, a chance to chat to others. Various locals from the Liphook/Bramshott community drop in to interact with the regular clients. These include students from Bohunt as well as young people participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Pupils from Highfield School visit the Day Centre regularly as part of their 'Outreach' Programme. They've been very creative in their involvement with the Day Centre's clients – devising quizzes, with prizes, and have also invited clients to the school itself - to a fund-raising concert and a summer party.

The Liphook Day Centre has three salaried members of staff. Penny Leigh, who has worked in nursing home management, and Karen Hannay, are joint managers. Chef Sharon Short has qualifications in catering and nutrition. She has previously worked in hotels, boarding schools and care homes. Sharon is aware of individual client's needs – those that need their food cut up, those with dietary conditions such as diabetes – and caters accordingly. In addition to her own homemade crumbles and cheesecakes, Sharon welcomes the weekly cake that one of the D of E participants makes for the clients.

The staff and volunteers at the Day Centre help the clients in many unexpected ways. They will get their prescriptions filled, take clients for doctor's appointments, do a bit of shopping at Sainsbury's for them, take them to the 'hard of hearing clinic', do their banking. Clients can bring in their laundry which the Liphook Laundry will wash, dry and iron. The staff are very much 'on the ball' – and will alert family members if any concerns arise about clients' well-being. They are good counsellors and good listeners.

Bob Hall, a Trustee and volunteer driver of the Day Centre, brings in eggs from a local farmer for clients to take home. Knowing that men are generally less gregarious than women,

Bob has also set up a separate entity, a Men's Club, at the Centre where clients can drop in on Monday mornings. This gives them an opportunity to chat to other men, have coffee or tea, play cards, dominoes and the like. Every six to eight weeks, Bob organises outings via mini-bus to various places, the most favoured being museums. Recent trips have been to the D-Day Museum and the Royal Marines Museum, with lunch stops for fish and chips.

The Day Centre relies on donations and grants for 40% of the running costs. The other 60% comes from the £12 per day from clients, and fund raising events such as jumble sales, coffee mornings, skittles evenings and musical evenings. They usually receive a grant from the Parish Council for which they have to apply annually, and occasionally from East Hants District Council. In a store room, the Day Centre has a stock of walking frames, Zimmers, perching stools and commodes that they will lend for a donation from the borrower.

When I visited in December, they were getting ready for Christmas. I was shown a shelf piled high with shoeboxes decorated in festive wrapping, full of goodies provided by readers of The Messenger newspaper, which were to be distributed among the clients. In addition to this, the Day Centre had prepared their own Christmas hampers containing non-perishable items such as tea, coffee, tinned food from the church's Harvest Festival. Yes, the community certainly does care!



As I was taken round and introduced to some of the clients, a woman from Pets as Therapy arrived with a four-legged friend called 'Scrumpy'. Every fortnight, a volunteer from that charity comes with a very biddable dog for the clients to pet and fuss over. The clients enjoy this – and from what I saw, the dog certainly does as well!

We are very lucky to have the Liphook Day Centre here in our midst. New clients are welcome, as well as volunteers willing to come in and chat, and additional volunteer drivers. Clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service (the replacement of the CRB check) is organised and paid for by the Peak Centre Trust.

I shall close with words from Chairman Paul Robinson: "Senior citizen care at GU30 7TN is carrying on from strength to strength, giving a blue-chip service to its clients and will, when called upon, go the extra mile to ensure that the senior citizens of our Parish get the best we are able to give them."

For more information, you can email:

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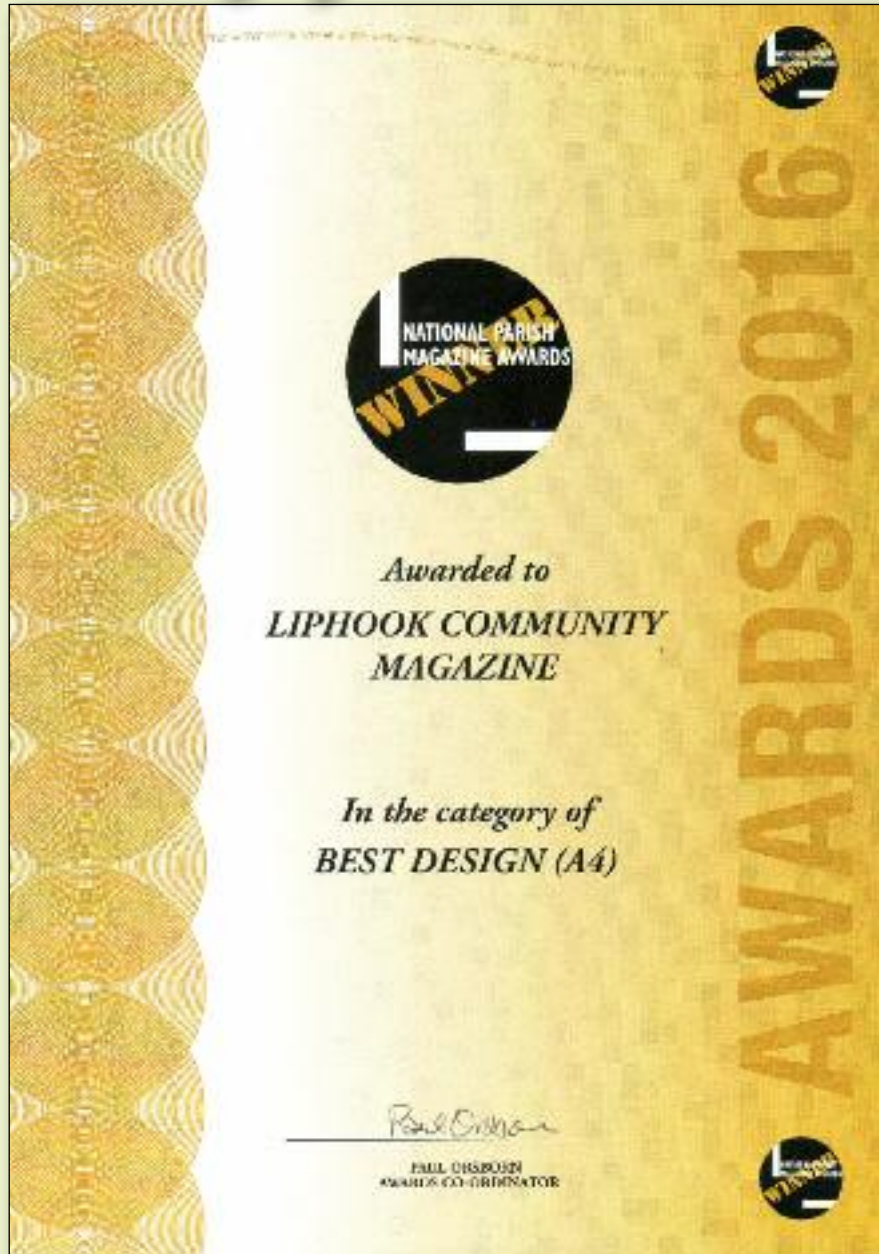
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**Mari Wallace**



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# 'Best Design' in the National Parish Magazine Awards 2016



The members of the Liphook Community Magazine Committee are delighted to announce that our magazine has been awarded 'Best Design' in the National Parish Magazine Awards for 2016. This organisation exists to acknowledge and celebrate the enormous amount of time and effort that editors and their fellow volunteers devote, totally free of charge, to producing high quality publications that serve their respective communities throughout the year.

There are five categories of awards: Best Design, Best Content, Best Editor, Best Print and Best Overall Magazine. We submitted our Spring and Summer 2016 issues to the judging panel. In making their award, they had to evaluate the artwork, page layout and use of graphics - areas in which our magazine excels.

The Liphook Community Magazine Committee strives to include in every issue a range of articles reflecting the variety of activities, events and personalities that enrich our parish. Since putting the magazine online via the Liphook village website, we have extended our readership well beyond the parish. We are grateful for the positive feedback and plaudits that we regularly receive.

Huge thanks go to the Editor of the magazine, Mrs. Hazel Williams, and Mr. Andy Cooper of Inprint Design, who take great care that the magazine is designed and printed to such a high standard - hence the award.

**Roger Miller, Chairman**





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# Liphook in Bloom

Looking out of the window on a cold wet day in January it seems hard to remember those balmy days in summer when the flowers were blooming and we began to worry whether they were getting enough water. In fact was there any chance of a drought? However, the bulbs are beginning to pop up, the days are beginning to get longer and spring is on the way.

It is easy to grumble about the rain – but without it, Britain would not be the ‘green and pleasant land’ that we love. Once the days start getting warmer the Liphook in Bloom team have to keep a careful eye on the plants to check that they are not in need of water. There is in fact a dedicated ‘watering team’!

Since the start of Liphook in Bloom, the watering team have developed a rigorous system that usually starts in May and carries on until September. First of all they need the water; for many years now a local landowner has permitted Liphook in Bloom to take water from his lake. The water is pumped from the lake into two tanks on a trailer, one thousand litres at a time. These tanks are then emptied into a holding tank which is located in a yard, off the Haslemere Road. Repeated visits to the lake are needed to fill the holding tank which holds about ten thousand litres.



Liphook in Bloom have a bowser on a trailer which is filled from the holding tank. It is equipped with a pump which serves hoses one of which has a lance on the end to reach the containers on lamp posts. Watering team members work in pairs: one member to drive a car with tow bar attachment and a colleague to manage the hoses.



The containers on the lamp posts located throughout the village contain reservoirs and were specially purchased by Liphook in Bloom. The containers have a hole in the bottom which enables the reservoir to be filled with water from the lance. It takes five to ten seconds to fill each one. There are over one hundred planters and containers which all need watering, as well as the flowerbeds in really dry conditions. So as you can imagine this needs a very dedicated team.

There are plans in hand to install two 4000 litre tanks at the Millennium Hall to collect rainwater from the roofs. This would negate the need to collect water from the lake which, as can be appreciated, is very time consuming. Grants are being sought to pay for these tanks which are anticipated to cost in the region of £6,000.

As already mentioned, for Liphook to carry on Blooming, a dedicated watering team is of great importance. At present there is a rota of fourteen members who take their turn at least three or four times throughout the growing season, for about an hour and a half at a time. However, if there were more members it would give greater flexibility, allowing for holidays, etc. when planning the rota. If you think you might be able to help in any way, Roger Miller would be very pleased to hear from you, especially if you have a car with a tow bar! Please contact him on: **01428 722859** or e-mail: **millerroger44a@gmail.com**

It's not all hard work, there is plenty of opportunity to socialise and enjoy watching Liphook Bloom.



# Liphook Library

## Home Library Service

Liphook Library offers a fantastic range of services to the local community. These services include books, magazines, Children's activities and access to the internet to name just a few. We don't think it should be only for those who can get to us at the library either. Hampshire Libraries aim to make sure that everyone in the county has access to the Library if they want it. For a long time we have offered the Home Library Service for those young or old who, for a multitude of reasons, don't find it possible to make it into the Library.



This service, organised in our area by Nicolette (Nic) Morgan, wouldn't work without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Nic meets with the customers and has a chat with them, then matches them up with a DBS (CRB) checked volunteer and arranges for the volunteer to go and visit the customer. They then come into the library and choose items to take to the customer. This has been the start of some great friendships.

There are benefits to both customers and volunteers alike. One customer, Mrs M, who is visually impaired, has been patiently shown by a volunteer to use Playaways. These are audio books on a simple to use MP3 device; just pop in a battery and plug in your headphones and you are away. This has greatly improved the range of books she has access to. These monthly visits (often twice-monthly as the volunteer is so dedicated) are a life-line for Mrs M as she relies on the stories to relax. There is also the chat and cup of tea that they share together. Mrs M has said "how wonderful it is to have a visit from someone who is not visiting because of medical needs but because of something pleasurable".

