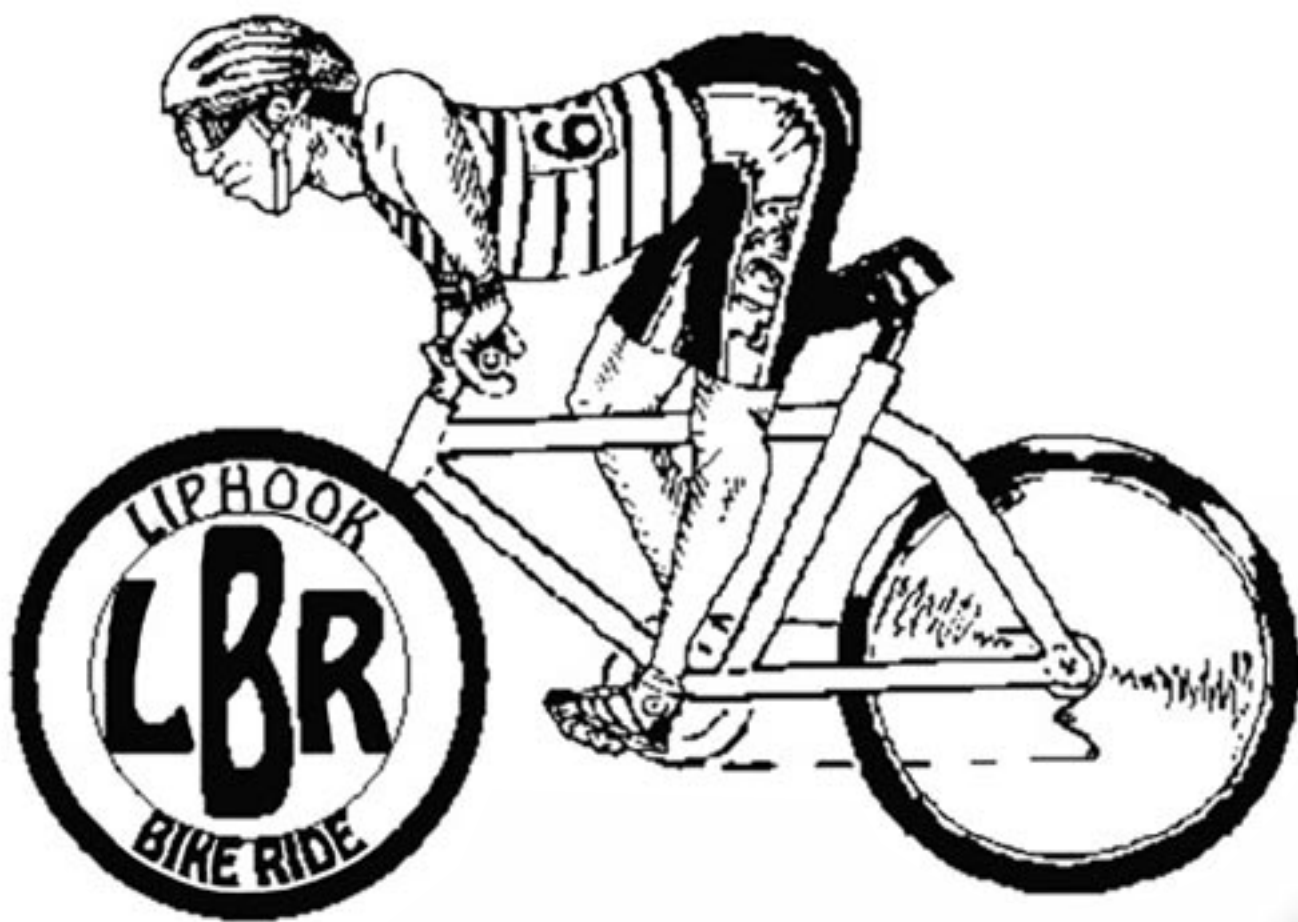


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PARISH PEOPLE

June Wright



Brass For Beginners

My husband was Musical Director of Haslemere Town Band and I asked him to teach me to play. His reply was not encouraging.

'No fear,' he said, 'If you join our Band you'll only be a disruptive influence.'

Nettled, I found an old trombone in our spare room, bought a 'Tune A day' learners' book and taught myself to play.

In the old days a trombone was known as a sackbut, a primitive instrument which produced high pitched notes by means of a slide and a lot of puff. It was just as likely to be played as excruciatingly out of tune as today's models and perhaps its name originated from a medieval music master saying to a player, "I should give you the sack but I'll give you one last chance to play in tune." It also rejoices in the nickname of 'slush pump' because of its propensity for producing large amounts of condensed water which must be emptied through the water valve with recurring decimal like regularity. Trombonists are used to sitting with their feet in a puddle most of the time.



The term 'kidshifter' is self-explanatory', as trombonists lead a band when on parade, and in many carnivals and processions find they are positioned behind the walking entrants of the Childrens' Fancy Dress Parade. Trombone slides are quite useful for hurrying up the laggards.

'Con sordini' is an Italian musical direction meaning 'play with instruments muted' so when asked to play at a local fête and in a fit of enthusiasm the trombone section decided to have mutes ready at a moment's notice by storing them in a tasteful supermarket carrier bag. The bag was taken to a fête where the entire repertoire contained not one bar of muted music. The Heavens opened, and the Band was shunted into the tea tent, with everyone else who was attending the fête, continuing to play amongst precariously balanced tea cups and plates of scones. In the confusion the mutes lay forgotten, left to their dreadful fate which was cremation on the clearing up bonfire. A hundred pounds worth of papier mâché mutes gone up in smoke, and the Committee to answer to. Several band members rather rudely expressed the opinion that members of the over loud trombone section should keep mutes permanently 'in situ.'

The trombonist in the photograph is Don Lusher, a superb player, who headed a sell-out concert, playing with the Haslemere Town Band in the Haslemere Hall.



In rehearsal the musical director generally conducts himself with decorum while inwardly seething and says things like, "Once more trombones, from B, if you please and remember its marked piano". A few notes later he shouts, "Stop! If that's supposed to be piano my name's Harry Mortimer. Dynamics, gentlemen, dynamics", chauvinistically ignoring the fact that one of the trombonists is a lady.

While he is instructing the trombone section, the other players, who should be listening attentively and "fingering" their own parts, start whispering to each other, filling in details of all the exciting events of the past week. Rehearsals really are a social event.

I became a fully paid-up member of the Band, and now qualified to tell you hair raising stories of twenty five players, their misdemeanors, heart aches and successes. Perhaps I'll tell you about some of these in a future article. By the way the fox is called Ferdy and has been Haslemere Town Band's mascot for many years.

I now play the cornet, which you can see me holding in the photograph. I figured out that it would be much lighter than a trombone to carry about.



June Wright

What's on in Liphook

8th March - Peter Paul and Mary's brother

Liphook Social Club.

11th March - Liphook U3A Open Day

Millennium Centre.

13th April - Trefoil Quiz

Methodist Church Hall.

26th April - LIDBA Quiz Night

Millennium centre.

27th April - Homestart Race Night

Millennium centre.

9th June - Crankers Annual Bike Ride

Liphook

7th September - Pillocks 50th Anniversary concert

Deers Hut.

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7.00am - 10.00pm**

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Conford Village Hall**

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As most of you are aware, your quarterly Magazine is compiled and delivered free-of-charge by individuals from within our community. This work is all voluntary and we owe a huge vote of thanks to everyone involved.

There are however unavoidable expenses involving design / printing and last years expenditure was almost £14,200. This years cost will be greater still, particularly as the Parish is growing and more houses require extra copies of the Magazine to be printed – the current quantity is already 4,150.

In 2018 some 85% of these costs were covered by income from our many loyal advertisers but, as we do not receive any external financial support from Parish or District Councils, we do need to make good this growing shortfall.

Over the last few years we have managed to enhance the Magazine and – thanks to liphook.uk – launch its availability on-line. In order to continue this development and keep the vast majority of pages free for features relating to the local area, we ask for your help.

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Thank you,

John Anthistle - Hon. Treasurer

Apologies to Markus Frank-Schultz for the omission of credit for his photograph that appeared on the back cover of the 2018 winter issue

LiDBA Quiz

The LiDBA quiz will be held on 26th April 2019 at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm at the Millennium Hall.

Pillocks 50th Anniversary

(of the famous Double Decker bus departing from Liphook!)

Anniversary concert at the Deer's Hut on Saturday 7th September.

Featured guests include: The Vanguards, The Pompey Pluckers and Peter Paul & Mary's Brother, with of course, an appearance of what remains of The Philanderers and The Procal Turdum!

Full details will be coming soon. Get it in your diary. Keep an eye on the website for all of the latest news:

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Trefoil Guild Quiz Night

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A Hall of Memories

Liphook Village Hall in the Headley Road holds particular memories for many families who have used it for children's parties, wedding receptions, pantomimes, community suppers, dances and meetings.

The building was originally a stone built barn and there are still areas of the original walls. Canon William Wolfe Capes (1834-1914) who was rector of St Mary's Church, Bramshott, raised money to buy the land including the barn in the late nineteenth century. The Bramshott Parish Club was added on the land in 1901 and both the buildings and the land, now the car park, were registered as a charitable trust.



