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INSPIRING WOMEN

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Bramshott Educational Trust  
Liphook Recreation Ground  
Tribute: Tony Rudgard



# Liphook WI's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**On 21st April 2021 Liphook WI will  
Celebrate its Centenary.**

100 years ago the horizons of many women were little wider than the village in which they lived. The first WI was formed in Canada in 1887 and the first in Britain in Llanfair PG on Anglesey in 1915. The aim was to broaden knowledge, entertain and develop skills while maintaining a non-sectarian, non party-political stance and to be open to all women. After WW1, when women had been holding the fort while many men were away fighting, there was a need for an organisation to harness the power of these newly independent women and the WI stepped in to fill this role.



*The 1924 Committee*

From the beginning the WI was often ahead of others in campaigning for changes which were later adopted by government. Many of the founding members were also leading lights in the Women's Suffrage Movement. This role has continued with the WI moving for equal pay, climate change, the plight of the honey bee and the Keep Britain Tidy movement. There have been many changes in the past one hundred years on national and local levels, and Liphook is no different.



*WI Tapestry*

The village in 1921 had no mains water, the main drains were only installed in 1930s, there were few residential properties none, with road numbers, only names or descriptions e.g. "the white bungalow." Things began to stir in 1921. The new Church Rooms were almost ready for use; the golf course was under construction and the first public meeting of the golf club took place in the Royal Anchor in June 1921; King George's Sanatorium was opened in 1921; the carnival was due to resume after WW1 and the introductory meeting of Liphook Women's

Institute was held on 20th April in the Village Hall which was attended by 200 women.

At this first meeting it was said that our WI was to "promote the welfare and happiness of all women who lived in the village irrespective of their social position, creed or political opinions." As a result the first actual meeting was held in Lady Chichele Plowden's "hut" on the Headley Road as the Church Rooms weren't finished. Other meetings were held in the gardens of rather smart houses until, by 1922 the Church Hall was ready and meetings were held there. Mrs. Poland from Downland, Bramshott was president and early meetings included, in July "character training in children", the entertainment - Kim's Game - was won by Miss Woods who was Mrs. Drew's maid, and in October the competition was to bring examples of pots and pans which had been mended by the members.



*Lucky Dip Stall*

From these beginnings a flourishing WI continued in Liphook, although some of the early members may have been surprised to see how the Institute evolved across the century. We do still hold our monthly meetings at which we have a speaker, followed by some time in which we socialise (a popular part of the meeting) and then the business of the evening is conducted. However, there is much more to our WI than that. There are various interest groups which meet during the month including handicraft, knitting and crochet, walking, book club, and lunch groups, as well as regular coffee mornings in members' homes, visits to theatres and other places of interest. Sadly, our full programme of visits for 2020/21 has had to be put on hold until we're able to resume normal life once again.

We play a part in village activities including the Carnival where we've won prizes many times in the walking category. A wall hanging showing our village, designed and made in 2000 by a team of members hangs in the Millennium Hall and a maple tree to commemorate the founding of the National Federation of Women's Institutes was planted on the village green with invited guests from the Canadian High Commission and Chelsea Pensioners. We take a table at the Christmas market and have made donations to village activities such as Liphook in Bloom and the Village Laundry, as well as joining in the litter pick round Liphook.

So a hundred years on and still flourishing. We welcome new members at our monthly meetings held on the third Wednesday in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Come and join us!

**Gwenda Pate**

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# BRAMSHOTT AND LIPHOOK *Parish Council*

## **Council Operations**

At the time of writing and with a new National Lockdown, the Parish Office remains closed to visitors. Anyone wishing to contact the Council can do so through the normal email and telephone numbers available on the council website and at the end of this article.

The public toilets attached to the Parish Office, accessed from the Midhurst Road car park, were re-opened before Christmas and we have agreed an enhanced cleaning programme to keep the public as safe as possible.

The Council run play parks remain open for leisure activities in accordance with government advice. We ask that parents and children use the facilities responsibly ensuring social distancing is maintained

The council grounds team continue to work hard to ensure that bins, on Council land, are emptied, that winter maintenance is completed in Radford Park, and that our community areas are safe to use.

## **Parish Projects**

**The Shed Project** - Many of you who visit the Recreation Ground on London Road probably wonder what on earth is going to happen with the derelict Willows building and when. Well, we've got a plan. Sadly, the Willows building, a former sports pavilion is now only fit for demolition. The adjoining two storey Beacon building is also no longer fit for purpose as we've grown our Grounds Team and the scope of the work they do in the parish.