This service is often seen as a life-line to many isolated people and there is a great range of items that can be taken to the customer. There are books, large print books, talking newspapers, audio books in the form of CD's and MP3 CD's (a book on just one disk) as well as the Playaways. Our Reminiscence collection



is also widely utilised by customers who are unable to read through illness such as Dementia.

The benefits are not just to the customers but to the volunteers as well. One volunteer says that "his housebound customer was a Newspaper editor and is very intelligent." They discuss a multitude of topics when he visits and he always comes away feeling he has learned something. Another says "... the welcoming smile on the face of the recipient [is] a reward in itself".

With the recent loss of the Mobile Libraries last year we are aware of more people needing help accessing the Library and we want to help them. If you know of someone who would benefit from the Home Library Service or if you would like to reap the rewards of being a volunteer please contact us to get involved. You can contact us in branch or by calling us on **0300 555 1387** or email [library@hants.gov.uk](mailto:library@hants.gov.uk) or fill in an online application form at [www.hants.gov.uk/library](http://www.hants.gov.uk/library)

*Hermione CSA Liphook Library*

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# Where Are We Now?

Following on from the last edition of the Liphook Community Magazine, here's another fun quiz to test your observational

skills showing some local items or places found in the Liphook/Bramshott area. Can you guess their location?



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## ANSWERS

1. Heraldic plaque of William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester, on end of Malthouse Barn, Haslemere Road. Inscription reads 'Manners make man'.
2. Ancient aqueduct over River Wey, at Radford Bridge, seen by going into lay-by opposite Radford Park.
3. Clock in window of Post Office Sorting Department, Portsmouth Road.
4. 18th-century clock, dated 1730, lovingly restored by George Ayling, Heritage Centre.
5. Clock above estate agent Hamptons in The Square.
6. Bramshott Common, Canadian memorial maples alongside A3.
7. Egg and tongue decoration in the eaves of the Royal Anchor Hotel in the Square.
8. Applique Wall hanging, sewn in 2000, Millennium Hall.
9. Dormer window, The Tap House, the Square, (behind pillar box).
10. Graffiti on pillars by the River Wey, under A3 fly-over, seen from foot path to Bramshott Church.





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# Edward Thomas (1878 - 1917)

Ted Hughes, former poet laureate and celebrator of the English countryside, referred to Edward Thomas as 'the father of us all'. Tragically, Thomas was killed on 9th April 1917, Easter Monday, a century ago, at the Battle of Arras. He was 39 years old.

My introduction to Thomas was his highly evocative poem about the Gloucestershire village, 'Adlestrop'. It is often listed among the nation's favourites.

I had no idea, when I moved to Liphook, that Edward Thomas had lived in Steep from 1906 to 1916, and that many of his poems were written here, inspired by his surroundings.

Thomas was a complicated man who was plagued by depression. He'd married at age 21, when his girlfriend, Helen, fell pregnant with their first child. He sought solace in the countryside around Steep, often leaving his wife and young family to go on long walks, which were like therapy. Sometimes he'd be gone for days at a time. He was aware of his 'demons' and did not want to inflict his dark moods on the people closest to him.

Between 1900 and 1914, Thomas earned a living writing what he deemed 'hack work', much of which was to a strict deadline, needing funds to support his growing family. This included essays, reviews, biographies, book introductions, natural history and literary criticism.

A turning point was when in 1913 Thomas met American poet Robert Frost. Their friendship deepened when, in the summer of 1914, the two men and their families were both staying in Gloucestershire. Frost read some of Thomas's prose which he felt was stylistically so close to poetry that it could easily be made into verse. This was the catalyst that Thomas needed, enabling him at last to find his true voice.

When war broke out, Frost decided to return home. The bond between the two men had grown so strong that for a time Thomas actually contemplated immigrating. Frost went on to become one of America's greatest poets. In fact, he was John F. Kennedy's favourite. Frost, who lived until age 88, often used nature as a metaphor for greater philosophical themes.



Thomas's early death robbed the world of a poet who had only just begun to get into his stride, and who showed so much promise. Nonetheless, in the two years leading up to his untimely death, he wrote some 140 poems, many of which can be matched to specific locations. For instance, 'Up the Wind' tells the story of the theft of the sign of the White Horse pub (located in the hamlet of Priors Dean) which resulted in it being called, in perpetuity, the 'pub with no name'.

Other Thomas poems linked to the area in and around Steep include 'The New House' and 'Wind and Mist' which refer to the Red House - the Thomas family's home from 1909-1913. A path going up Stoner Hill is celebrated in his poem, 'The Path'. In 'The Lane' Thomas describes the flora and fauna along Green Lane in Froxfield. Another is 'Beauty' which he wrote when he couldn't go out walking, having sprained his ankle running down Shoulder of Mutton Hill.

There is also a beautiful poem to his beleaguered wife, Helen, entitled 'And you, Helen, what should I give you?' in which he wishes her 'Many fair days free from care...' She never stopped loving him, despite his - often - ill treatment of her, largely brought on by his mental instability.

Not long ago, I went 'walkabouts' - following in Thomas's footsteps, thanks to the route I'd downloaded from East Hampshire's Literary Walks website. En route are all of Thomas's Steep homes: Berryfield Cottage (1906), the Red House, and finally No. 2 Yew Tree Cottage - which is where, between 1913 and 1916, he wrote the majority of his poems. Half way down Shoulder of Mutton Hill is the memorial stone that was erected to Thomas in 1937. Inscribed in it is the last line of one of his essays, "And I rose up and knew I was tired and continued my journey." In All Saints' Church in the village are the memorial windows dedicated to Thomas.

Thomas's collection of poems, which is dedicated to Frost, was published posthumously in 1917. Frost responded with these words: 'Edward Thomas was the only brother I ever had.' In 1920, Frost wrote a tribute to his friend entitled 'To E.T.' Its opening line is 'I slumbered with your poems on my breast'.



Because of his age - 39 - Thomas was not required to fight in World War I. Nonetheless, he felt it was his duty to do so, and joined the Royal Garrison Artillery. He was killed only a few months after arriving in France and is buried in the Military Cemetery in Agny, France. Quite fittingly, there is also a plaque to Thomas in Poet's Corner of Westminster Abbey.

Petersfield Museum has recently linked up with the Edward Thomas Society and will now be housing their collection of some 1500 books on Thomas which will be available for research from this April. A special room above Petersfield Police Station will be designated the 'Edward Thomas Room', and it is hoped that in



the near future there will be a brand-new Research Centre in the town. The Museum will have an exhibit on Thomas from April to June. Entry is £3.

**Mari Wallace**

DON COOK

# Cobbler Extraordinaire

## Don Cook's Retirement.



Don Cook has spent nearly all his life perfecting the art of shoe repairing and the sewing and handling of leather. Leaving school at fourteen he joined Tyndales, a cobbler's business and began to learn his trade. In 1947 he was called up to do his national service in the army and was sent to Scotland to become useful, mending army boots, shoes and tack. Two years later, back in civvy life he worked for Harrington's the shoe repairer in Bordon but the business was struck by a dread intruder. 'Tuf' shoes came into the market place and they had a guarantee of a year against needing repair, meaning people did not need their shoes repairing so often. Don had to leave the business and this was when he came to Liphook, being offered the chance to rent the stout brick building which came to be known as 'Tweenways' which was surrounded by busy shops, three of which sold shoes. The year was 1960. Soon plenty of work came in, especially when stiletto heels arrived on the scene. Don's place in Liphook society was assured. Every lunch time he went for a walk and got to know the other shopkeepers, which included Coyte's, Pinks and Silks and all the customers. Then the Square was truly the heart of the village.

Don's favourite hobby was to play golf and he was a member of the Bohunt Manor Golf Club for twenty years, always enjoying his half day closing afternoons there. He and his wife live in Arford and Don likes the outdoor life.



When the time came for him to retire a notice appeared on Liphook Talk Back saying that people were welcome to attend a small surprise party at the little teashop '26, The Square' over the road from Don's premises. David Nicholls and his two daughters Sophie and Charlotte laid out a spread for the thirty or so people who came to wish Don well in his retirement. Don and his wife Mabel enjoyed the occasion, especially the decorated 'cobblers'-cake the girls had baked. Liphook Day Centre Chairman Paul Robinson summed up everyone's thoughts when he said that Don had finally decided 'to hang up his hammer' after fifty seven years of faithful service and everyone wished Don and Mabel much happiness in their future lives. As a parting gesture Sophie Nicholls presented Don with a book full of messages from his friends.

The cobbler automaton always present in Don's window has now been retired to a new home but the photo taken by Ian Baker shows how magnificent he was. (See back cover).

*June Wright*





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## WINNING SKIPPER BRENDAN HALL INSPIRES BOHUNT STUDENTS WITH TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Bohunt School was lucky enough to host Clipper Round the World Yacht Race winner, Brendan Hall for a full day of activities.

Brendan's TALK entitled 'Leading through the eye of the storm' was a gripping narrative about an ocean yacht race on the edge, and a young skipper's determined journey to victory.

The Clipper Round the World Yacht Race is the ultimate long distance challenge - a 35,000-mile circumnavigation of the

globe, contested by amateur crews in identical racing yachts - and the winning team is the one that keeps their focus the longest. The 2010 winning boat, Spirit of Australia, was led by 28-year-old Brendan. Although he was the youngest and least experienced skipper in the race, the win was no accident - it was the culmination of years of training, skilled navigation and a leadership style way beyond his years.

The win was anything but easy, with his leadership skills severely tested many times, most acutely by a North Pacific hurricane; Brendan had to go to the rescue of an injured skipper on a

competing yacht and skippered both boats across one of the most feared oceans in the world. Brendan's brutally honest, no-holds-barred presentation was revealing and instructive to the 800 students listening intently, with valuable lessons in leadership and management - as well as never giving up. Thrown in quite literally at the deep end, he was pushed to the limit, and learned the leadership and teamwork lessons you can only learn the hard way.

Following the School Assembly Brendan then spent the rest of the day running two captivating workshops for groups of students who have been identified as having potential as leaders (or alternative?) and giving a talk to the local community. He also met with leaders from Bohunt School who may well be continuing to work with Brendan as they sail the good ship Bohunt further beyond 'Outstanding' and into the uncharted waters of Sixth Form, which opens in September of next year; his experience shows that with the right research, leadership and mindset an inaugural voyage can also be a winning one.



## BOHUNT STUDENTS HEAD TO CHINA ON THE FIRST LEG OF A CULTURAL EXCHANGE

25 students and 3 teachers from Bohunt School, went on a very special trip to China. Throughout the two weeks they took part in activities they could not have done without Bohunt's extensive Chinese links, which include being part of the Government's Mandarin Excellence Programme and having a partner school in Taizhou. Their confidence in speaking Mandarin and their understanding of Chinese culture grew profoundly, despite a number of challenges along the way.

They finally arrived in Xiamen, on China's South East coast, where they stayed for 6 days. They studied Mandarin for three hours at a time, took cultural language classes in things like Kung Fu and tea ceremonies in the University of Xiamen and had many excursions around the city. Due to the high level of language the students have already they were encouraged to apply for a scholarship to Xiamen University after leaving Sixth Form.

Next they travelled to Taizhou, and stayed with host Chinese families. Many students found this nerve-racking, for many it was the first time they had stayed alone with an unknown family in a foreign environment. Then they visited Suzhou for one day

followed by a journey by bullet train to Shanghai for two days of sightseeing.

The most challenging, but rewarding and memorable, part of the trip was living with a Chinese family for 5 days. The students





experienced the everyday lives of their exchange partners and practiced their language skills overcoming communication barriers. The level of hospitality was fantastic, with students taught to make local delicacies, taken to the best restaurants around town and kept talking until late in the night about their very different lives; there was also a lot of English homework that was helped with! Students from the school in Taizhou were incredibly excited to have English students visiting and treated them like celebrities, including screaming and crowding windows to get a view”

One of the most difficult things to get used to in China was the colossal contrast in everything from the school day (very long) to the environment (very busy and built up). For example the students were served a vast array of foods that they wouldn't eat back at home in a very communal and formal way. A great example of this was when served duck, or sometimes chicken, the dish would come with the head still attached. This threw most of the students except Alex who tucked in to the brain. Eating the amazing foods is an experience the students won't forget.