The hall was extended in 1936 to add a stage and an all ability entrance hall, since when it has proved a successful venue for dramatic productions and musical events, notably the annual appearance of 'Peter,

Paul and Mary's Brother' who play to capacity audiences and donate all the money raised to local charities such as the Peak Day Centre and the Community Laundry.

Over the years the hall management committee have spent substantial sums on the upkeep of the building, recently extensive roof repairs have been carried out and all new L.E.D. lighting installed. Two years ago the hall was equipped with a state of the art overhead digital projector and this has proved a boon to art groups, photography and cinema clubs.

The hall is regularly used by five branches of the U3A, the Over-Sixties Club, Liphook Women's Institute, Tai Chi, Keep Fit and Slimmer's World. The Hall is generously grant supported by Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council, who are the custodial



trustees, and East Hants District Council whose financial help has enabled baby changing facilities to be fitted and new curtains to the main Hall.

Recent retirements of key trustees include Margaret Madgewick who has for over thirty two years been the Booking Secretary. This role has recently been shouldered by her grand daughter Leanne Miller who can be contacted on 01428 729080 or by e-mail on www.liphookvillagehall.org.uk. Mary Walters has been the Secretary to the committee for more than twelve years and more recently added the task of Treasurer. Elizabeth Hack is to be the new Treasurer and committee member Caroline Strong will be the Secretary.

Sadly the Chair-person Phoebe Newman who took over the Chair twenty five years ago when the late Archie Derry retired in 1994, has decided to 'call it a day'. She and the other retirees will be much missed. The Committee is still looking for her replacement. Anyone who feels they would like to take an active part in this essential village facility should contact Phoebe on 01428 723585.

Paul Robinson

Liphook Scouts



This summer, Tommy Pires, Tom Goodwin and Eleanor Sainsbury of 1st Liphook Scouts will be participating in Project 19, a three week Scout expedition to the USA comprising

over 100 Scouts from Hampshire.

Over the course of three weeks, the Project 19 expedition will be visiting New York, the World Scout Jamboree at Summit Bechtel in West Virginia, Tennessee and Florida, staying at campsites and undertaking a wide range of adventure activities. The expedition will also enable the Scouts to explore this area of the USA, taking in a lot of sights and activities that would normally be missed by just visiting specific locations.

Each team member will need to cover their own fees and raise approximately £2,800. Tommy, Eleanor and Tom have been hard at work fundraising for the World Scout Jamboree and can be seen at various community events working towards this goal.

Stuart Clark - Chair: Liphook Scouts



Eleanor Sainsbury, Tom Goodwin and Tommy Pires fundraising with a cake sale at the 2018 1st Liphook Scout Group AGM.

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All Hands to the Pump!



The long hot summer of 2018 served to remind us all to be careful to make good use of water and not to waste a valuable resource. To this end Liphook in Bloom have developed a new rainwater harvesting system.



For some years Simon Coyte had very kindly let us keep a tank on an old trailer at the back of his premises to collect rainwater from his barn roof. However, the team felt that the time had come to make a more permanent structure in the centre of the village. After some consideration it was deemed that the Millennium Centre would be the ideal location. Plans were drawn



up and submitted to the Parish Council for their permission. The idea was to place the tank on a platform at the back of the Centre, where it would gather rainwater coming off the roof.

Once the permission had been granted and plans approved the materials were ordered: the platform structure was to be made from railway sleepers with marine ply providing a flat surface for the tank. As soon as the materials were delivered a team of Liphook in Bloom volunteers arranged a date in November to get to work. Unfortunately it poured with rain that day, but they carried on regardless to get the job done.

The next thing to do was to transfer the tank. Liphook in Bloomers were assisted by Andy House who provided and drove the lorry. They started at 9.00am prompt and it was in position at the Millennium Centre by 9.50 - very efficiently done! Now to connect it all up: a hose was fitted to connect the existing rainwater downpipe with the tank - in much the same way as a domestic rainwater collecting system.

To finish the project a fencing contractor was employed to build a sturdy fence around the tank both for security and screening. With bated breath we waited for another downpour to see if it worked! Hurrah - it's filling up nicely!

Liphook in Bloom would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be able to assist with watering. At present there is a rota of volunteers who help three or four times throughout the growing season, for about an hour and a half at a time, but we do need more help. If you own a car with a tow bar and would be willing to tow the bowser that would be great - but not essential, as what is really needed is more 'hands to the pump!' when the bowser travels around the village.

If you are able to assist the watering team please give Roger Miller a call on **01428 722859** or e-mail: **millerroger44a@gmail.com**

Barbara Miller



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Andy's Armoury

Few people in life get to incorporate their life's passion into a successful business. One man who has managed this is Andrew Kobayashi proprietor of 'Andy's Armoury', whose shop is in the Midhurst Road.

Andy grew up, like many of his age, on a diet of black and white war films and 'shilling' War Picture Library comics. Local boy, he spent his childhood scouring the nearby army ranges collecting spent cartridges, magazines and empty ration packs.

Inevitably he joined the army and served as an engineer in R.E.M.E for ten years, two of which he spent assigned to the R.A.F. He served in Germany, Cyprus and Northern Ireland

Andy has spent the last thirty five years buying and selling militaria in its many forms, mostly at auctions and specialist militaria fairs. Since 1999 he has established a considerable reputation as a retailer first at Beacon Hill and more recently in Liphook where he has lived for fourteen years.

If you have not visited his shop, then my advice is, do so. You may not be a collector of militaria, but I guarantee that within a very short time you will find something that you need and wonder how you have managed to do without it thus far.

Andy tells me that his customers fall into four categories who know exactly what they are looking for. First come the collectors of badges, buttons, button sticks, buckles, books, bullets, bombs, bayonets, binoculars, balaclavas (the last is one of his best selling lines!) Not everything in his shop begins with 'B', but most things seem to!

Then there are the re-enactment followers who are looking for uniforms, helmets, regalia and insignia, authentic and accurate for their period.

Then come the sportsmen who are after camouflage clothing, warm and serviceable for cold wet days spent on river banks or



fields awaiting pigeon flocks. Popular with them are the military ration packs complete with a small heater that will provide a hot, nourishing meal without the need to break cover.

There are also those who are looking for strong, serviceable clothing and, especially, boots for work wear on building sites. They know that the military insist on the very highest specification.

In the glass cases there are medals, plaques and model soldiers. Andy has a wealth of knowledge to help and guide you. On one of my visits I listened for some time while a primary school boy, accompanied by his mother, questioned Andy for an explanation on several of his items and pressed him for an account of his experience in the army.

One cabinet held my interest while Andy described 'sweetheart badges' intricate, bejewelled regimental badges given to wives and girlfriends by those parted from their loved ones and serving abroad.

His stock also includes ephemera, posters and pictures that would do justice to any mess or ward-room.

One's first impression when entering the shop is, 'how does he ever find anything?' The fact is that the shop is just the tip of the iceberg. Andy has more stock at the back of the shop which requires careful sorting, dating and pricing which keeps him busy most mornings. Saturday is the only day he is open all day.

As well as attending auctions and specialist sales he also sells uniforms and equipment as props to film producers via costume hire companies. He is already supplying groups and individuals who will be taking part in the forthcoming seventy fifth anniversary of D-Day to be held in Portsmouth and Southsea.

Andy's shop has become a Mecca to many and is worth a visit any afternoon. Andy can be contacted on: **07435 962825** or e-mail at: **andys_armoury@hotmail.com**

Paul Robinson



LIPHOOK BIKE RIDE 2019

Liphook Crankers

The Planning Starts

Liphook Crankers have once again turned their attention to the organisation of the 2019 ride. The first meeting of 2019 was conducted along with some representatives from LiDBA to review lessons of 2018 and start the planning for the ride. The 2019 ride will be on Sunday 9 June, starting and finishing at Bohunt School. Once again we will be writing to and visiting local businesses to request their sponsorship support. This year it is hoped than many smaller businesses will engage to make this the best year yet.



The Crankers have been keeping up their riding through the winter months with a mixture of mountain biking and road riding on the beautiful routes around Liphook and surrounding countryside.

In 2018 the Liphook Bike Ride raised over £18,000 from a combination of riders' entry fees, commercial sponsorship, charities sponsorship and individual collections. The 2018 ride was the third run by the Liphook Crankers after they took over the reigns from LiDBA who ran it for 25 years. The Crankers remain very closely engaged with the Lidba team who will continue to maintain their close links with the Liphook charities.



Ride Chair, Alistair Halliday, said: "We were delighted with the way that the 2018 ride went but this year we would love more people from the village to be engaged - either as marshals or helping at Bohunt to make it even better this year."

The website is up and running and open for ride entries. It is hoped that more charities and schools will be involved this year and anyone who wishes to be involved as a marshal, volunteer or a sponsor are asked to get in touch with the Crankers. The ride is ably supported by the Liphook Guides who run the refreshment stops as well as their renowned stall at Bohunt.

The annual Liphook Bike Ride in its 29th year is, along with the famous Liphook Carnival, one of the biggest events in the village, with over 1000 riders routinely taking part and watched by hundreds of spectators all making a significant contribution to local charities.



One of the hallmarks of the ride is the wonderful way it attracts such a wide and diverse range of participants; from elite riders who are after a personal best to people of all ages and abilities riding for their first time - often in fancy dress and representing schools, charities and worthy local causes, along with the hundreds of under 12s who ride the junior ride. It is great to be able to see such a large number of people enjoying themselves and making some money for their chosen charities. We hope that 2019 will be the best yet.