Another aspect of life in China which is striking contrast to life in England was the school day. The students were stunned at how much time their exchanges spent at school. The average Chinese school day started before 7:00am and ended at 6:00pm, a huge difference from the 8.40am-4:30pm at Bohunt. Additionally, Chinese teachers set about another 2 hours of homework every night so some students didn't finish working until late at night!

All the students that went have stated that the China exchange was an unforgettable trip and experience. Many students are now keen to go and study/work in China in the future.



The Chinese students that they stayed with will return to the UK in July 2017 for the second leg of the exchange. The Bohunt students can't wait to return the hospitality and show them the school and locality

## The Special Day

On the inside back cover of our Summer 2016 magazine, we had an article asking for memories and pictures from 1960's Scooter Owners. We had a response from Nick Hamilton who sent us pictures of 'His Magnificent Babies' for inclusion in the magazine. Since then, he has married his fiancé seen on the pillion. Initially, he was planning a themed wedding which was to include his scooter. For various reasons Nick and his fiancé were unable to have a 'scooter themed' wedding at St Marys Church Bramshott. They had an English tea party come village fete themed wedding. Instead of their planned wedding vehicle, their beloved scooter, they had a very special car. When Nick was 15 he and his father started a father son project to

build a car, eventually making it roadworthy when Nick was the ripe old age of 30 (see photo). They used this car to drive off to their new life as husband and wife on the 6th August last year.





# THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER 2017

## THE CHURCHES OF LIPHOOK

WELCOME YOU TO THEIR SPECIAL SERVICES

### **PALM SUNDAY – 9TH APRIL**

#### **ANGLICAN CHURCH**

St Mary's, Bramshott

**10.30am:** Palm Sunday Service

#### **METHODIST CHURCH**

**10.00am:** Morning Worship for Palm Sunday

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – 13TH APRIL**

#### **ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Church Centre - Evening Prayer & Maundy Thursday Supper.

#### **METHODIST CHURCH**

**7.00pm:** Supper & Reflective Communion

#### **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**6.00pm:** Mass of the Last Supper.

### **GOOD FRIDAY – 14TH APRIL**

#### **Events & Services Open to Everyone**

**7.30am:** "Planting of the Cross" outside St Mary's, Bramshott.

**9.30am:** Coffee & Hot Cross Buns at Liphook

Infants School, followed by "Service of the Nails" at **10.00am**. Further details from Trinity Church website: [www.trinitychurch.tc](http://www.trinitychurch.tc)

**10.00am:** Reflective Service at the Methodist Church

**10.40am:** Walk of Witness starts from Methodist Church and ends at Church Centre.

**11.30am:** (approx) Hot Cross Buns & Children's Activities at the Church Centre

**12 noon - 3.00pm** Good Friday Meditations at St Mary's, Bramshott

**3.00pm:** Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at the Roman Catholic Church

### **HOLY SATURDAY – 15TH APRIL**

#### **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**6.00pm:** Easter Vigil Mass

### **EASTER SUNDAY – 16TH APRIL**

#### **ANGLICAN.** St Mary's, Bramshott

**8.00am:** Holy Communion (BCP)

**9.30am:** Family Holy Communion Church Centre, Liphook

**10.30am:** Family Holy Communion

#### **METHODIST**

**10.00am:** Easter Communion

#### **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**10.15am:** Easter Mass

#### **TOWER ROAD GOSPEL HALL**

**10.30am:** Holy Communion

**6.30pm:** Easter Service

#### **TRINITY CHURCH**

**6.00am:** Dawn walk at Butser Hill

see website for details [www.trinitychurch.tc](http://www.trinitychurch.tc)

**9.00am:** Lord's Supper at Liphook Infants School

**10.30am:** Easter Sunday Family Worship at Liphook Infants School

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND

### **Danger**

My sons both like to talk about danger. One is into rock climbing and keen on motorbikes the other likes explosions and wants to be a base jumper when he grows up. My adult version is more mundane. I like to come downstairs of a morning and have a piece of toast! Innocent enough you might think – but no! As we found out recently as I munch on my slightly burned hot cross bun, I may as well be base jumping off the Empire State. Apparently the brown bit contains carcinogens. And its not only toast. Sugar is the source of all ills in our society – so recent articles in the press tell me –

processed meat isn't much better, anything low calorie is to be avoided and booze is off limits. We've taken to drinking decaffeinated coffee in our home – but as I found out the other day we may as well be eating a round of burnt toast!

I was bought up in the 80's. Then the word health risk was associated with smoking, drugs and unprotected sex – who will ever forget the hard hitting strap line "Heroin really screws you up...". But today its all changed as each new study reveals some horror that we expose ourselves to in everyday living, and all of it feeds something that is positively unhealthy, and a real problem for most of us – worry.

Don't get me wrong. Its good to have a healthy life style, and to watch what we eat, but we don't have to worry about it. Jesus said, "This is why I tell you: do not be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about clothes for your body. After all, isn't life worth more than food? And isn't the body worth more than clothes?". What we eat can effect our bodies, but our worry slowly stifles our souls and robs us of our zest for life, and the best remedy I've found for worry is prayer. As I cast my cares on my heavenly Father I've so often found the truth that he really cares for me.

*Rev. Valentine Inglis-Jones*

## TRINITY CHURCH

### **Hope based on: 'Fake News'; 'Bad Calls' . . . or Gospel Truth?**

We live in interesting, if somewhat confusing times! It's a fact that what you 'believe' will define how you live your life; what determines your hope and expectations measured against your fears and concerns.

The term 'Fake News' has become a recent addition to our vocabulary; the shocking reality that everything we read on social media or even our chosen mainstream media is not always true, indeed it is often shown to be manufactured to suit a particular mindset or political stance. Allied to this problem is the growing addition of what we might term: 'Bad Calls' when the media,

the so-called experts and even the opinion polls (allegedly the view of 'Joe Public', i.e. you and I) get things so badly wrong!

We have the obvious examples such as the shocks that followed the 'Brexit' vote that was simply never going to happen or the election of Donald Trump that only a year ago, was considered as totally absurd.

Is it any wonder that I encounter a growing sense of confusion, frustration and even hopelessness in our communities? As a Christian, what happens around me has an impact on the practicalities of my life; yet it has no impact on my hope, nor does it reduce my expectations because the Bible tells me that in God's word (the Bible), I have 'truth' and

this 'truth' will 'set me free'; this has stood the test of time and is affirmed daily in my heart by the Holy Spirit.

We have been in the Gospel of Luke for the past couple of years and as we draw near the end we find Jesus sending His disciples into Jerusalem to prepare for the Passover; Jesus' instructions appear to be very specific but somewhat random . . . but on completion of the task we read: "And they went and found it just as He had told them". That is my anchor for life . . . 'it will be just as Jesus has told me' and my prayer for you is that you might discover and know this reality rather than all the day-to-day 'noise' we are surrounded by.

*Love in Christ, Pastor Jim Downie*



## TOWER ROAD GOSPEL HALL

New Year's resolutions – have you kept them or given them up? It takes a lot of self-discipline and determination to make significant changes and sometimes the task can seem too much. At the start of the year, I read of a personal trainer who said that January is not the best time to start or stop anything!

Spring time, however, is the season of new beginnings, the natural world comes to life as animals are born and plants and foliage re-appear.

It is also the season of hope and expectation. As the days lengthen and the weather becomes milder and brighter, we can feel more optimistic about the days ahead.

Easter is the ultimate celebration of new life and new beginnings. In the death and resurrection of his son, God provided

the way for each of us to have a new beginning. He sent his son to die for our sins so that we might have a right and special relationship with God.

The Bible says, "when someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside". He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun! New birth changes us from the inside – rearranging our attitudes, desires and motives. Being naturally born makes us physically alive and places us in our parents' family. Being re-born makes us spiritually alive and places in God's family. It's wonderful that this fresh start in life is available to all who believe and trust in Christ. Not only that, but it's great that you can have a 'new you' that is not only life-changing but lasts forever.

*Paula Tribe*

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are so used to living and working in artificial light that perhaps only at this time and as I write, do we notice the daylight hours lengthening? In my childhood (many ages ago now!) the value of daylight was reinforced by the war-time blackout regulations. Perhaps it takes a power failure to drive home the vital role of light.

Here in the Catholic liturgy, we are approaching the season of Lent and Passiontide, with the theme of the shadows lengthening over Jesus as he continues his ministry. But then the darkness of Good Friday is dispersed by the wonderful light of the Risen Lord. For us Catholics this theme is stressed in our Easter Vigil culminating in the solemn blessing and lighting of the Paschal Candle: you will find this large tall candle prominent in any Catholic church at Eastertide.

We live in a contemporary world where the darkness of evil and suffering is all too real. But equally it is shot through by so many shafts of light from the sheer goodness of people in their voluntary service to others, more noticeable in a small community like ours. Truly "the darkness cannot overcome the light". Though we may not be young enough or fit enough to serve others directly, many still can and do help by their contributions.

So let us join with the Easter message of Hope and play our part in bringing our light to those in the shadows of need among us. That is the Easter message from us in the Catholic Church to all our readers.

*Rev Mgr Provost Cyril Murtagh*

## METHODIST CHURCH

### **Accomplished**

When you look at something from different angles you notice different aspects. Four accounts of Jesus' death on the cross in the Bible give us four different views of the event central to Christian faith.

Mark shows that we can come personally to God because of Jesus' death. The 90' high Temple curtain that kept people out of the Holy of Holies was torn in two from top to bottom. Anyone can come to God, not just the priests but men and women, Jews and Gentiles, black and white, rich and poor, educated and illiterate ...

Matthew notes the words of the charge nailed to Jesus' cross: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. Mark only recorded the second half. For Matthew, Jesus' name is significant for what Jesus achieved. Before Jesus was born an angel spoke to Joseph to say they should call the baby Jesus "because he will save his people

from their sins".

Luke records Jesus saying "Father forgive them, they do not know what they are doing", and "Today you will be with me in Paradise". Our sins – our wrongdoing, our shameful attitudes, our pride and greed and selfishness – are all part of the reason that Jesus died. We don't know what we're doing but Jesus prayed for our forgiveness and assures us that when we turn back to him we are forgiven.

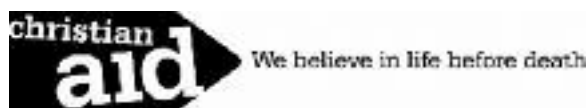
John gives words to Jesus' final loud cry. "It is accomplished". Jesus knew that as he died he had achieved what he came for.

At Easter we celebrate the vindication and truth of what Jesus accomplished on Good Friday. Because Jesus rose from the dead his new life, access to God and forgiveness for our sins are now available to us.

*David Muskett*

## JOINT CHURCHES EVENTS

**Women's World Day of Prayer:**  
**Friday 3rd March, 1.30pm at the Church Centre**



**Christian Aid Coffee Morning** is on Saturday 13th May at the Church Centre.

### **Christian Aid Week**

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# PAUL ROBINSON'S *Amazing Book Company*

Across from Bohunt School and down a little track is a fabulous depository of some 20,000 books that represent the life-long obsession of bibliophile Paul Robinson. His ever-tolerant wife is just glad that the collection has become too large to keep in their home in the Headley Road. Paul's hobby is also a business, and he sells his books, mainly via the internet. However, there is definitely an ebb and flow. Just as he sells them, he buys in more.



Below are Paul's answers to my barrage of questions.

## **What made you name your company, Amazing Books?**

I wanted a name that would put me alphabetically at the head of any list. I felt that the Amazing Book Company (ABC) did the trick.

## **Why did you start up the company, and how?**

I had been collecting books since leaving school and many of these formed my initial stock. Working for a publisher gave me access to many more books. I am never happier than when I am surrounded by books, and now that I am retired, I am able to devote more time to buying, sorting, cleaning, researching, describing and, hopefully, selling books.

## **When you worked in publishing, what did you do?**

I started working for a High Street retailer who sold books. From retailing, I moved on to wholesaling and then into publishing. Books, in one form or another, have been my life.

## **How long has ABC been in existence?**

I started a small online book business about 20 years ago. Initially I traded from a home office but as the book stock grew, alternative accommodation was required and so a move to Longmoor Road was made.

## **How do you obtain your books?**

Most of my books come from house clearances or from people who are downsizing and need to reduce their shelves. I do also buy bin-ends from publishers and occasionally review copies. I enjoy trawling charity shops but rarely buy from car boot sales as condition is most important and books that are repeatedly hauled in and out of garages and plonked in damp grass are often spoilt.

## **Do you specialise in a particular kind of book?**

I very rarely buy fiction, preferring non-fiction and tend to specialise in categories that I understand such as military, history, biography, British topography and equestrian. Having said that, I sometimes examine a book that means nothing to me but seems to talk to me. I know that may seem fanciful but I have often been drawn to a

book that for some reason or other stirs my interest and more often than not, I find that a few minutes spent researching its provenance rewards me with a title that eventually results in a sale.

## **How do you sell your books?**

I list all of my books online through an international website called ABE Books in Victoria, British Columbia, which is a global online marketplace devoted exclusively to books. They currently list 250 million books for sale. My bookshelves to a browser are a complete muddle. In no apparent order – but my inventory tells me exactly where I have shelved the titles.

## **What is your most frequent request?**

Not a year goes by that I don't get asked to buy a set or a part set of Encyclopaedia Britannica. It is a great shame that the internet has virtually killed off large sets of encyclopaedias, making them undesirable and of little or no value.

## **What is your most unusual request?**

On one occasion I was approached by a lady who had been charged with the task of kitting out a yacht and wanted somewhere between 50 and 75 books for a fitted bookshelf in one of the cabins. When I asked her what subjects she wanted, she said that she did not mind what the books were as long as they were all blue to match the décor of the cabin.

## **What is your funniest memory?**

I recall on one occasion taking a large delivery of paperbacks in a truck when a pedestrian helped me in stopping the traffic. I thanked him and said I was grateful as the load contained many Penguins. The pedestrian put his head on one side and said, 'They don't make much noise, do they?'

## **What is your biggest 'coup'?**

The book that has given me more pleasure than any other is '84 Charing Cross Road'. Many will know that this is the story of one woman's search for second-hand books, and focuses on a particular bookshop, Marks & Co, in London. And anyone who has read the book or seen the film or watched the television adaptation will be familiar with the correspondence between the sassy New Yorker bibliophile and the quiet, reserved bookshop in Charing Cross Road. I collected a first edition many years ago and added it to my collection. I subsequently bought another first edition which had, inside, a receipt from Marks & Co. made out to a New York customer but signed by the taciturn shop manager, Frank Doel. Many years later I bought another copy, this time one that was signed by author Helene Hanff when she finally came to England and visited the bookshop, which had closed down just weeks prior to her arrival. By putting the two together, I felt that I had engineered a 'coming together' of the two correspondents which had been denied them in real life.

Having worked in publishing both in New York City and in London, I share Paul's love of books. We all have our favourites and for Paul, it's John Betjeman (see photo) and Laurie Lee. As an ardent reader myself, I can certainly understand why.

For more information, here are the contact details:

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Blog: **Paul Robinson Amazing Books**

*Mari Wallace*



# 2017 Programme of Events

**16th March**     **Talk - "All Things Lavender"**  
Tim Butler. *Church Centre. 7.45pm*

**8th April**     **Spring Show**  
Bring & Buy Plant Sale. Including sale of  
Fuchsias and Chillies for Summer and  
Autumn Show Classes.  
*Church Centre. 2.00 - 4.00pm*

**June (TBA)**     **Visit to the Coach House**  
**The Green, Chiddingfold**

**18th June**     **Summer Party**

**22nd July**     **Summer Show**  
Bring & Buy Plant Sales.  
*Church Centre. 2.00 - 4.00pm*

**9th September**     **Autumn Show**  
Bring & Buy Plant Sale. Sale of Daffodil bulbs  
for Spring Show Class.  
*Church Centre. 2.00 - 4.00pm*

**19th October**     **Talk - "Putting the Garden to Bed"**  
Mark Saunders. *Church Centre. 7.45pm*

**16th November**     **AGM & Social Evening with Quiz**  
Bring & Buy Plant Sale  
*Church Centre. 7.45pm*  
(Non-members £4.00)

For further information on BL&DHS please contact:

**Helen Brown - 01428 722875**

## Liphook Bowls Club

### Green bowls is only for old people??

How many people think Bowls is only played by old people who are past playing anything else? Unfortunately this has a certain amount of truth, mainly because those who are younger want to play more energetic games: football, rugby, cricket, hockey, etc.

However what about those younger ones who are not interested in those sports or due to their physical condition are not strong enough? Bowls is for everyone, young and old. Many of the top bowlers in the country are no older than 30 and have been playing from an early age.

Bowls may not appear energetic, but you would be surprised. A green is often 40 metres in length, the shortest distance you walk in a single game is 780 yards, over a third of a mile. You will bend up and down 2, 3 or 4 times at each end.

At Liphook Bowls Club you will find a welcoming, friendly group of



people who will share their knowledge and interest in the game. We have a qualified coach who will guide you through the practical,

rules, and etiquette of bowls. We are also "child protection" registered, meaning your children are being looked after in a safe environment.

It's not just a case of rolling a ball from one end to the other. There are tactics and strategies and learning how to read the green. They are not always as flat as they appear.

As well as weekend friendly matches, we also play in local leagues and many of our players play in various other competitions. We have players who have played for the county, and some who are still doing so.

We will be holding some open days early in the summer, so why not come along and give it a try? Look out for dates in the local press.

**Mike Gunton - Liphook Bowls Club**



# NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION OF *Liphook Infant & Junior School*



*All children in Years 2 and 3 are taught to play a range of musical instruments by a specialist music teacher. They enjoyed playing the ukulele to family and friends*



*The infants enjoyed accompanying staff from Hampshire Music Service .*



*Many pupils learn to play a musical instrument and enjoy performing in front of the pupils, friends and family.*



*The Junior School choir joined with many other schools singing at the O2 as part of Young Voices.*



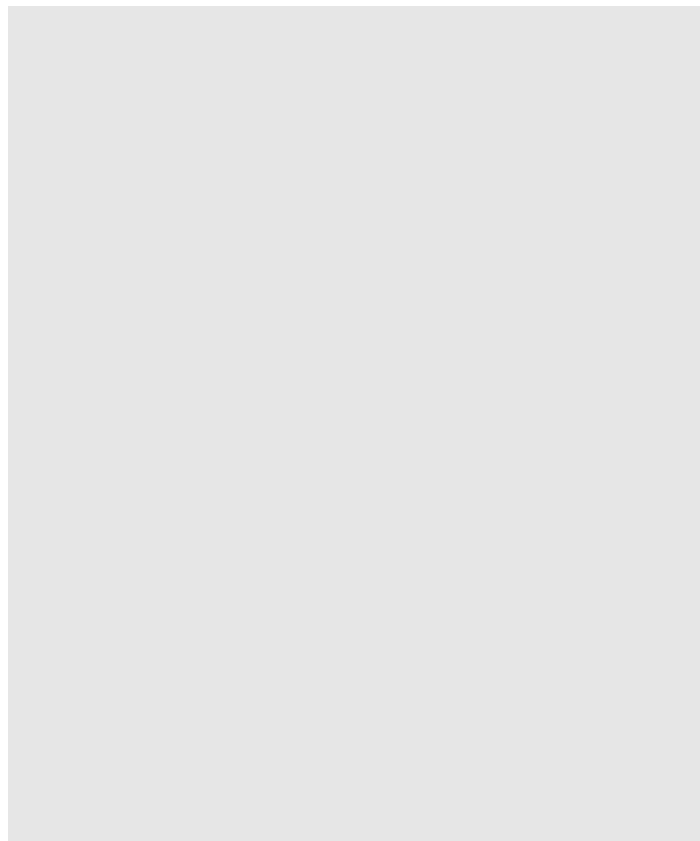


# Pooh Sticks Bridge

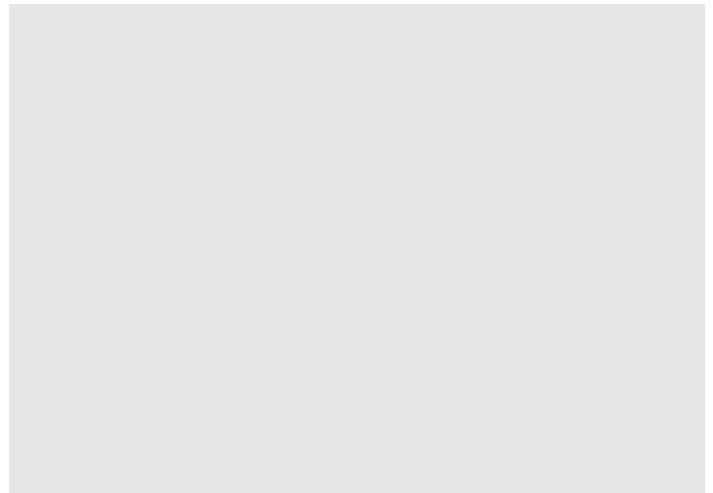
Winnie-the-Pooh, quite possibly the best-loved bear in the world, is now 90 years old. The stories of Pooh and his friends, have been enchanting generations of readers since A. A. Milne wrote “Winnie-the-Pooh” in 1926. The stories continued two years later in “The House at Pooh Corner” in which Pooh invents a new game, the game of Pooh Sticks.

The enduring appeal of the books is partly due to the illustrations of E. H. Shepard, who lived at Lodsworth near Haslemere from 1955. Milne and Shepard had both fought in the Great War and Shepard, who worked as an illustrator for Punch magazine, was asked by Punch contributor and E.V. Lucas, who was also the chairman of the publisher Methuen, to illustrate some “charming verses” by Milne. These were initially published in Punch and were an immediate success when published (with Shepard’s illustrations) in “When We Were Very Young” in 1924. They then went on to work together with the Pooh books and with “Now We Are Six” in 1928.

One of Shepard’s illustrations, which is based on the actual bridge where Milne played Pooh Sticks with his son Christopher Robin is reproduced here, and is remarkably similar to the one in Radford Park.



The impressive Radford Park bridge, together with the other bridges in the Park, were built by a team led by local resident Albert (“Bert”) Larmer who was born in 1920 and served his apprenticeship as a carpenter and joiner in Farnham before joining the Royal Engineers where he learned bridge-building skills in India during World War II. After demobilisation, Bert ran his own building business in Farnham which he later had to relinquish due to ill-health. He became the foreman of the Manpower Services Commission Youth Opportunities scheme team which turned Radford Park from a rubbish dump and swamp into the asset we have today, and then became Park



Warden. The bridges which he designed were opened in 1983 and, although since repaired, still remain recognisably the same structures. Bert had hoped to rebuild the stone bridge which had



*Rod Sharp and family enjoying time at Liphook’s very own Pooh Sticks Bridge.*



*Believed to be the original Pooh Sticks Bridge in Ashdown Forest which is situated on the high weald of East Sussex.*

# e in Radford Park

been built by Canadian soldiers during the Second World War to give access to the military hospital at the King George's Hospital site, but timber was chosen as the cheaper option. He built the components in the workshop on site (which he also built) and put it up in two days.