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

If any reader would like to find out more or join, contact Paul Reynolds, Chairman, on 01420 768385 (E-Mail: chairman1@liphooku3a.org.uk) or membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk

There is lots of information on our website
www.liphooku3a.org.uk

District Councillor's Report

Revised Local Plan

The New Year has brought the approval by Cabinet and Council of the release of the revised Local Plan for public Consultation for six weeks, from Tuesday 6th February. Drop-in sessions will take place across the District, in areas outside of the South Downs National Park, to enable residents to see and comment on the Local Plan, and sites which have come forward for consideration.

These events will be staffed by officers, who are there to answer your questions, and to advise. There will also be the important opportunity to officially record your thoughts on the proposed revised plan.

Comments gathered from this initial process, will be fed back into the revised Plan, prior to a second period of public consultation. The timetable for these events is as below, with all exhibitions relevant to the area in which they are held. All sessions last from 3.30pm to 8.30pm.

Ropley - Ropley Village Hall. Was held on Tuesday 5th February.

Bentley - Bentley Village hall. Was held on Friday 15th February.

Rowlands Castle - Rowlands Castle Parish Hall. Was held on Monday 25th February.

Whitehill and Bordon - Forest Community Centre. Was held on Thursday 28th February.

LIPHOOK - Millennium Centre, Wednesday 6th March.

Four Marks and Medstead - Medstead Village Hall, Friday 8th March.

Alton - The Maltings, Friday 15th March.

There is a very useful guide to the revised Local plan, which can be read or printed off, at <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/local-plan-made-easy>

Volunteer 2 Day Event

In early January, Penns Place hosted an event to continue the vision of the Business Buddies initiative, where local businesses are matched to volunteers. This new Volunteer event, to support local charities, attracted 25 charities, together with a very long reserve list for those whom we could not initially accommodate. A lot of expression of interest was received from businesses and the general public, and over 150 members of EHDC staff.

Environmental Services

EHDC is closely monitoring the current waste collection performance, to ensure that standards are maintained by the current operative, before the new service is introduced in October. District councillors will in due course receive an update on the progress being made.

Leisure

Work is continuing on the building of a new replacement centre in Alton, while the refurbishment of the Taro leisure centre in Petersfield is now complete with the official opening having taken place. In addition, on the 19th December, work started on the new Leisure centre in Whitehill and Bordon.

Housing

Housing Services has completed a review on homelessness in the District for the drafting of a new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy and action plan, to be implemented by April this year. A Partnership Forum was set up with the first meeting having 32 organisations taking part. An annual Rough Sleeper count took place in November 2018, and 4 rough sleepers were identified, and subsequently referred to support services. Under SWEPP, the Serious Weather Emergency Protocol, any rough sleeper is placed in B&B accommodation.

Ordnance Business Park

A.J. Gallagher, a global insurance and risk management services business, took occupancy of Munitions House at Ordnance Business Park. This represents a major investment by the business, which will bring over 40 jobs to Liphook, along with commitment to a 10 year lease. They join existing occupiers Lumi Global and Zen Broadcast.

Apprenticeship Fair at Horndean Technology College

In partnership with the Technology College, the Economic Development team at EHDC, held the second Apprenticeship Fair on the 30th January. Local businesses and apprenticeship training providers, were on hand to talk to students about the benefits and the diverse range of careers available through apprenticeships. Students from Bohunt, together with The Petersfield School and Eggars School were invited.

Polling Review

A District Polling review has been undertaken by EHDC, which included Polling Places and Polling Stations. The Electoral Commission recommends not more than 2,500 electors at any one polling station, and in addition boundary changes will take effect this year, though not for Bramshott and Liphook. As a result of this review, Bramshott and Liphook will gain an extra polling station at Conford, for those in the north of Bramshott and Liphook. Elections for the District Council will take place on Thursday 2nd May 2019

Whitehill and Bordon

Illustrations have now appeared in the Herald of aspects of the new town, and the £27m Relief Road was officially opened on the 7th January. An outline planning application has been received for the new multi-million pound Health Hub, and will shortly go out for consultation, while the final detailed planning application for the first phase of the new town centre has also been received.

We still have some annual Councillors' Grant money to distribute before the beginning of March, so please apply to us. If there is anything that you would like to raise with us, then please contact us through our EHDC e-mails, which are:

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Heritage Centre News

Recording the reminiscences of local people is an interesting and dynamic way to capture history. Using a computer programme called Audacity, a special microphone funded by public donation and a computer, plus a few keen volunteers the project began. Isobel Swan is on hand to type the spoken results into transcripts. The Heritage Centre started to collect recordings for its dossier of villagers' stories in 2016. The team likes to include men and women who have a good knowledge of our community, especially if they have contributed to village life. So far eleven peoples' voices have been recorded. Some people find it more difficult to talk spontaneously, so Joan Finney asks them to prepare a little list of bullet points to remind themselves of what they want to say. She prompts as little as possible.

The list includes Peggy Greaves, Arthur Johnson, Bill Atkinson and Andrew Luff. Andrew's presentation to the 2017 A.G.M. of The Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society is there, full of his family's fascinating history.

Ann Sargent came into the Heritage Centre wishing to find information about a relative. She knew that her great great grandfather was the publican of the Green Dragon and she wanted to know more about her great grandfather who was one of the publican's many children. I don't know what she discovered, but she was so charming when talking about her own early experiences that she needed little persuading to be recorded. As Joan said, 'The words just flowed.' On the ninth of July 2016 the first recording was made.

There was a joint venture which produced lively conversation, with Ken and Shirley Green and Shirley's sister Margaret Swan taking part. The two ladies attended school together in the building we now know as our library.

Usually the recordings are made in the Heritage Centre. If people are frail the interviewer goes to their own homes. Joan Finney and Chris Sibley went to Wyn Duberry's home to record her voice and John Hilder recorded the words of John 'Jack' Bleach. Arthur Johnson's recording was made by Joan Finney and John Hilder while his son Paul was there. Later Paul transcribed his father's words and was inspired to make an accompanying film. To remind you of Arthur we have included two lovely photographs, one with his great granddaughter Mia on his mobility scooter and the other with great granddaughter Ava.



The other photograph, taken in the Heritage Centre, shows myself and Joan running through a practice recording, while our picture is being taken by my husband Maurice. After the run through I was asked by Joan if I would consider being the next candidate. To be included in the list of story tellers will be exciting. I shall make a list of dates and details to make sure I get my facts right, before we start recording. I am convinced that everyone has an entertaining story up their sleeve. There are obviously many fascinating tales of village life waiting to be revealed, so please get in touch with the Heritage Centre and tell us about them.



June Wright

NEW HELPERS NEEDED

Are you interested in learning about our local history? Do you have a few hours to spare to help us in the Heritage Centre? We really need volunteers. Working here is truly inspiring. Young and old, come and browse. Have a look at what we have produced so far - the exhibitions are superb and the archives are large. Newcomers to the Village are especially welcomed.

On the second Saturday of each month, from 10.00am to 1.00pm, the Village Market is held in the Centre. To coincide with this, the Heritage Centre plan to be open at the same time. The Heritage Centre is on the 1st floor of the Millennium Centre.

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Liphook Library

At the time of writing, Liphook Library has been open for two months since our recent refurbishment. These recent works represented a small part of a much wider programme of significant investment into the library service in line with the Library Service Strategy to 2020, published in 2016. I hope you have all managed to visit your lighter and much brighter library and have found our new self-service machine nice and easy to use. See photograph to the right showing our new layout.

Your local library in Liphook is all about much more than just books; we are very much a gateway to the resources of Hampshire and beyond. In addition to the books we have on our own shelves, we can get hold of any book held at any one of our 50 libraries within Hampshire. Our Inter-Library Loans service supplements this and means we can request books, not just from outside Hampshire (£4), but from outside the country too (£10) – indeed we have had books come to us from as far afield as the USA and New Zealand!!

We also have a wide range of e-resources available for customers to use. Resources, such as Theory Test Pro are available for customers to use anywhere provided they have their library card. This is a fabulous resource for any one learning to drive; it has practice theory test questions and interactive practice hazard perception clips too. Resources such as Ancestry and FindmyPast are available to use in libraries only but provide a fantastic way to research your family history. Which? Online is available in libraries only too, so if you're hunting for the best TV, fridge-freezer or vacuum cleaner Which? Online is the place to go!!

We are also very much a community space; an ideal meeting place for groups and clubs. We have our very own reading group, that takes place once a month. Come along on the second



Tuesday of the month and join our friendly and relaxed book group as they have a chat about the most recent book they've just read. As of the end of February we will have our very own Knit and Natter group too. This is a BRAND-NEW group starting on Friday 22nd February, meeting between 10am and 12noon every week. We look forward to welcoming anyone along to this group who has an interest in any type of needlecraft. Just turn up with your own materials or your latest project, meet like minded people and have a good natter!! And don't forget, we still have both our colouring and jigsaw tables set-up for anyone to use any-time of the week whilst we're open.

And, don't forget our rhymetime and storytime sessions are taking place as normal on a Wednesday morning between 10.30am and 11am, along with our weekly construction club every Saturday morning.

Ashley Adkin, Library Team Manager

"U3A" - Is This For You

Are you retired or semi-retired?