Bert's son Brett says it is possible that his father may have had the Shepard illustrations in mind when he designed the bridge. Brett told me that Bert loved the ten years he worked at the Park, and especially working with the young people, which also included Liphook Scouts and cubs, who were involved in clearing tons of rubbish; and it seems appropriate that his bridge is still giving pleasure to the families who visit it today for a game or two of Pooh Sticks.

The inspiration for Pooh was a female Canadian black bear cub. Upon the outbreak of World War I in August 1914, veterinary surgeon Lt. Harry Colebourn joined The Fort Garry Horse, a Canadian cavalry regiment, and, en route to report to the Canadian Army Veterinary Corps (CAVC) he purchased a young female bear cub for \$20 at a train stop in White River, Ontario which he named "Winnipeg", "Winnie" for short, after his home city in Manitoba. Winnie accompanied him all the way to England, becoming the mascot of the CAVC and a pet to the Second Canadian Infantry Brigade Headquarters. Before leaving for France, Colebourn left Winnie at London Zoo.



At the end of the war, Colebourn decided to allow Winnie to remain at London Zoo, where she was much loved for her playfulness and gentleness. Among her fans was Christopher Robin Milne who consequently changed the name of his own teddy bear from "Edward Bear" to "Winnie-the-Pooh", providing the inspiration for his father's stories.

Three of the four main bases for the Canadian forces in England in World War I were in this area; mainly infantry in Bramshott and Witley, with mainly cavalry, artillery and the Canadian Army Service Corps in Bordon. One of the graves in Bramshott churchyard is that of Private Niel Wilkinson of the Canadian Army Veterinary Corps who died in the influenza epidemic of 1918.

So it is certainly possible that Winnie might have spent time locally with the Canadian forces before departing to London Zoo.

The fictional Pooh would definitely feel at home in our local heathlands at Ludshott and Bramshott as the Hundred Acre Wood is based upon the similar countryside of Ashdown Forest in East Sussex where the Milne family had a house.

**Rod Sharp**



## The Rules of Pooh Sticks

1. Competitors choose a stick and show it to each other.
2. Stand on the bridge side by side facing upstream.
3. Each competitor holds their sticks at arms length over the stream, with taller competitors lowering their arms so that all the sticks are the same height over the stream.
4. The Starter calls "Ready, steady, go!" and all the competitors drop (not throw) their sticks.
5. Everyone crosses to the other side of the bridge and look for the first stick to emerge – the owner of this stick is the winner.
6. Don't do as Eeyore did and end up in the stream.



## FIVE YEARS ON AND STILL GOING STRONG

# Liphook Community Laundry

Just over five years ago, on the 24th December 2011, the Liphook Community Support Laundry (LCSL) was saved from closure, following the decision by the Trustees of Age Concern (Liphook) that the laundry could no longer remain open due to falling numbers and lack of funds.

A public meeting was held and nine determined villagers formed a new committee. They felt that such a worthwhile village amenity should be kept open for the use of senior citizens and anyone unwell.

Irene Ellis was elected chair person and the remaining eight committee members each undertook a different role on the committee.

**There was a zero bank balance!**

Amazingly, many wonderful villagers, the Parish Council and local businesses donated sufficient money to cover the running costs for one year and to replace worn out machines and equipment. The gas and electricity supplies were brought up-to-date and the interior of the laundry redecorated. LCSL would like to thank the local plumber, the decorator and the carpenter, who each gave their time for free of charge, along with Russ Ellis who did great workmanship on the interior.

Stalwart Di Allan, the Laundry Operator, has steadfastly been washing, ironing and drying at the laundry for over 25 years. She walks to the laundry and opens the doors to customers each week from 7am to 11am Tuesday to Friday.

In recognition of her invaluable work, Di attended a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace last summer where she had a wonderful time.

In 2015 LCSL was amongst the top five Hampshire nominations for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services.

LCSL is a non-profit making charity, and as running costs increase each year, it is always grateful for donations. A recent one

resulted from the carol singing evening outside The Anchor. Many thanks to Terry and Carole Burns for organising such a wonderful yearly event. LCSL and Liphook Day Centre each received £200. The gift to the laundry will go towards much needed new window frames. Sainsbury's also kindly help by regularly donating their broken boxes of soap powder.

Each week, on average 25 customers send their washing to be washed for just £6.00 a machine load. Committee members will collect and return washing to clients in Liphook, on a weekly basis, if they are unable to do so for themselves.

New customers are always welcome. If you are elderly or unwell and would like to use the service, please phone either **Irene Ellis** on **01428 723823** or **Barbara Frost** on **01428 723640** who look forward to hearing from you.



## Big Open Day

Once again, **Liphook U3A** are holding their Annual Open Day on Monday, 13th March. The venue is the Millennium Centre in Ontario Way (opposite Sainsbury's) and it will be from 2 - 4 p.m.

This presents an ideal opportunity to see what the U3A is all about. There are some 50 different activity groups within the Liphook branch and most of these will be represented at this event, so it will be possible to come along and chat to the people representing each one to learn more of what they get up to.

U3A stands for University of the Third Age, which is not as formal or serious as it sounds!

There are no qualifications required for entry nor any issued – you just learn informally in a friendly group. Whilst there are some “study” groups, such as history, geology, languages etc.,

there are many “activity” groups such as walking, boules, croquet, tennis and more besides. Plus subjects like photography, computers, men's cookery, films, outings and more. The list is almost endless!

So don't miss this opportunity to see just what the local U3A has on offer for a very modest annual subscription.

If you are already a member, then bring a friend, or friends, along you can all learn something!

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**[www.liphooku3a.org.uk](http://www.liphooku3a.org.uk)**

# FLOWER FESTIVAL AND ART EXHIBITION IN AID OF *St Mary's Church & Water Aid*

It is that time again. A Flower Festival will be held this September at the Methodist Church in Liphook with the theme "Gardens in the Bible". Profits will be divided between the Church and Water Aid.

Many groups will be involved in creating floral arrangements including Liphook Floral Decoration Society, St Mary's Church Bramshott, Little Cherubs Pre-School, Liphook Guides and the Methodist Amateur Dramatic Company. Groups which meet on Methodist Church premises during the week will also be involved.

This year we want to invite local artists to display drawing and paintings relating to the theme.

The Church will be open on Saturday 23rd September from 10am until 5pm. Refreshments, light lunches and cream teas will be

available during the day.

On Sunday 24th the church will be open from 2pm to 5pm. Cream teas will be served during the afternoon. It is well worth a visit.

Visitors will be most welcome. There is no entry fee but donations to the church and Water Aid will be gratefully received. Our church celebrates its 86th birthday and urgent roof repairs were needed.

For more information please contact:

**secretary@liphookmethodist.org**

or visit us in September at:

Liphook Methodist Church, London Road, Liphook GU30 7AN

*Vera Frank Schultz*

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## CALLING ALL VINTAGE TRADERS AND COLLECTORS *Vintage Fair coming to Liphook*

There is a new Vintage fair coming to Liphook Milleniumn Hall on Sunday 9th of April.

We will have vintage fashion and interiors, as well as accessories and vintage children's items.

This fair will bring an immersive vintage experience for the whole family. There will be entertainment throughout the event. With the talented Natalie Gunn presenting songs from the war years

and into the 50's and 60's. Along with a visit from Alice and the Mad Hatter entertaining the younger family members with interactive story times. Provided by the Black Hat Theatre company.

Jays Vintage fairs are looking for stall holders to attend this new venture. For more information please contact Jays Vintage Fairs on **0748 46491** or email: **jaysfollies@hotmail.com** or find us on face book: **@ jays vintage fairs**.

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## *Liphook and District MRC*

As 2017 dawns, we look back at an eventful 2016 for the club.

Most significant for the club has been the move from the Milland Memorial hall committee room to the main hall for the majority of the Fridays we meet. What a great opportunity for the club, which enables us to have both of the club's ongoing projects to be set up and worked on in plenty of space; not to mention any personal projects we may wish to work on.

Guildford, Alton, Tonbridge, Midhurst, Bognor, Didcot and Worthing were all exhibitions attended by club member's layouts in some form or another during the year. We had our 7th annual open day in October, which generated a lot of interest, as well as a visiting layout (set in 1960s East London) from the Farnham club.

2017 will see member's layouts attending shows at Southampton, Abingdon in Oxfordshire, Horsham and Fareham. A note for your diaries; our next Open Day will be on Sunday 29th October at the Milland Memorial Hall. Again, we will have a selection of club, member's and visiting layouts.

In November, a few of us attended the biennial Modellbahn show

at Cologne. Travel to and from Cologne was by train; Eurostar to Brussels and thereafter a German ICE train to Cologne. The show had layouts from across Europe (examples from Germany, France, Spain, Finland and a layout from the UK), as well as displays from manufacturers; showcasing some the best in railway modelling. Lots of inspiration for us!

This is, of course, just a part of what a club is. A club is, perhaps above all, a social activity. The opportunity of a group of individuals to meet, talk and learn from each other. It is also the opportunity to share skills, knowledge and experiences. So much is shared and learned; woodwork, electrics, computing, painting and sculpting, photography, not to mention historical research, are all aspects of such a multifaceted hobby.

We are currently a group of 13 members, with ages ranging from late teens to mid-90s, with interests covering both real and model railways, and members from as far afield as Waterlooville and Pulborough. If anybody is interesting in seeing what we are doing, please let me know on:

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# Churcher's College

## YEAR 6 VISIT PARLIAMENT

***Year 6 from Churcher's College Junior School spent a fantastic day visiting the Houses of Parliament and exploring the rather older power base of the Tower of London.***

In the Houses of Parliament the children were able to stand at the dispatch box and the speaker's chair and imagine they were the Prime Minister or leader of the opposition. They were taken through the ancient rules, procedures and traditions by expert guides. In the House of Lords the children were fascinated by the splendour, especially the priceless paintings, ornate carvings and the golden throne, which the Queen sits on when addressing Parliament.

At the Tower of London, the children explored how successive rulers imposed their will through torture and an impressive show of arms. The children stood on the spot where the unfortunate Catherine Howard and Queen Anne Boleyn lost their

heads on the orders of Henry VIII. The Crown Jewels were a highlight and the children were dazzled by the range and magnificence of the display.

As part of their Citizenship Week, the children have gained a real insight into the way the country was governed in the past and how it is governed today. They will be writing up notes of their experience and preparing for a debate of their own to be conducted along the lines of a real debate in Parliament!

***Philipa Yugin-Power***



## CHURCHER'S COLLEGE NURSERY SCHOOL OPENS

***It was with great excitement that CCNS opened its doors for the first time this week. Lots of eager children came in to explore the beautiful building, spectacular new resources, sparkling toys and bespoke nursery equipment.***

This week the children have been very busy, playing and learning, cooking and counting. They have met lots of the Junior School teachers, learning French, practicing their sounds in music by slithering like snakes in the book corner and learning how to take a picture and record an art clip on the I-pads. They even visited an enchanted forest during their PE lesson!

Here are a few quotes from our children:

***'I liked playing with Wilf, being a fireman outside in the play house'***

***'I like the snacks'***

***'I built a track with the big building blocks outside'***

***'I like drawing on the screen that's even bigger than me'***

Mrs Annabelle Knowles said it was an amazing start to the term, with a week that ended with a magical 'bear hunt' in the snow!

***Amanda Inkley***





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A short video guide for help with registration can be found on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5wW12UV4Ws>

*Below are the codes for the charities you could sponsor:*

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| Mrs   | Carole    | Patrick       | Petersfield Society for Special Needs                  | PSSN01       |
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| Mrs   | Fera      | Sharpe        | RSFF, Rogate School, Friends                           | RSFF01       |
| Mrs   | Alison    | Price         | Rosemary Foundation                                    | ROF01        |
| Mrs   | Denise    | Fry           | The Rowans Hospice                                     | TRH01        |
| Mrs   | Ann       | Marden        | Sheet Primary School (FOSS)                            | SPS01        |
| Ms    | Tracey    | Lofting       | Southampton Blue Cross Adoption Centre                 | SBCAC01      |
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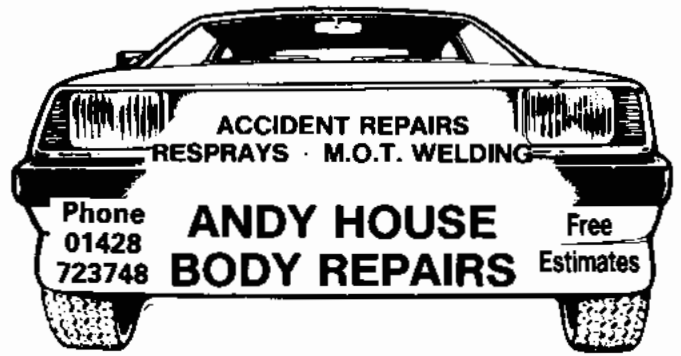
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# Age Concern Liphook

## Annual Christmas Tea Party

Age Concern Liphook held their annual Christmas Party for the elderly and disabled of the Parish in the Church Centre, at which over 40 people attended.



Some arrived by the new Age Concern Mini Bus which enabled easy access on arrival and leaving.



All had a great time. Entertainment was provided by the Love to Sing Choir with carols and everyone joined in with the singing. All were given a raffle ticket which ensure all the 27 prizes were claimed. Some of these prizes were kindly donated by General Wine Company, Sainsbury, and Findlay's, we thank everyone who donated a prize.

We would also like to thank all the Volunteers who came to help with the serving of the food and the clearing up, without them we could not put on this annual event.

*Robin Young*



# Building A Model Railway

## Want to build a model railway layout and don't know how?

A new Liphook U3A special interest group - "Building A Model Railway 2017" will be launched at their forthcoming Open Day on Monday 13th March at the Millennium Hall. This event features all the existing special interest groups covering 40+ activities which Liphook U3A has to offer

The proposed new group will be led by Tony Bettger, a local veteran railway modeller, who will build a new model railway over 12 monthly sessions, at which he will share his build experience with participants. It is aimed at those seeking a new retirement hobby; returning to the hobby; building a layout with a grandchild or any other excuse to play trains!. Tony previously ran a few courses for

Liphook U3A on the same subject in 2011-14, but this is an entirely new format and content.

Eight to ten participants are required to cover the cost of hall hire and the sessions are due to start in April 2017. Preliminary details are on Tony's website [www.millandvalleyrailway.co.uk](http://www.millandvalleyrailway.co.uk) and will be on the Liphook U3A website shortly.

When built it is hoped to exhibit the layout at local/regional model railway exhibitions in aid of the charity "Railway Children" which is concerned with homeless children at large railway stations in East Africa, India and the UK

*Tony Bettger*





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# BRAMSHOTT AND LIPHOOK ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

## Arts and Crafts Exhibition

The Bramshott and Liphook Arts and Crafts Society are pleased to announce the new dates for their Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition at the Millennium Hall, Liphook. The public days will be Friday 21st April, Saturday 22nd April and Sunday 23rd April. This year we will have an extra day which we hope means more people will be able to enjoy the show. As usual we will have the Café with a range of delicious sandwiches and cakes, there will be raffle prizes and a full exhibition of original paintings, prints, sculpture, turned wood, textiles, jewellery and cards. We hope everyone will enjoy the event as much as we do.

We are also running our usual demonstrations nights on the first Tuesday of every month at the Millennium Hall, Liphook. These are excellent opportunities to see artists show how to produce a piece of work and to ask questions. The demonstrations are free to members and visitors are welcome at a cost of £5. This year's programme is:

- 7th Feb** Using textures and leaf metals in acrylics  
*by Aurora Spain*
- 4th Apr** Pebeo demonstration *by Sharon Hurst*
- 2nd May** Textiles *by Hilary Charlesworth*
- 6th Jun** Acrylic Techniques *by Ronnie Ireland*
- 4th Jul** Textile and paint *by Wendy Dolan*
- 1st Aug** Sugarcraft *by Irene Moody*
- 5th Sept** Deconstruction and Reconstruction *by Denise Allen*

**3rd Oct** Watercolour, atmospheric woodland  
*by Mathew Palmer*

**7th Nov** Acrylic on feathers *by Mandi Baykai-Murray*

**5th Dec** Painting in Oils *by Melanie Cambridge*

Our workshops continue to be well attended and this programme is open to members and non members.

**25th Feb** Contemporary Watercolour *by Jake Winkle*

**18th Mar** People in Abstract, acrylics *by Ronnie Ireland*

**20th May** Pebeo *by Sharon Hurst*

**17th Jun** Watercolour wet in wet *by Andrew Jenkins*

**22nd Jul** Loomwork *by Hilary Charlesworth*

**21st Oct** Sugarcraft *by Irene Moody*

**19th Nov** Watercolour - bluebell woodland with stream  
*by Mathew Palmer*

We are a friendly bunch and new members are always welcome, so if you have an idea you would like to try art or crafts do give us a call and find out how we can support you, or if you would like to attend a demo or workshop then call;

### Demonstration Secretary:

**Barbara Whitbourn; 07515 663023**

### Workshop Secretary

**Carolynne Winchester; 07771 961262**

## Millennium Centre

Our regular Cinema event at the Millennium centre is run by the community for the community, on the 1st Friday of every month. Doors open at 6.45pm so that you can meet friends in our bar and maybe order your interval drinks. Films start 7.30pm and we generally have an interval at around 8.30pm. We aim that most films are finished by about 10.00pm.

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**Tickets:** Payment by phone or in person by card, or we take cheques or cash at the Millennium centre. Tel. **01428 723889** or the Haskell Centre (Parish office) Tel. **01428 722988**.

To hear about future events at the Liphook Millennium Centre please call or email:

**Events.manager@bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk**

or look at the parish website

**<http://bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk/millennium-centre/cinema>**

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Our cinema & events are run by the community for the community if you would like to help at any of our events please call or email.

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## Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre has on display a small exhibition featuring the life of Don Cook, Liphook's very own cobbler, who has recently retired.

They are currently making plans to hold an exhibition relating to the origins of 'The Berg Estate' and are looking to obtain as much information on this as possible. If you have any knowledge or picture you would like to show them or to donate please get in contact.

### Liphook Heritage Centre Opening Times

Mondays 10.00am - 12 noon

Wednesdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Fridays 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Saturday mornings when the Artisan Craft Fair is on.

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# Royal School

## THE ROYAL SCHOOL OPENS ITS DOORS TO THE COMMUNITY

The Royal School opened its doors to host a Christmas concert and tea party for older members of our local community who live in residential homes. This event was organised by The Royal School's Lower Sixth and plenty of planning went on during the month running up to the event.



On the day, students were on hand to welcome guests to the school and engage in conversation and the room instantly buzzed with warmth and excitement. Many visitors had a connection with the School as former parents or neighbours and it was an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about the School in days gone by.

Guests were treated to a wide range of performances from talented pupils from Years 7-11, including dance, singing and music. There was even a pupil magician to entertain the guests! In addition, there were jolly renderings of Christmas carols, with everyone particularly enjoying a lively performance of Jingle Bell Rock. The delicious cakes, mince pies and cups of tea and coffee went down very well and were appreciated by all. To finish off the happy occasion each visitor was given a festive gift from students.

Lucy, Lower Sixth, said: "Leading up to the event, some members of the Lower Sixth volunteered to be on the committees organising



all the different aspects of the event. The Present Committee had the task of ordering 115 presents for our guests and the role of the Entertainment Committee was to get performers together, organise the sound system, and many other small tasks which would make the evening run as smoothly as possible.

On the night, the Lower Sixth had a lovely time chatting to all of our guests, it was really interesting to learn more about them and they clearly enjoyed this as much as we did. All in all, it was a brilliant evening, and many guests said they had had a wonderful time, and are already looking forward to next year!"



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Despite cuts in funding, the Council's aim is to continue to deliver all the services which it has offered in the past, whilst reducing its proportion of the Council Tax, year on year.

In order to help to achieve this, investment is being made in property, under its Invest for Growth schemes, which you can read about at the EastHants website, [www.easthants.gov.uk](http://www.easthants.gov.uk). The returns received are far higher than those received when placed on deposit. The biggest benefit of all is that this will enable investment in local business and enterprise, and the acquisition of the former OSU site, is an example of this.

It is known that Grants from central Government are being drastically reduced, and you will know that various proposals for Devolution had been put forward, where cost savings could have been made, and where very large Government funding could have been achieved. £30 million pounds for 30 years.

Various proposals had been advanced, including the combination of Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight, as a combined authority, which in turn, could have invited different District Councils to join with them. Hampshire County Council was opposed to this, and following the recent resignation of both the leader and deputy leader of the Isle of Wight, the new leader there decided that the Isle of Wight would not wish to join this combined authority. This has effectively put an end to these current plans.

However, as this news is only 24 hours old, as I write, it is not yet known exactly what will happen now, and whether other plans will come forward to replace those for the proposed combined authority.

Building work at Whitehill and Bordon is continuing apace, with the first part of the £34 million Relief Road now open round the new roundabout and into the Louisburg development, comprising housing and a new Skills Centre and Business Park. Quebec Park has now been officially opened by the Leader, Ferris Cowper, and the show homes both there and at Louisburg are open shortly. In addition, the Bordon Inclosure is in use, and the southern part of the Relief Road is under construction, following the old Bordon Military Railway line, and passing the SANG, Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space, which is the second largest in Britain.

Future construction will include the Pavilion at the former BOSC site, the new school, which replaces Mill Chase Academy, the sport and Leisure Centre, and the all important new Town Centre, around the former Prince Phillip Barracks area.

In addition to all this, where former military buildings remain, whilst construction is underway, these are also available to be used for additional business use.

Your District Councillors are often asked what can be done about

the state of repair of some of the roads, especially when compared to the new roads under construction.

As some may know, potholes in roads are the responsibility of Hampshire County Council, whilst fly tipping, is the responsibility of the District Council. Both these matters can be reported by either a telephone call, or on line.

For Fly-Tipping report online at the East Hants website:

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For Potholes report on the Hampshire County Council website:

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The EastHants website has been updated, and new items will be added. The aim is to simplify its use for the end user, you and me, and to be able to reach the desired "destination" in just three clicks, or less. For instance, if you go to the website and enter your own Postcode, details surrounding your area, including a map, will show much information, including whether or not adjacent trees within the area have TPO's (Tree Preservation Orders), on them, or the day of your refuse collection. There is also the ability to have a "Live Chat", where if you need an answer to a specific question, you can converse by e-mail with one of the Customer Relations staff.

Last year saw the replacement of Cllr. Ferris Cowper, who stepped down a year early, with the election of Cllr. Floss Mitchell as our County Councillor. Cllr. Mitchell has ably filled the shoes of **Cllr. Cowper**, and she can be contacted on:

**01428 712079 or 07849 517888**

or by e-mail at: **[floss.mitchell@hants.gov.uk](mailto:floss.mitchell@hants.gov.uk)**

Elections once again take place for your County Councillor this year, and they are to be held on Thursday 4th May.

Thank you for your continuing support and please do not hesitate to contact any of us, if you need assistance, especially with local matters. The best way to do this is via e-mail and our addresses are:

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# Poets Corner

## The Turning of the Year

Will you hold my hand at Midnight  
At the turning of the year?  
Will you cry into the embers,  
As the bells ring, far and near?

Have you cast aside the mantle  
Of that last remaining day;  
Will you think about your future,  
As the old year slips away?

Have you felt me close beside you,  
Never far, forever here?  
My arms will still enfold you,  
As I brush away your tear.