Perhaps you have some time on your hands that you would like to make use of?

That's where the U3A comes in. It stands for 'University of the Third Age' and is a national organisation with more than a thousand local 'clubs' and 424,000 members. It is not really a University at all. It doesn't have professors and it's not about studying for exams or degrees. Neither is it just for people who went to University in their youth – in fact most of our members went straight from school into the world of work.

So what is it?

It's an all-embracing club for retired people, which is run by them and for them.

And there's one right here in Liphook. Liphook U3A has 600 members and over 40 interest groups.

Interested maybe, but not sure if it's for you?

Well, Liphook U3A is holding an Open Day on Monday

11 March, starting at 2pm in Liphook Millennium Hall. All the interest groups will be represented, refreshments will be available and entry is free. Why not drop in? It is completely informal and you can wander round without being checked in or pestered.

Life after retirement can be lonely and unproductive, but it doesn't have to be. Liphook U3A offers an opportunity for third-agers to learn new skills or to practice old ones and to make fresh friendships.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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METHODIST CHURCH

10.00am: Morning Worship for Palm Sunday Celebration.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 18th APRIL

METHODIST CHURCH

7.30pm: Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

6.00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY – 19th APRIL

EVENTS & SERVICES OPEN TO EVERYONE

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

9.30am: Coffee & Hot Cross Buns at Trinity Church - Liphook Infants School followed by "Service of the Nails" at 10.00am: Joint service with IPC (Liss). Further details from Church website: www.trinitychurch.tc

10.00am: Good Friday Worship at the Cross at the Methodist Church, followed by Walk of Witness with other Churches to the Church Centre.

12.00pm: Reflective Service at St Mary's, Bramshott.

3.00pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at the Roman Catholic Church.

HOLY SATURDAY – 20th APRIL

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

6.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY – 21st APRIL

ANGLICAN CHURCH

St Mary's, Bramshott:

8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP).

9.30am: Family Holy Communion.

Church Centre, Liphook:

10.30am: Family Holy Communion with Bonanza Egg Hunt.

METHODIST CHURCH

10.00am: Celebration of the Resurrection with Holy Communion.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

10.15am: Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.

TRINITY CHURCH

6.00am: Dawn walk at Butser Hill - see Web site for details www.trinitychurch.tc

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

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

JOINT CHURCHES EVENTS

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TRINITY CHURCH

To be . . . or not to be . . . that is the question!

Spring, that time of year when we think about new-life and look forward to the warmth of Summer! As I reviewed my notes over the last few years, we seem to be in 'Groundhog Day' mode, ever in the midst of confusion and always waiting on answers or outcomes on major questions.

Hamlet, in my headline comment, contemplates death and suicide, bemoaning the pain and unfairness of life but acknowledging that the alternative might be worse . . . I fear I've reached that point with 'BREXIT', please, please, just get it done! Yet that is only our 'local issue', beyond that we have the trade differences between the US and China, the debt problem in Italy, nuclear talks with North Korea, conflict in Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen; global warming, plastic pollution in our seas; it brings to mind another quote from Hamlet: 'woe is me'.

At times such as this, I thank God that I have a 'Christian Worldview'! That paradigm through which a person sizes up life and tries to understand it as one cohesive unit of thought. It certainly influences, but in many cases actually determines, our

answers to the basic philosophical questions of life: Who am I? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going? What is reality? What is the state of the world in which I live? But it has a much bigger impact than just our perceptions and thought processes because as **we apply it to life** it affects the way we actually do things, it determines our motivations, influences our politics and sets the moral parameters for the way we live or allow and accept, how others live - The moral codes for our society are in-effect determined by the prevailing worldview. Perhaps Hamlet draws his conclusion: For in that sleep of death what dreams may come, when we have shuffled of this mortal coil, must give us pause.

For me the opening words of Psalm 97 say it all: **"The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice"** - Today, tomorrow and for all eternity!

Pastor Jim Downie

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

As I write these words there are hopeful signs of the new life of Spring emerging in the world around us. However, whenever I turn on the news or go online, there seems to be precious little in the way of hope in the mood of our country at the moment. As our politicians repeatedly fail to arrive at any consensus about the future of our nation, we seem to be bombarded with fear and anxiety on all sides - fear about our security; fear about the economy; fear about our food supplies. Fear about the future generally.

This tangible atmosphere of fear and doubt makes me wonder what the apostles must have felt on that first Good Friday evening. Their Lord and Master ignominiously tortured and crucified, the knowledge that most of them had betrayed

or abandoned Him in His hour of need, surely, they knew what it was to experience fear and self-doubt as the promise and hopes of a new world had seemingly crashed around them? And yet only three days later Jesus' conquest of death and His return from the grave would transform them into men of faith, hope and love. Men who would go on to conquer the world by their lives and their testimony. They came to realize that there could have been no Easter Resurrection without the prior desolation of Good Friday.

Faith, hope and, above all, love are the virtues which drive out all fear. We remember this at Easter, and our country would do well to rediscover all three. Happy Easter.

Deacon Andrew Carter

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Time

I was at a funeral recently - a good friend of mine who loved to cycle. There were lots of people from different parts of his life and it was really moving except the part where one of his friends, an octogenarian sage had to be taken out during the service because he had an "episode". I've heard of funerals where people have died mid-service - I even heard of the preacher dying having just preached - and I didn't want this to happen on my watch! It was only after the service that our new friend confessed that cycling from Aldershot that morning might have been a bit much! It transpired that he was trying to become a member of the 1,000,000 mile club, and he had already cycled an eye watering 990,000 of them.

Just to put this in context if I cycled 50 miles a day taking Sunday's off for good measure it would take me almost 64 years to get this far - cycling roughly 3 hours every day, week in, week out, on holidays on dog days in good times and in bad!

My life has taken a different turn - along with most of the population of Great Britain one of my life works - not really a goal - more an accident is to watch a serious amount of TV! I read recently that the average Brit in 2014 watched about 5 hours every day - putting our biking friend into the shade! This will equate to roughly 15 years of the average lifetime. What always amazes me is just how much garbage I watch - some of it is truly terrible and I'm afraid I started young. I well remember

watching the Open University as a youngster out of sheer desperation once my carefully rationed children's hour courtesy of the BBC - was over. I can remember bearded lecturers wearing an assortment of ill fitting clothes, getting excited about particle physics while my eyes glazed over but I kept doggedly on! Now with the advent of Box Sets, Netflix, Youtube and social media I don't even need to be bored - but that still doesn't stop me trying - for instance my wife loves 'Call the midwife' - so I regularly watch women giving birth even though seeing this miracle of messiness and pain three times, was I feel, ample!

Lent is coming up. It's a time to think of decluttering - I loved watching Marie Kondo going round the houses of hapless couples and throwing into sharp relief just how much rubbish we accumulate in the space of our tiny lives - but I'd like to take this Lent to de clutter my time. At a heart rending moment in the book of Genesis - much maligned by people who often haven't grappled with its extraordinary insightfulness into the human condition. God the Father, the maker of all, utters the heart felt cry "Where are you . . .". The cry of a loving parent who has lost his most precious children. Sadly my answer to this question could be "watching TV, surfing the net or looking at Youtube". All fun in themselves but not the best way to spend the greatest gift we've ever been given - the gift that many of our friends in the developing countries just long for - our time.

Reverend Valentine Inglis-Jones

METHODIST CHURCH

Laziness and Narcissism are at the root of the breakdown in most relationships. If we don't put in the hard work of being in another's company and hearing what they have to say and listening to people with different opinions from our own we damage those relationships.

If we look for shortcuts to our goals we can find ourselves going off in the wrong direction.

If we insist that we are right in all things we set ourselves up as gods knowing good and evil.

The breakdown in relationships is what we call sin. There are specific actions and words and attitudes that cause the breakdown in relationships and usually they stem from laziness or narcissism.

Jesus lived, worked, died and rose in order to deal with sin. As one of us he took the result of the human desire for a shortcut to

being with God. Humans have tended to think that we can find our way into eternity by doing or not doing certain things. Jesus reminds us that eternity with God is more about who we are than what we do.

Jesus also took the result of our narcissism that refused to acknowledge our fallibility or take any responsibility. We are always shifting blame; it must always be someone else's fault.

By rising from the dead he showed that death is not the end; that there is a way to be in God's presence for eternity and that is by way of him. To the thief next to him on the cross who took responsibility for his actions and looked to Jesus to overcome the result of his laziness or narcissism Jesus said, 'Today you will be with me in paradise'.

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Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council

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Parish Council Grants

The council has now allocated grants to local organisations for 2019/20. The beneficiaries are Royal British Legion, Bramshott War Memorial Trust, Liphook Village Hall, Peak Day Centre, Liphook & Ripsley Cricket Club, Citizens Advice East Hants, Liphook Bowling Club, Liphook Tennis Club, Liphook Carnival & Bonfire Committee, Liphook in Bloom, Liphook Carers Group, Victim Support, Home Start Weywater, St Mary's Church and Liphook Youth Club. Grants totalling £19,300 have been allocated. A sum of £1,700 remains to be allocated for any new small grant requests.

Information About the Council

Full Council meetings are held monthly at the Liphook Millennium Centre. In addition, we have committees covering Recreation, Planning, Finance & Policy and an LMC Management Committee. All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity to ask questions in the public participation sessions.