As the soft light of the morning,  
Paints a blush across the sky,  
I will kiss the creases on your brow,  
And beside you, gently lie.

And as you take the old year down,  
And replace it with the new,  
Will you circle still, those special days,  
Known just to me, and you?

As you walk along familiar ways,  
Though the wind be cold and raw,  
Feel my warmth, my love, surround you,  
As it always did before.

So, hold my hand at Midnight,  
At the turning of the year,  
I will always be close by, my love;  
You have nothing more to fear.

*Angela Glass*

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Of the vast Sussex Weald and the Channel so blue.

*Mari Wallace*

## The Man in the Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self  
And the world makes you King for a Day  
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself  
And see what that man has to say.

For it isn't your Father, or Mother or Wife  
Whose judgement upon you must pass  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the one looking back from the glass.

Some people may think you a straight shooting man  
And call you a wonderful guy  
But the man in the glass says you're a bum  
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest  
For he's with you clear to the end  
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult task  
If the man in the glass is your friend

You may fool the whole world down the pathway for years  
And get pats on the back as you pass  
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears  
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

## A Bad Day By The River

The Overlord of Roaches  
Has made a Royal Rule  
For roach and Rudd and Loaches  
And fish of pond and pool,  
Proclaimed it in the river,  
And nailed it to a tree:  
That no fish whatsoever  
Is to be caught by me.

Signed by the King of Roaches  
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## EDUCATION FOR ALL

# When did it become the Norm

The Education Act of 1870 otherwise known as Forster's Education Act, set the framework for all children between the ages of five and twelve to be educated in England and Wales.

It was first drafted by a Liberal MP, William Forster and introduced on the 17th February 1870 after a campaign by the National Education League. Britain needed to remain competitive in the world by being at the forefront of manufacture.

Not all areas of the country took up The Act, but further reforms made the whole of the country covered by the Act. There were objections to the idea of universal education, many people objecting to the idea of mass education, claiming it would make the 'labouring classes' think their lives dissatisfying and possibly encouraging them to revolt. Others feared that handing over their children to a central authority could lead to indoctrination. Another reason was the vested interests of churches and other social groups. Churches were funded by the state with public money to provide education for the poor and these churches did not want to lose that influence.

The Act established the foundations of English elementary education and the state under the leadership of William Gladstone's Liberal government became increasingly involved and in 1880 it became compulsory for children to be educated up to the age of 13 years. There were of course some exceptions.

It was necessary to be educated so that you could 'vote wisely', to comply with reform being demanded by industrialist who feared that Britain's status in world trade was being threatened by the lack of an effective education system.

Due to the successes of the Prussian Army in the Austro-Prussian war, Gladstone thought the Military would benefit from an Education Act, so under the 1870 Education Act local authorities

were required to count the number of children in their area and to know the availability of the number of school places. If there was a shortfall of available school places a school board would be created to provide elementary education for children ages five to 13 years. Board members were elected by ratepayers, a system which ensured that religious, political minorities could be represented on the board. Unlike political elections at this time, women could vote and stand for office.

Like councils of today with a precept on the council tax, the board paid for schools with a precept on the rates. They could also apply for capital funding, via a government loan. Parents had to pay a fee for their children to attend school but the board would pay the fee of children whose families could not afford them. This applied even if they attended a church school. Boards could make grants to church schools and build their own schools, they could create a bye law to make attendance compulsory unless a child was sick, lived more than three miles away from the school or had been certified as already having reached a certain standard of education. In 1873 40% of the population lived in compulsory attendance districts.

Religious teaching in board schools was restricted to non-denominational instruction, or none at all. Parents had the right to withdraw their children from religious education. This applied even to church schools.

All schools were inspected, and each school could apply for an annual government grant, the amount calculated on the basis of the results of the inspection.

*Published on 17th Jan 2017 in the Education Section of the Surrey and Hants Newspaper.*

**Amazing how far education has gone since this time.**

# Yoga Inspired Exercises with Vera

In November a Yoga Inspired exercise class started, for those of us who struggle to get up from the floor. We use chairs as part of the session either to sit on or to support the standing poses. Chair yoga can be incredibly beneficial for people with mobility issues and the elderly.

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# Shirley and Paul Briggs

Shirley and Paul moved to Liphook seven years ago from Kingston to be nearer their two sons and six grandchildren in Aldershot and Whitehill. Shirley is unable to walk unaided due to debilitating medical conditions, she uses a wheelchair and Paul who has been having a battle with prostate cancer, are regularly seen around and about Liphook with Paul pushing Shirley. When they arrived in Liphook they found the apartment of their dreams at Moss Court in the Portsmouth Road, but those dreams were shattered when on the 30th November 2014 at 1.30am a woman driver, under the influence of drugs and alcohol landed in Shirley and Paul's bedroom. They and neighbouring occupants of the flats were evacuated and Shirley and Paul were left shaken and devastated and unable to re-enter their own home. It took eleven months to rebuild their precious home whilst after a few weeks in a hotel, a flat was made available to them in the same block, but one that was unharmed by the accident. They moved back in, just in time for Christmas the following year.

Both of them go to the Liphook Day Centre where they help out as well. At Christmas Shirley dressed up as Mrs Christmas and Paul her friendly Elf! On a Sunday they have a group of ladies in their 90s for tea, cake and Bingo at their home and both passionately want to help other people in the community who need support, although they themselves need support too. Shirley regularly bakes cakes and collects tombola prizes for local charity events.

Shirley and Paul are supported by local charity TLC (Befriending and Therapies), based in Bordon, which helps people in Liphook as well as other towns and villages in East Hampshire and Surrey. TLC recruits volunteers who give up to three hours of their time a week to support and befriend people with life limiting conditions (such as Cancer, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, Dementia, MS, Stroke and frail and elderly) who are isolated or being cared for by a family member. The charity also provides complementary therapies (for a small donation) to both clients and their carers. Shirley has been supported by TLC since 2013 and she has volunteer Wendy who pops in once a week and Debra, who gives her reflexology.

When Wendy visits, she and Shirley have a good old chat and a cream cake. Paul goes out for a coffee or takes himself to Haslemere or Petersfield for a break. He cannot be too far away in case he has to return as Shirley suffers from blackouts. Without Wendy he would not ever be able to leave Shirley's side.



Shirley said "TLC is a charity that not only finds you a person who visits you weekly. They make you feel at ease. They really care about you as a whole person and listen to you and offer assistance in other ways if they can"

TLC has in the past received Big Lottery funding but this has come to an end so the charity is concentrating on finding new funding streams to continue its work. Floss Mitchell, County Councillor for Liphook and Grayshott, recently provided funding to sponsor a TLC volunteer in her two constituencies, for one year. Shirley recently met up with Floss, as Shirley wanted to take her round Liphook in her wheelchair to show her the hazards encountered by pushchairs and especially wheelchairs.

Shirley is passionate about trying to help TLC to continue to help more people like her. "I am in pain every waking hour, but my philosophy is to keep myself and mind as busy as I can and that does involve fundraising for TLC". "If I can, I will do anything possible to help a charity without which would bring a big change, not only to my own life, but to Paul's as it would mean he could not go out and feel at ease if I did not have my buddy visit me once a week". "I wish

more people knew about TLC in Liphook. I would like to see more businesses supporting a charity like TLC". Shirley went on to say, "I would like someone to run a fund raising event for TLC, then Paul and I could be involved, but we are unable to organise something on our own". TLC employs six part time staff, all of whom are already committed far beyond their own remit, so the charity needs other individuals to help with running events.

TLC is always looking for volunteers to give some time to help and support someone in their community; there is always a waiting list. Volunteers attend an induction day and can then attend further information days on topics such as Dementia, Parkinson's, nutrition. A volunteer is matched carefully with whom they help and are supported by TLC along the way. Many make firm friends with the families they help so it works both ways.

For information about volunteering or the work TLC does, contact The TLC Team on:

Tel.: **01420 477231** or email: [volunteer@hospiceservices.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@hospiceservices.org.uk)

Web: [www.hospiceservices.org.uk](http://www.hospiceservices.org.uk)

Facebook: **TLC Befriending and Therapies**

## CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS IN AND AROUND LIPHOOK

**AC MEON (Sunday Football Club)** - Russell Kirk, 725303.

**AGE CONCERN LIPHOOK** - Robin Young, 723255.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - 0800 91776.

**ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY** - Dementia Helpline: 0845 300 0336.

**ATHLETIC CLUB** - Haslemere Borders - Secretary: Dave Bateman, 658739.

**BABY LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS (BLISS)** - Dianne Bennett, 642320.

**BADMINTON CLUB** - Vanessa Stopher, 01428 741231.

**BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION** - Petersfield and District - Jenny Peters, 01730 821920.

**BELL RINGERS** - Bramshott - Kathy Arkless, 714781.

**BORDON BOULE CLUB** - Mr A. Thomas, 01420 478298.

**BORDON'S TAP DANCING GROUP FOR ADULTS** - Wednesdays (except first in the month) at 8pm. Beryl Greenslade, 604479.

**BRAMSHOTT EDUCATIONAL TRUST** -

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

**BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY (First Tuesday of the month 7.30pm)** - Alison Bundy, 01420 488695.

Email: Yobund@yahoo.com

**BRAMSHOTT W.I.** - 2nd Monday of the month. 2pm Church Centre. Sylvia Fletcher-President, 01428 722077. Christine Weller, 07798 637820.

**BRIDGE CLUB - Liphook, Friday Evenings** - Mrs M. Paterson, 723177.

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

**CANCER RESEARCH U.K.** - Shop - 20 Station Road, 724664.

**CARE OF THE BLIND** - Hampshire Association, 023806 641244.

**CARNIVAL COMMITTEE** - Chairman, Karen Feeney, 723971.

**CHITLEY BRIDGE CLUB** - Mr R. Jones, 651622.

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU** - Liphook Millennium Centre, 20 Ontario Way, Liphook, 0844 411 1306.

**CONFORD VILLAGE HALL TRUST** - Mrs R. Parry, 751364 and Mrs G. Woodward, 751474.

**CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION** - Liphook Branch of N. East Hampshire Angela Glass, 722375.

**COUNTRYSIDE COMPANIONS WALKING GROUP** -

Mrs Harsha Patel, 724747.

**CRUSE** - bereavement care. Confidential counselling and information. Tel. (01420) 561456.

**DAY CENTRE** - Midhurst Road, (Car Park), Liphook 724941.

**DIABETES UK** - (Petersfield & District) - Mike Ling, Liphook, 724267.

**DREAMS COME TRUE** - Tony Cook, Liphook, 726330.

**DYSTONIA SOCIETY** - Jennifer Wiseman, Liphook 722516.

**FLORAL DECORATION SOCIETY** - Liphook - Wendy Evans (Sec), 722212.

**FOOTBALL CLUB (Liphook United)** - Chairman: Nigel Marr, 727661.

Sec. (Youth): Martin Feast, 722677. Sec. (Men's): Helen Atkin, 729939.

**FURNITURE HELPLINE** - Gerald Robinson 01420 489000.

**GRAYSHOTT NADFAS** - Caroline Young, 01428 714276.

**GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION** - Mrs Pam Higgins, Copse Cut, Passfield Common, Liphook 751572.

**HAMPSHIRE BADGER GROUP** - Paul Wallace, 642058.

**HASLEMERE SWIMMING CLUB** - Helen Reynolds, admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk

**HASLEMERE DECORATIVE FINE ARTS SOCIETY (NADFAS)** - Jane Larkin, 01428 645054.

**HASLEMERE SUB AQUA CLUB** - Every Thursday at the Herons Leisure Centre at 7.45pm for lecture and 8.45pm for pool training.