The agenda and minutes of all meetings are available on the

council website. Information is also available on our budget and how we spend public money.

Elections are held every four years and will be held in May 2019. It is planned to hold a session at the Millennium Centre for anyone interesting in standing as a councillor. This will be an opportunity to meet current councillors and ask question about the work of the Parish Council.

Millennium Centre Cinema

Regular cinema events are held in the main hall of the Liphook Millennium Centre. There is a large screen and retractable tiered seating for 126 people, with extra seating at the front, allowing us to accommodate up to 180 people. Refreshments are served from our community bar before the film and during the interval. The council is developing a new website for the Millennium Centre and a new online booking system will make it easier to book for upcoming events.

Community Funded Initiatives

These are projects that are no longer funded by the County Council and examples include minor roadworks such as passing places, more attractive signage and adaptations for pedestrian traffic. The Parish Council has agreed to ring fence £5,000 in its annual budget to help community groups who want to undertake a project to benefit a community. There is set criterion used to assess any project and an application form is available from the Parish Office together with fuller details of the scheme.

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Bohunt Academy

Launch of 'Inspire' An Competition for Year 10 - Inspiring Young Minds

Bohunt Sixth Form hosted the launch of a cross-Trust competition, designed specifically for Year 10s from all Bohunt Education Trust (BET) schools. The event, an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)-style team competition, consists of teams of four or five students who will compete against each other. Each team will test each other's cultural and social knowledge, aiming to demonstrate an understanding of the chosen topic, "What has been the most influential change in human history during the last two hundred years?"



Teams from BET gathered together to meet and discuss the competition in more detail. It was a great opportunity for all the students to meet their cohorts from the other schools, something that BET will aim to develop more over the coming months this academic year.

Each team will work with a newly qualified teacher (NQT) who will mentor the students and co-ordinate their answers. The teams will have to present their answers at presentation evening in the Summer Term, where the winners will be announced something that's certain to fill the Sixth Form building for the evening!

Neil Strowger, Headteacher of Bohunt School and CEO of BET said, *"By inspiring young minds across our Trust, we develop the thinkers of tomorrow. Events such as Inspire demonstrate that collectively we can encourage all our students to thrive in the real world after school."*

Bohunt Students Get Their Groove on at BETT

Students from Bohunt School's iPad band are currently performing at the BETT exhibition: one of the largest educational technology shows in the world.



Performing four times per day, for three days, the students are showcasing how Bohunt's innovative educational techniques can transform learning and provide new opportunities.

Bohunt's iPad band builds on the learning opportunities afforded by our iPad Band room. The performances are taking place in conjunction with David Kirtlan from Elsium Education - one of the UK's top education consultants renowned for digital learning and iPad band.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Speed Networking Event

Last term our Year 10 science students completed their first speed networking event at the School, giving them the chance to meet difference scientists and find out about careers in STEM.



Hosted by our Science department in Liphook the students were keen to ask questions, compare careers and contrast the challenges faced by the scientists. All the students were inspired to further follow a career in Science having met the representatives.

Stratianna Davi, Head of STEM said *"In Bohunt we believe that by exposing students to STEM and giving them opportunities to explore STEM-related concepts, they will develop a passion for it and hopefully pursue a job in a STEM field."*

Bohunt 'Bags' £2,000 from Tesco's Community Grant Scheme

Bohunt School is delighted to announce it has been awarded £2,000 from Tesco's Bags of Help community grant scheme.

Bags of Help is run in partnership with environmental charity Groundwork, and sees grants raised from the sale of carrier bags awarded to thousands of local community projects every year. Since launching in 2015, it's provided more than £63 million to over 20,000 local community projects.

Millions of shoppers have voted in Tesco stores up and down the country and it can now be revealed Bohunt School has been awarded £2,000.

Work will now begin on bringing the project to life.

In 2012 when our site in Liphook became a Directly Licensed Centre, we launched the D of E award to our students for the first time with 60 students completing the award with us.

This academic year however we have had over 300 students complete their Bronze, Silver and Gold award with us. Many of the students taking part have never camped outside or even walked in the local area and for many the purchase of equipment is a significant barrier to them even considering it as an option to develop themselves, particularly those from the most disadvantaged backgrounds. Neil Pittaway, Head of School at Bohunt School said, *"D of E programme embodies our core values of enjoy, respect and achieve. We are really grateful to Tesco's for helping us continue to ensure outstanding provision for our most disadvantaged and vulnerable students. Thank you to those who have headed out and voted for us so that we continue to support our students in all aspects of their learning outside the classroom."*

Alec Brown, Tesco's Head of Community, said, *"Bags of Help has been a fantastic success and we've been overwhelmed by the response from customers. It's such a special scheme because it's local people who decide how the money will be spent in their community. We can't wait to see the projects come to life."*



Voting ran in stores throughout September and October with customers choosing which local project they would like to get the top award using a token given to them at the checkout.

Tesco customers get the chance to vote for three different groups each time they shop. Every other month, when votes are collected, three groups in each of Tesco's regions are awarded funding.

Groundwork's National Chief Executive, Graham Duxbury, said, *"Bags of Help continues to enable local communities up and down Britain to improve the local spaces and places that matter to them. The diversity of projects that are being funded shows that local communities have a passion to create something great in their area. We are pleased to be able to be a part of the journey and provide support and encouragement to help local communities thrive."*

Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities. Anyone can nominate a project and organisations can apply online. To find out more visit: www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp

Parents of Year 7 Students Join 'School at Work' Taster Mornings

Recently Bohunt School opened its doors to parents and carers of Year 7 students for three consecutive taster mornings, giving them the opportunity to meet senior members of staff and experience a morning of activities.



Teachers from the faculties of Expressive Arts, English and Science were keen to welcome parents into their lessons and also organised a few 'taster' classes for parents to help them understand what the transition to secondary school had been like for their children new to the school. In addition, parents were given the chance to participate in a science activity morning and watch a modern dance performance, both set to James Bond theme tunes! Neil Strowger, Headteacher at Bohunt School said, *"These taster days were designed to encourage a supportive partnership between school and home, by giving parents the opportunity to experience first-hand what their children experience at school."*

Bohunt students raise money for The Eliflar Foundation

Head of House Alex Waterfield was delighted to announce the final amount raised, £1000, by all of Redgrave House, just before pupils broke up for half term.



Mr Waterfield said, *"All of the students should be extremely proud of themselves for helping change lives with their amazing hard work.. This will mean that the foundation can help those young individuals live and lead a normal life."*

Bohunt School students raised £1020.11 which will go towards grants and specialised equipment helping families manage with the day to day responsibilities of children living with disabilities.

Head of School Neil Pittaway said, *"All students at Bohunt School get involved in charity fundraising from when they start at the school. We are always impressed by the respect that students have for their chosen house charities and this is reflected in their successful fundraising by all the School houses. Well done to Redgrave House."*

Hollycombe Steam in the Country



Following the article in the Summer 2018 issue of this magazine it made me think about the huge amount of work, effort and expense which must go into restoring and maintaining the exhibits in working order for the visitors to enjoy.

There is nothing quite like a live steam engine to entrance adults and children alike, and Hollycombe have a project to restore their popular narrow-gauge locomotive "Caledonia".

Made by Andrew Barclay of Kilmarnock in 1931, Engine Number 1995 was supplied originally to the Durham County Water Board for use on the Burnhope Dam project. Here it obtained its cabside number '70', but was not named as such; however even the humblest of locomotives seems to be deserving of a name and she was unofficially referred to as 'Black' by the enginemmen, due to her paint colour.

Following the completion of the project in 1936, all the engines were offered for sale, and No. 70 was moved to Raisby Quarries in Co Durham. She worked here until she was bought by Dinorwic Slate quarries in Llanberis, Wales in 1948. After some repair works she set to work as the newest member of the large existing team of Dinorwic engines, and at this time is her first encounter with what would turn out to be her long term friend, Jerry M. While under the ownership of Dinorwic, No. 70, still carrying its Durham County Water Board Number, was assigned to Port Dinorwic, for shunting wagons of finished slates arriving from the quarry to the ships for transport all over the world.

However, as the 1960s begin, the quarries were finding markets tough and the industry saw massive decline; in 1968 Dinorwic

closed down, leaving No. 70, among other engines, once again out of use and up for sale. However good fortune fell in favour of the engine, as it was purchased by Commander Baldock, and would go on to be the first locomotive to haul passengers on the narrow gauge Quarry Railway at Hollycombe, and being joined later by her long term life companion, Jerry M. Once in ownership at Hollycombe, she was honoured for the first time with a name, 'Caledonia', taken from the name of the works in which she was built. She worked hard and reliably up until 2007 when the firebox required some serious repairs and she was dismantled for work to commence. Sadly she has been out of use ever

since and the estimated cost of repairs is £25,000.

Simon Wildgust, the Manager at Hollycombe has placed the following appeal at www.gofundme/restoringcaledonia:-

"Hollycombe Steam in the Country", is a collection of national importance and we fund our activities through the museum. For those of you who have been a part of Hollycombe whether through volunteering or by visiting you have helped to support the museum over the years. However sometimes we need to ask for help financially in order to be able to achieve the restoration of some of our collection which otherwise might be beyond our means.

We are looking to raise funds to restore Caledonia so that we can see her running once again on our Quarry Railway. Caledonia is the first locomotive to haul passengers on our narrow gauge railway and holds a special place for lots of people and seeing her run again will be a sight to behold. Anything you can give no matter how small will help us to pay for all of the works to get Caledonia into service again. She hasn't been running since 2007 due to requiring some significant works and works on other parts of the collection has meant that Caledonia has been side lined for some time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and thank you for any help you are able to give".

Hollycombe will reopen for visitors this year on Sunday 14th April and full details of opening dates and special events can be found online at <https://www.hollycombe.co.uk>

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Ypres Poppy Cascade

I was Manager of the Peak Centre for a while and Treasurer of the Liphook Community Laundry Service. My old friends, Mary and Nigel Still were incredibly helpful in encouraging the folk of Bramshott and Liphook to make poppies for me. Ann Hall and her Knit and Natter group produced 144 poppies. Jan and Tony Roles made some felt poppies assisted by their grandchildren. Even dear Shirley Williams and her Carers got involved, to name but a few.

Let me first set the scene by describing my links with the First World War and how this idea came about. My husband, Edward, is Chairman of The Friends of St George's Memorial Church, Ypres. His father, my father-in-law, and my maternal Grandfather both served in 2nd Life Guards together at that time! Six of my paternal Great Uncles also fought, although sadly (but perhaps not surprisingly) three of them did not survive – Ernest and Lionel Dashwood (Ox & Bucks L.I.) being killed in the same week of May 1915, and Wilfred Dashwood (Gren Gds.) in the opening days of Passchendaele on 2nd August 1917.

As we chatted over supper on a glorious evening in late June, we were discussing the fact that we had just missed the opportunity to view the Wave ceramic poppies installation, locally, before it continued on its tour of the country and moved to IWM Manchester. Furthermore, we were even more annoyed that we had also failed to see the fantastic display of poppies at The Tower of London in 2014. This led to what I can only describe as a "light bulb moment" when it occurred to me that a huge opportunity was about to be missed! What, I thought, could be more fitting than to decorate St. George's Memorial Church, in Ypres, in a similar vein? After all, St. George's is a National Shrine – and in the centenary year of all years, it seemed the right and proper thing to do. I wondered if, by using the power of social media, I could appeal to the Nation and get people to knit or crochet a single poppy? Or for those who didn't knit or crochet, they could cut one out of felt? The more I thought about it, the more driven and determined I became; this was going to happen!

At this stage, I wasn't quite sure how I was going to achieve it or, indeed, what it might look like. But I was convinced I could make something happen. Even if we just received a few poppies, we could perhaps create something inside the Church. I would need to consult the Bishop, Archdeacon, Area Dean and the PCC to gain permission, but thankfully they were all extremely supportive – although at that stage I don't think any of us really had any idea what the end result would look like! Despite the Chaplain being on leave, the two Church Wardens, Liz and Rikki, were very positive and became the 'Belgium representatives' for the project. St. George's Memorial Church has a very small Congregation, but it has an enormous number of visitors throughout the year and they work incredibly hard, so I didn't want to pile even more pressure on them.

I was very aware from the outset that time was of the essence. I felt we had sufficient time to pull something off, but only just! I thought the easiest bit would be to find a poppy knitting pattern on the internet, which I did. But it was only when I took advice from my friends at Royal Mail, who suggested knitting a couple to determine what size of envelope would be required and the cost of postage, that I realised they were knitting up far too small and something considerably bigger would be needed to make an

impression. I found myself writing knitting patterns. I would never admit to being a proficient knitter, so this was an additional challenge! At this point I was unsure if we would receive 6 dozen poppies, or 6 million – but if it was the latter and the postage was under-paid then I knew I could have a potential disaster on my hands! By the time we had a workable poster, suitable patterns, a useable template and easy-to-follow step-by-step instructions loaded onto the Church's website, the schools had broken up for the summer holidays and August was looming. Undeterred, I pressed on and quickly realised that I needed to think outside the box. With the help of family, friends, local schools, churches and wool shops, contacts with the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion, the Western Front Association, Sheppey Matters, Send Prison, friends in Australia, St. George's College in Buenos Aires and many other organisations – the poppies started to roll in. At first it was a trickle, but soon they gathered momentum.

In the middle of August, Edward and I enjoyed a trip to Ypres combining the opportunity to attend Evensong at St. George's with a chance for me to do a recce and study the church tower. No one seemed to be able to give me any details or measurements, except I received one piece of advice from a visiting bell ringer who told me that chartered surveyors now often photograph buildings and then enlarge the picture in order to count the number of courses of bricks. This works, as long as you measure the size of the brick and the pointing and can multiply! Buoyed by our reconnaissance and filled with a renewed sense of optimism, it was back to dear old Blighty with figures, photos, a calculator and a clearer vision before a hunt around the internet to source some 90 square metres of AstroTurf which would act as the background, or 'canvas', to which the poppies would be attached. Initially, I thought we would need about 6,000 poppies to cover the turf, although I soon revised it and thought that we might manage with 3,500.

Thanks to the generosity of all those who provided their time and support, in whatever way they could, things really started to come together. Inevitably we were beginning to incur a few costs,





but relatively speaking these were minimal – and, considering the end result, I don't think anyone would complain. However, thanks to one of our generous donors in particular, the project was effectively able to go ahead without having to concern ourselves with any financial worries or constraints. White & Company removals solved our transportation problems and kindly shipped 10,000 poppies and 3 x 15m rolls of AstroTurf to Ypres free of charge, which was fantastic and a great help. It was at this point that we had far exceeded our estimated number of poppies, and I began to wonder what I would do with all the leftover poppies. It then struck me that perhaps we could attach them to the railings along the pavement outside the church. So without a moment's hesitation, I ordered a 25m roll of black clematis netting and 6,000 cable ties. Justin Aggett, Arts and Media Manager at Sheppey Matters, and my wonderful mentor, advised me that we would need plenty of glue guns when it came to the moment of fixing and that 1 glue stick would fix about 10 poppies. Armed with his advice, I ordered 10 glue guns and about 800 glue sticks!

On Monday 22nd October, a merry band of 9 set out for Ypres to spend 2 days gluing, cable-tying and assembling the poppies. We achieved more than I had dared hope in that time, ably assisted by Liz and John from St. George's who had been performing an invaluable job of liaising with the Ieper Fire Brigade who agreed to help get the AstroTurf rolls to the top of the bell tower and (carefully!) unravel them. They were joined by local volunteers, including passing visitors who dropped in and did an hour's gluing. We'd also received a number of locally made poppies, including a fair number of white ones representing Peace. The Belgians don't wear red poppies as a symbol of remembrance, but I felt it was important to include them amongst the red ones on either side of the tower – especially considering the fact that, by 1918, the town had been reduced to rubble. Thankfully it wasn't all work and we managed to fit in a visit to the Menin Gate for the Last Post ceremony and an evening in the brasserie beneath the Ypres ramparts where the *Wipers Times* was produced.

By the time we headed for home on the Wednesday, we still had 4 metres of clematis netting to fill but had run out of poppies! So I put out an urgent request for more poppies and when we returned to Ypres a week later to add the finishing touches and 'unveil' the installation, we had amassed an additional 1100 which meant that we were able to finish the last 4 metres of netting (and fill any little gaps). The installation went smoothly and by lunchtime on Wednesday 31st October it was all up – and it looked fantastic! The weather was blustery and wet as the Fire Brigade were attaching and unrolling the AstroTurf on the previous afternoon but it made for a good test, not to mention a rather nervy night as we waited to see if it would still be hanging the next morning and, if it was, whether the poppies and glue had stood up to the elements. We'd seen a few come floating down and land in the road as it was being put up, but this was to be expected. The main thing is – it was up!

At 3.00pm on Wednesday 31st October, the bells of St. George's rang out across Ypres for half-an-hour after which Stephen Murray, the Area Dean, and Rev Philip Edell blessed the cascade in a short but moving ceremony. A good crowd had gathered outside the church in Elverdingestraat, including the cast of *Journey's End* which added a suitable flavour of First World War authenticity to proceedings.



St. George's looked spectacular adorned in thousands of bright-red handmade poppies. I was overwhelmed by the result which was only possible thanks to the few thousand people who gave up their time to make poppies and the generous financial donations which enabled us to settle the few expenses which we had. Over 15,000 poppies – knitted, crocheted and cut out of felt – were attached to 90 square metres of AstroTurf and 24 square metres of black plastic Clematis Netting with 12 glue guns, hundreds of glue-sticks and over 5,000 cable ties. I was incredibly proud of what we had managed to achieve and felt I had done my bit to commemorate not only my Great Uncles and those connected to me on a personal level, but ALL those brave young men who had been killed fighting in the Ypres Salient.

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I'll probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.

My young grandson called the other day to wish me happy birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked,

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Arts & Crafts Society

Bramshott and Liphook arts and crafts society had a fantastic start to 2019 with a very successful 'Have a go' night on the 8th January. Members and visitors alike were presented with a choice of seven options to choose from on the night, including card making, collage, system 3 inks, I-pad painting, White on black drawing, beadwork and watercolours. Everyone came away with something new and a good time was had by all.