**HASLEMERE CAMERA CLUB** - Clinton Blackman LRPS, 01428 727403.

**HASLEMERE HARD OF HEARING SUPPORT GROUP** - Liphook 658190.

**HASLEMERE PERFORMING ARTS** - Angela Canton, Liphook 652360.

**HASLEMERE TOWN BAND (BRASS)** - Chairman, Maurice Wright, 01428 723940.

**HERITAGE CENTRE** - 1st Floor Millennium Centre, 727275.

E-mail: liphookheritage@btconnect.com

**HOCKEY CLUB** - Haslemere Ladies (Home ground at Woolmer Hill) - Mrs Pauline McBrown, 01420 477409.

**HOCKEY CLUB** - Petersfield - Andy Owen, 01730 267286.

**HOLLYCOMBE STEAM and WOODLAND GARDENS SOCIETY** - Mr R Hooker, Liphook 724900.

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** - Bramshott and Liphook - Secretary: Ian Haussauer, 41 Chitley Way. 723045.

**LABOUR PARTY** - Liphook Branch - Dr. John Tough, Horseshoes, Griggs Green. 724492.

**LAMPS** - Dave Rowlandson, 01420 475195.

**LIBERAL DEMOCRATS LIPHOOK** - Mr M. A. Croucher, 723834. Mrs C. Gunn, 722867.

**LiDBA** - (Businessmen,s Association) Sec. Ken Charles, 727438.

**LIPHOOK ACADEMY OF DANCE** - Rebecca Paris, 725267.

**LIPHOOK BOWLS CLUB** - Bruce Penny, 01428 722013.

**LIPHOOK & RIPSLEY CRICKET CLUB** - Nick Clansfield, Lrccyouthcricket@gmail.com

**LIPHOOK CARE** - Charity Shop, 727211.

**LIPHOOK CHURCH CENTRE** - Booking 725390.

**LIPHOOK COMMUNITY LAUNDRY** - Irene Ellis, Chairman, 723823.

**LIPHOOK HISTORICAL WARGAMES GROUP** - Trevor Maroney, 725193.

**LIPHOOK IN BLOOM** - Irene Ellis, 723823.

**LIPHOOK MEDICAL AID FUND** - J.D. Meech, Liphook 727617.

**LIPHOOK & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB** - Nick Harling, Email: idmrc-Secretary@outlook.com

**LIPHOOK MODELLERS CLUB** - Mr. E. Hobbs, 683427.

**LIPHOOK OVER 60's** - Mrs Sue Knight, 723502.

**LIPHOOK PARISH PLAN** - Simon Cooper, 723759.

**LIPHOOK TABLE TENNIS** - Peter Ritchie 727815.

**LIPHOOK TENNIS CLUB** - John Wichell, 713618.

**LIPHOOK UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB** - Chairman - Steve Davis, 07917 131759. Youth Secretary - Neil Pirie, 01428 725754.

**LIPHOOK VILLAGE SURGERY PPG** - 01428 728270.

**LIPHOOK YOUTH CLUB** - Clive Evenden, 722184.

**LIPHOOK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** - Secretary, Maureen Truss, 723836.

**LISS IN STITCHES** - Deirdre Mitchell, 01730 267214.

**LUDSHOTT PHOTOGRAPHIC** - Diana Grant, 713706.

**M.A.D. COMPANY** - (Methodist Amateur Dramatics) 722813.

**MARTIAL ARTS CLUB** - Sundays - Glen Robertson, 724600.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** - Apetito, 01962 779338.

**MILLENNIUM CENTRE, LIPHOOK** - 723889.

**MOTOR CYCLING CLUB - Haslemere** - Mrs T.C. Reffold, 19 The Links, Whitehill, Hants GU35 9HB.

**MUSICAL SOCIETY** - Haslemere - Choir and Orchestra, Rehearsals Mondays. Sue Ecclestone, 605612.

**MYASTHENIA GRAVIS ASSOCIATION** - (Hampshire Branch) - Secretary, Mrs J. Finney, 776467.

**NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST** - Samantha Hannay, 606886.

**NATIONAL TRUST** - Ludshott Commons Committee - Susan Salter, 751409.

**OPERA SOUTH** - Caroline Martys, 64476 or 07950 646326.

**OPTIMIST BADMINTON CLUB** - Bohunt - David Lush, 725166.

**PARISH CLUB AND INSTITUTE** - 4 Headley Road, Liphook, 722711.

**PARISH COUNCIL** - Bramshott and Liphook - Mr. P. Stanley, The Haskell Centre, Midhurst Road, Liphook, 722988.

**PEAK CENTRE** - Booking Secretary, Ann Hall, 727751.

**PETERSFIELD AREA WILDLIFE GROUP** - Mr & Mrs Oakley, 01730 2663920.

**PRESERVATION SOCIETY** - Bramshott and Liphook - 722162.

**RAMBLERS** - Liphook & District - Secretary, Caroline Lemka, 713727.

Web: www.liphookramblers.wordpress.com

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

**RIVER WEY TRUST** - Mr Adrian Bird, 722162.

**ROTARY CLUB** - Haslemere Debbie Morley, 643416.

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** - Lt. Col. J.M. Jack, 724002.

**ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION** - Liss & District 01730 895470.

**R.S.P.C.A.** - Mrs Jane Sim-Davis, Liphook 723736.

**SSAFA/FORCES HELP** (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmans Families Association) East Hants Branch, Divisional Sec., Mrs Patricia Lyons, 01420 561264

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

**STANDFORD, PASSFIELD AND HOLLYWATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** - Mrs Sue Sergeant, Passfield 751326. Hall Bookings, Ron Sergeant, Passfield 751326.

**TAI-CHI** - Diana Forbes, 0777 569 6249.

**THREE BORDERS KNITTING CLUB** - Tel 606957, 712055.

**U3A LIPHOOK** - Steve Priestley, 712814.

**VILLAGE HALL** - Bookings: Mrs M. Madgwick, 729080.

**VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP** - Bramshott and Liphook Parish.723972.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - Sue Knight, 723502.

**WOOLMER FOREST ARCHAEOLOGICAL and HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - 1st Wednesday of month, Colin Brash, 713256.

**WOOLMER FOREST LIONS CLUB** - Ken Bassett, 713285.

**WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION** - Mrs S. Martin, 641907.



# CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PERSONS' CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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

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

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

**CHILD MINDER GROUP** - Mon. a.m. at The Village Hall,  
Jeanett Kirby, 729404.

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

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

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

## INFANT SCHOOL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**LIPHOOK UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB** - Chairman, Nigel Marr, 727661,  
Secretary, Martin Feast, 722677.

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

**LITTLE CHERUBS NURSERY** - Mrs M. Powers, Liphook. 723438.

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

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

**MATRIX MAJORETTES** - Mrs Julie East (01420) 487804.

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

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

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

**ROCK CHILDREN'S CHARITY** - Robin Oliver, Liphook. 722734.

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

**ST JOHN AMBULANCE & NURSING CADET DIVISION** - Liphook  
Member in charge, John Tough, Liphook. 724492. Millennium Hall  
every Wednesday. Cadets 6.30 - 8.00pm. Adults 8.00 - 10.00pm.

**SWIMMING CLUB** - admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk

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

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

**TRAINING BAND** - Maurice Wright, 723940.

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

**YOUTH CLUB** - John Tough, (01428) 724492.

## GUIDES

To join Girlguiding Liphook as a Volunteer or to register your daughter's  
interest, please complete the online form by visiting [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)  
and clicking the 'Parents' link or 'Get involved'. You will then be contacted  
by a unit leader.

**Rainbows 5 - 7 Years:** 1st Liphook - Tuesday. 2nd Liphook - Thursday.

**Brownies 7 - 10 Years:** 2nd Liphook - Monday. 4th Liphook - Thursday.  
5th Liphook - Tuesday

**Guides 10 - 14 years:** 1st Liphook - Wednesday. 2nd Liphook - Monday.

**Rangers 14 - 25 years:** 1st Liphook - Thursday.

**Trefoil Guild - Adults only:** 4th Tuesday of each month.

Contact Barbara Ellis via [liphook-guides@outlook.com](mailto:liphook-guides@outlook.com)

**Girlguiding Liphook District Commissioner:** Rachel Topping, to  
contact use [liphook-guides@outlook.com](mailto:liphook-guides@outlook.com)

## SCOUTS

**1st LIPHOOK SCOUT GROUP** - Scouting offers young people, aged  
between 6 and 25, a fantastic range of fun, exciting, challenging and  
adventurous activities and in Liphook we have one of the largest and  
most active Scout Groups in Hampshire. 1st Liphook Scout Group has  
nearly 200 members and runs 2 Beaver Colonies (for those aged 6-8), 3  
Cub Packs (8-11), 2 Scout Troops (11-14), an Explorer Scout Unit (14-18)  
and has strong links to our District 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, Clare Smith, at  
[membership@liphookscouts.org.uk](mailto:membership@liphookscouts.org.uk) to find out more about joining.

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 at [bryan.jackson@btinternet.com](mailto:bryan.jackson@btinternet.com) for all enquiries about Scouting and our sections;

- Kevin Stephenson (Group Chairman) on 01428 724186 or by email at [kevin.stephenson@btopenworld.com](mailto:kevin.stephenson@btopenworld.com) for all volunteer or fundraising enquiries;

- Mark Tellyn (Group Secretary) on 01428 741509 or by email at [info@liphookscouts.org.uk](mailto:info@liphookscouts.org.uk) for all general or subs enquiries;

- Alison Jackson (Scout Shop) on 01428 723248 or by email at [alisonjackson@btopenworld.com](mailto:alisonjackson@btopenworld.com) for all uniform or equipment enquiries.

If you are already a member of the Group or the parent of a member,  
then if you have a question about your section, then please contact the  
relevant Section Leader:

- Willow Beavers Colony (Monday) - Mark Boosey on 07949 408093;
- Ashdown Beavers Colony (Tuesday) - Mark Stocker on 07976 845670;
- Downlands Cub Pack (Tuesday) - Kevin Carrig on 01428 727063;
- Oakhanger Cub Pack (Thursday) - Trevor Holden on 01428 722810;
- Wheatsheaf Cub Pack (Friday) - Jez Turner on 01428 751926;
- Shackleton Scout Troop (Wednesday) - Nigel Woods on 01730 261072;
- Scott Scout Troop (Friday) - Sheila Woods on 01730 261072;
- Stirling Explorer Scout Unit (Monday) - Stuart West on 01420 474573;
- Thesiger Network Scout Unit (Wednesday) - Mark Boosey on 07949 408093.

*Any changes please notify Hazel Williams on 01428 722084*



# The Bramshott Lanes Project



The big yellow sign says it all. For those of you who have not heard of it 'The Bramshott Lanes Project' is supervised by the Liphook Preservation Society, sponsored by the Bramshott Open Gardens and is designed to keep Bramshott Lanes free of unwanted extraneous tree growth, thus stabilising the high banks, making journeys along them safe and easy.



Adrian Bird is the organiser and on this snowy Saturday is marshalling his keen volunteers to help with the clearing of holly trees from the sides of Rectory Lane. They are working with professionals from the firm 'Oakhanger Forestry' who have brought their chipper, a machine which minces up the cut branches and spews them into Adrian's trailer connected to his tractor.



Tree surgeon Charlie Renshaw tells me that he is the person who climbs the ladder with a chain saw to reach the trees and then scales the upper parts using rock climbing techniques, a job that definitely calls for experience. The sunken lane, full of cut holly needs plenty of willing hands to feed the chipper. The pile of logs is growing bigger.



Adrian's grandson Alex Cockcroft and his mother Emma were among the helpers. They all had a break for elevenses, with coffee provided by Anna Watkins and delicious brownies made by Penny Swain. By the afternoon the lane was neat and tidy and traffic was allowed to drive up it once more.

*June and Maurice Wright*



*Picture by Ian Baker of the ever present cobbler automaton that used to reside in the window of Don Cook's 'Tweenways' cobblers and has since, like Don, retired.*