The next few months are just as exciting, with the following dates for your diaries:

5th Feb: Impressionism in oils - a demonstration by Lucie Cookson

5th March: AGM

12th, 13th & 14th April: Annual Exhibition at the Millennium Hall

7th May: Charcoal Figures - a demonstration by Debbie Hanks



The society currently has one hundred and fifteen members, who can enjoy 10 demonstration evenings a year, are able to exhibit in our annual exhibition and our ongoing exhibition at the Green Dragon in Liphook, and can display artwork on our Website Gallery. Members also receive at discount at Art Work in Liphook, Petersfield books, and Academy Arts in Petersfield. Members can also advertise their own workshops, lessons and services on our website. Membership is only £30 a year, which is a great deal.

The demonstration evenings start at 7.30pm at the Millennium Hall and are free to members, but visitors are always welcome and for the small fee of £5 can just turn up on the night.

As well as Demonstrations given at a very reasonable cost, we have Exhibitions and run Workshops throughout the year, where you can try your hand at some of the ideas and techniques demonstrated. These are held at the Triangle Centre in Liss, from 10.00am - 4.00pm and can be booked through our workshop secretary: workshops@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk

Our forthcoming workshops include:

23rd Feb: Chinese Brush - Led by Maggie Cross

23rd March: Contemporary Watercolours - Led by Liz Baldwin

25th May: Charcoal Figures - Led by Debbie Hinks

22nd June: Abstract Landscapes in Acrylic - Led by Ronnie Ireland

Visitors are also welcome to our workshops at a cost from £37 each.

We also sell gift BLACS workshop vouchers for £32, why not give someone the opportunity to meet other artists and try their hand at something new. (subject to availability)

So why not pop into the Green Dragon for a meal and see some of our member's artwork on display, it's always changing. Come along to a demonstration night or take part in a workshop. There's always something going on. Check our website liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk for details, or if you'd like more information or to join us please contact our membership secretary at: membership@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk

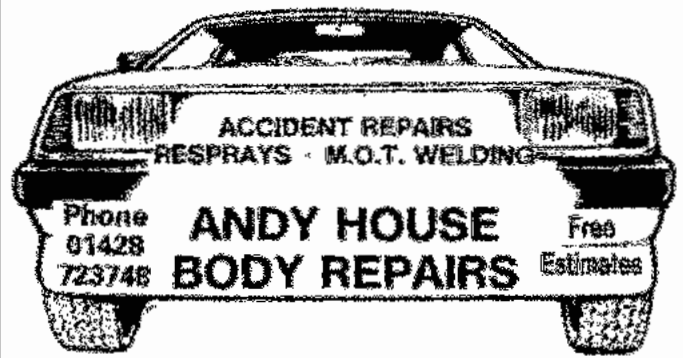
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Churcher's College

JUNIOR RECITAL NIGHT

This year's concert was run with a very different aim to previous years and that was to involve as many children as possible showing the music they had been working on in the classroom.



The result was a larger than life show stopping inclusive evening of music and fun. It was a fantastic evening and we saw a wide variety of performances. The show opened with the CCJS Rock Band. A new venture where the children involved have named themselves 'The black knights' and performed an original song. We were impressed, what a great way to open the show! We then saw our Chamber Choir, String ensemble and Wind band perform with a music maturity beyond their years as we saw what could be achieved with dedicated work from our school clubs. The audience were then in for a surprise with a polished performance from the Poetry Club which gave us many laughs! In the second half of the concert we saw all of year 5 and 6 on stage singing and performing a variety of songs. Ukulele club took us to the beach while playing some Bob Marley. Year 5 wowed us with their 'cup song' and Year 6 took the roof off with some musical theatre scenes from Annie. The audience were blown away by the energy and enthusiasm of the children and everyone said what a thrilling concert it had been. We were so proud to see such talent here in the Junior School.

JUNIOR SCHOOL GO BACK IN TIME

Year 6 travelled back in time to the Victorian Age when they visited Milestones Museum in Basingstoke.



The children experienced Victorian life first hand as they enrolled in the Board School and joined the apprentices at the Talisker ironworks. At school they used an abacus and slates with chalk; in the foundry they learnt about the changes that occurred in making all things metal between 1809 and 1900. The children also had time to explore the many other areas of Victorian life on offer at Milestones - further enriching their knowledge of the Victorian Age.

JUNIOR SCHOOL INFANT NATIVITY

'Y'A Little Bird Told Me' was this year's Infant Department Nativity at Churcher's College Junior School.

The children undertook two performances to their parents and grandparents, along with a more relaxed performance to the whole school, our nursery and pre-school siblings. The children worked very hard to learn their lines, perform dances and act out the Christmas story, being told this year from the prospective of the birds. The costumes were bright and colourful and amid a beautiful star filled backdrop, the children brought to life the true meaning of Christmas. A retiring collection of £421 was raised for the benefit of this year's school charity 'Dreams Come True'.





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Now one hundred and thirty years on, Haslemere Museum is one of the largest Museums in South East England and the collections are a rich resource of local, national and international heritage. The remarkable collections of Geology, Natural History and Human History are well worth a visit and they have a dedicated

gallery for each. The Geology Gallery contains a fine array of rocks, minerals and fossils including some fascinating ichthyosaur fossils and insects beautifully preserved in amber. In complete contrast the Natural History Gallery's Edwardian decor deliberately captures the essence of that era and has magnificent taxidermy specimens fashionable at that time. Great favourites with children are the butterfly collection, and of course the Museum's mascot 'Arthur' the Siberian Brown bear given by the Sisson family in the 1930s.



The Human History Collection artefacts on display are from the key British historical periods, from the Stone Age to the Victorian era and two prominent overseas collections. The remarkable Ancient Egyptian Collection is displayed in its own room and the European Peasant Arts Collection contains beautifully painted household objects and intricately embroidered textiles, mostly from North-Eastern Europe and dates from the 16th century. Their designs became the inspiration for Haslemere's own Arts & Crafts movement in the early 1900s.

The Museum has a wonderful tradition of learning and offers a lively programme of events throughout the year which provide enjoyment for everyone. As an independent registered charity, the Museum is responsible for raising all its own funds and relies entirely on donations, bequests, sponsorship, and hire fees to keep going.

Julia Tanner, Museum Curator added "There is so much to celebrate. 130 years ago our founder is considered to have revolutionised the role of museums in education and made his collections accessible to everyone. Our collections remain at the heart of the Museum and every year thousands of visitors come to learn, enjoy and be inspired and we are determined to ensure this continues. The Museum has enormous appeal and is as Sir Jonathan Hutchinson intended 'more a Museum for Haslemere, than one of Haslemere'.

Keep an eye on the Museum's website www.haslemere.co.uk and social media pages to keep up to date with everything that is going on.

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OUR LOCAL CRICKET CLUB IN FINAL AT LORD'S

Liphook and Ripsley C.C.



Liphook and Ripsley represented Hampshire in the final of the National Village Cup on Sunday 16 September - the first Hampshire team to do so for about 25 years. This competition is the largest amateur cricket competition in the world, and is open to village teams of less than 10,000 inhabitants and who do not play in the top tier of their County league. Over 300 teams entered the competition in 2018, and Liphook defeated teams from Sparsholt, Hursley Park, Bramshaw and Easton & Martyr Worthy to become the Hampshire representative in the latter stages of the competition. Liphook and Ripsley then defeated Cookham Dean from Berkshire, Oxford Downs from Oxfordshire, North Perrott from Somerset and finally Mayfield from Sussex in order to reach the final, which took place at Lord's.

Captain Chaz Janczur won the toss and put Folkton and Flixton into bat - the first time they had batted first in the Cup this season. Opening bowlers Suman Ganguly and Janczur bowled tightly and gave Liphook and Ripsley a perfect start when Janczur ripped Stocks' middle stump out of the ground in the fourth over with the score on 10, a feat that he was going to repeat in the eighth over with the dismissal of Malthouse that left the Yorkshire side reeling with 23 runs on the scoreboard. Having completed their opening spells, Ganguly and Janczur were replaced by Ryan Covey and George Neave who continued the good work and kept Folkton and Flixton under control.



George Neave

George Neave struck in the sixteenth over when Tom Norman (19) chipped a delivery into the waiting hands of Rob Nicklin, and Folkton and Flixton Captain Will Norman replaced his brother. Will Norman was soon on his way back to the Pavilion after having been spectacularly caught at gully by Suman Ganguly, who held a rocket of a catch, diving away to his right. Folkton and Flixton were in trouble with the score on 59/4 and 18 overs of the 40 over a side game played.

Nesfield joined Hutchinson at the crease, and started to rebuild their innings, but Covey and Neave weren't giving much away and the scoreboard ticked slowly. Dave Elliott and Sean Burton took up the bowling for Liphook, but were quickly targeted by the two settled batsmen, scoring 33 from their 5 overs. The momentum started to shift, and the Yorkshire batsmen shared a brilliant 85 wicket partnership taking them to 144 before George Neave re-arranged Hutchinson's stumps with a pacey delivery that left him an agonising two runs short of a half-century.

Nesfield continued the recovery before he was bowled by Ganguly for a man of the match performance of 60 and Folkton and Flixton were 174/6 in the 37th over. Ganguly was to get a second wicket, trapping Harry Walmsley lbw in the final over, but not before he had smashed 35 from 17 balls, taking Folkton and Flixton to a score of 198-8, which had seemed unlikely at the half-way point of their innings. George Neave (3-39) and Suman Ganguly (2-37) were in the wickets, but it was Captain Chaz Janczur who was the pick of the Hampshire bowlers, taking 2-19 from his 8 overs.

Liphook came out in a positive frame of mind, and opening batsmen Ryan Covey and Rob Nicklin had Liphook off to a flyer, but the difference between the two sides was that none of the Liphook batsmen were able to stay at the crease long enough to make a difference to the game. Liphook lost their first wicket with the score on 17, when Ryan Covey (9) edged a delivery on 9 and was caught by the Yorkshire wicket-keeper, Ward. Rob Nicklin and Harry Munt continued the positive approach until Nicklin top-edged a shot to Malthouse at gully, and Liphook were on 39/2. Harry Munt was playing well, but controversy was



Grant Rouse

around the corner when Ward appealed to the Umpire for a stumping. The Umpire initially seemed to indicate that Munt was out, but then seemed to change his mind. Munt was out LBW shortly after for 19. George Neave came to join Suman Ganguly at the crease, but top-edged his first delivery and had to return to the Pavilion empty-handed. 55/2 had become 55/4, and Liphook started to show the first signs of being in trouble. Suman Ganguly made a lively 16, but when he was out, and with Jonny Pryce soon following, without scoring, Liphook had

collapsed to 77/6. Grant Rouse and Ric Williams steadied things, but when Rouse was caught at gully for 25, Williams followed soon after, and Liphook were reeling at 99/8. Walmsley, who inflicted so much damage with the bat during Folktown and Flickton's innings came into the attack, removing Sean Burton for 4, and Janczur for an entertaining 14. Liphook and Ripsley had stumbled to a total of 126, and lost by 72 runs.

Ultimately, disappointment for the Hampshire side, but their supporters had nothing but pride for a team that had made it to the final of this prestigious national competition, in only the second time they have entered the competition, and treated them to a wonderful day at Lords, the home of English cricket.

If you would like to find out more about Liphook and Ripsley Cricket Club, and would like to come and play cricket, or just watch cricket, you would be very welcome at our friendly club. We have three adult teams and a full range of youth teams (both boys and girls) ranging from Under 7 through to Under 17. All our coaches are ECB qualified and our summer nets will start towards the end of April. Club contacts are:

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Steve Barrett	Adult cricket	07894 899728
stevenbarrett571@yahoo.com		
Nick Cansfield	Club Secretary	07789 284568
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Nick Cansfield

Trefoil Guild 75 Years

The Guiding organisation was started by Lord Baden-Powell's sister, Agnes, 109 years ago and Guiding in Liphook has flourished in the village ever since.

Meeting in the Guide Hall at the Millennium Centre once a month, on Tuesday evenings is the Trefoil Guild, originally set up in 1943 for former members of Guiding, it is now open to anyone age 18+, with or without Guiding connections or history.

Hampshire County is so large that for the purpose of Guiding it is divided into three areas, those being Hampshire North, Hampshire West and Hampshire East. Liphook comes under Hampshire East County, which consists of a large number of Guilds stretching from Liphook to Gosport.

In 2018 the Trefoil celebrated their 75th anniversary and enjoyed many events during the year. Liphook Trefoil Guild took part in

the celebrations, enjoying a Tea Party at Stansted Park with all members from the Hampshire East Guilds. We also joined Hampshire North and West at Foxlease (a Guiding Activity Centre) in the New Forest for an Activity Day and for a Service at Romsey Abbey. In September Girl-guiding Hampshire East invited all Hampshire East Trefoil members to The Marriott Hotel in Portsmouth for a cream tea and gave an introduction to the new and exciting Girl-guiding Programme, which is currently being rolled out to all young members across the country. In October the three Counties joined together once again for a Train Trek to travel the Watercress Line from Alton to Alresford. Finally, as always throughout the year we support the younger members of Girl-guiding (Ages 5 – 18) with their district events, including taking part in Liphook carnival.

To commemorate this eventful year we planted 75 red tulip bulbs in the flowerbed immediately behind the Guide Hall, in addition to 75 white daffodil bulbs, kindly given by Liphook in Bloom.

This year all the Hampshire East Trefoil Guilds will be heading up to Liphook in December, when Liphook members will be hosting the Christmas party.

Margaret Dalman originally ran the Guild in the afternoon, but now it is a thriving evening Guild, originally started by Barbara Crook, currently with members from Liphook, Bordon and Liss attending. If you are aged 18+ and interested in finding out more about Liphook Trefoil Guild activities, please call **01428 722689 / 01420 473957**, alternatively email enquiries to Liphook Trefoil Guild at: **liphook-guides@outlook.com**

Sue Knight



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can make within these families, simply by offering their time, a shoulder to cry on or practical help or advice when required.

We are always looking for new volunteers and the only qualification you need is that you are a parent yourself or have worked with small children. If you are kind and friendly, can offer a few hours a week and want to do something extremely rewarding and worthwhile, we can provide full training and continuous support - and don't worry, you will not be used simply as a home help or a babysitter!

However, if you don't feel this is quite the role for you, we have plenty of other opportunities for you to help this great charity. We are looking for new people to join our Local Action Group which organises fundraising events and helps to raise awareness of the charity in the various local communities we serve. In fact we are planning a Race Night at the Millennium Centre in Liphook on Saturday 27th April and hope that as many people as possible will buy tickets for this fun evening!

We would also love to hear from you even if you'd just be prepared to help on the day at our events - organising a raffle, selling programmes or running the bar, for example.

If you think you might be interested but want to have a further chat about what is involved, please contact Angela Small on **01420 473555** or Mary Braithe on **07974 819750**. Thank you so much.

Poets' Corner

Tapestry...

How lucky the Tapestry!
To which your needles sent
Golden stitches placed with care
Until your almost spent

How slender is the thread
Made from loving strands
Interwoven one on one
Love crafted at your hand.

This caring joyous picture
Seems to cast a sunny glow
As deftly works your needle
It never seems to slow.

Lifelong loving seamstress
Skilled with love and care
Crafting life for her loved one
Like a Selfless, joyous prayer.

Frederick Werner

Resolutions

Creeps on the stealth of postponed dusk,
For now the days are lengthening.
With Christmas cheer and New Year's kiss,
Our friendship bonds are strengthening.

The resolutions formed, so true
To all that we are seeking,
Are clung to by the merest thread,
With all concerned still speaking.

Now comes the acid test of time,
As February fast approaches,
And busy life becomes the norm,
And on "spare time", encroaches.

Now where the group of friends you made,
And where the resolutions?
And is that gym so hard to find,
And do you seek "solutions"?

Dig deep inside your drawers tonight,
Extract your lycra leggings,
Adjust your swimsuit's tum-control;
Ignore your children's beggings.

Stride out upon your gravel drive,
Or step out on your pavement,
That membership that cost so much,
Deserves at least "engagement".

So fix the smile upon your face,
The pool is quite "prestigio",
And in an hour you'll be back home,
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House, Churt Road, Hindhead. 01428 607499.

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

ST JOHN AMBULANCE & NURSING CADET DIVISION - Liphook
Member in charge, John Tough, 01428 724492. Millennium Hall
every Wednesday. Cadets 6.30 - 8.00pm. Adults 8.00 - 10.00pm.

SWIMMING CLUB - admin@haslemerswimmingclub.co.uk

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

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

TRAINING BAND - Maurice Wright, 01428 723940.

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

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
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

Girlguiding Liphook District Commissioner: Rachel Topping, to
contact use liphook-guides@outlook.com

SCOUTS

1st Liphook Scout Group - Scouting offers young people, aged between
6 and 25, a fantastic range of fun, exciting, challenging and adventurous
activities. In Liphook we have one of the largest and most active Scout
Groups in Hampshire. 1st Liphook Scout Group has over 200 members
and runs 3 Beaver Colonies (for those aged 6-8), 3 Cub Packs (9-11),
2 Scout Groups (11-14) an Explorer Scout Unit (14-18) and has strong
links to our District Scout Network Scout Unit (18-25).

If you live in Liphook or the surrounding villages and you would like your
son or daughter to experience the everyday adventure of Scouting, then
please contact our Membership Secretary, Vic Pires, to find out more
about joining:

membership@liphookscouts.org.uk

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

- **Bryan Jackson** (Group Scout Leader) on **01428 723248** or by email:
atgsl@liphookscouts.org.uk for all enquiries about Scouting and our
sections.

- **Stuart Clark** (Group Chairman) on **07900 463482** or by email:
atchair@liphookscouts.org.uk for all volunteer and fundraising
enquiries as well as for general enquiries.

- **Sarah-Jane Anslow** (Treasurer) by email at:
treasurer@liphookscouts.org.uk for subs enquiries.

- **Alison Jackson** (Scout Shop) on **01428 723248** or by email:
atalisonjackson@bopenworld.com for all uniform or equipment enquiries.

The sections and their leaders are as follows:-

- Willow Beavers – Mark Boosey
- Ashdown Beavers – Mark Stocker
- Maple Beavers – Sheila Woods
- Downlands Cub Pack – Kevin Carrig
- Oakhanger Cub Pack – Trevor Holden
- Wheatsheaf Cub Pack – Jez Turner
- Shackleton Scout Troop – Nigel Woods
- Scott Scout Troop – Neil Caie
- Stirling Explorer Unit – Stuart West
- Thesiger Network Scout Unit – Mark Boosey

*Any changes please notify Hazel
Williams on 01428 722084*



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