A working party of parish councillors and staff, led by Cllr Peter Curnow-Ford, have kicked off a cost-effective project, managed by our Property Manager, Pete Jones, to replace these ugly structures with a purpose built, robust and secure equipment store. This will also offer necessary facilities for the Grounds

Team. Do join our Parish Council meetings for news and updates from the Working Party as this project progresses.

The Council has approved the replacement of boilers and control systems at the Millennium Centre and Scouts and Guides Hall in the same building. The guttering will also be repaired to ensure the areas are safe to use during cold weather.

The council has received positive feedback on the new Festive Lights over the Christmas period. These were hired for one year only and a decision will be made this year on whether to buy or lease new lights for the next few years.

## **Council Meetings**

The Council and its Committees continue to meet regularly online using Zoom video conferencing. Our meetings are held on a Monday starting at 7.30 pm. These meetings are open to the public and press. You can join meetings via a suitable laptop or other electronic device that has access to Wi-Fi or mobile data. Joining instructions are provided on the agendas which are published on the Council website and public notice boards. There is an opportunity to ask questions at any committee meeting during the Public Participation session.

The website contains information about our budget, grants, policies and how the Council spends public money. You can find previous agendas and minutes of our Full Council and Committee Meetings.

## **Get in Touch!**

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## THE

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*Mary Eyre*

## THE EPITOME OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT

# Tony Rudgard MBE Remembered



*Tony Rudgard as a young man*

One of Bramshott and Liphook's most respected residents, Tony Rudgard MBE passed away in January at the age of 97. In the 1950s Tony was working as a railway engineer in the London area and after working for Shell in Mombasa, Kampala, Port Sudan, Khartoum, and Jakarta, as well as Aberdeen, he settled in Bramshott 55 years ago with his late wife Jean and their two sons Nicholas and Stephen



*Tony Rudgard at Bramshott Open Gardens opening 9th June 2018*

Bramshott 24 years ago it soon became apparent that Tony Rudgard and his late wife Jean were popular and highly respected pillars of the community. Tony was a local councillor, and a driving force behind many village and parish initiatives, including Bramshott Open Gardens (BOG), which he helped to launch in 1987, and which we still hold every two years.

"As chair of the BOG committee until last year, I spent a lot of time with Tony - our lifetime President - and also as a close neighbour and friend. He continued to attend our meetings and kept all of us on our toes. As probably our village's oldest resident he was always happy to take part in a wide range of events, including the ceremonial turning-on of our Christmas Lights every November. "I know I speak on behalf of the entire committee and many villagers when I emphasise just how much we appreciated him and everything he did for other people and we are lucky to share so many positive and uplifting memories." Tony attended the last Bramshott Open Gardens event held on 9 June 2018 on his 95th birthday, which was opened by local actor Hugh Bonneville.

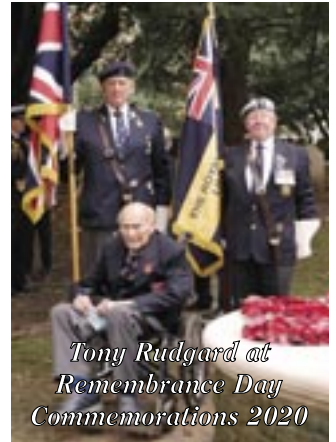
District councillor Angela Glass also remembers Tony fondly. She says: "When we moved to Bramshott, 14 years ago, it was Tony Rudgard who appeared on our doorstep, and invited us to join Bramshott and Liphook Conservatives. As a former district councillor, he always had the community at heart, promoting sports throughout the village, actively supporting and engaging with the Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society, and



*Tony Rudgard out canvassing with Damian Hinds*

Liphook Golf Club, as an instigator of Bramshott Open Gardens, and above all, a loyal and indefatigable supporter of the Conservative Party.

As always, Tony attended last year's Remembrance Day commemorations as a member of the local branch of the Royal British Legion, which was held at the Bramshott War Memorial at St Mary's Church.



*Tony Rudgard at Remembrance Day Commemorations 2020*

RBL's Col John Boyd, a neighbour and friend, had this to say: "Tony Rudgard demonstrated the very finest of British society - leaving a reserved occupation working on the railways in WW2, he volunteered to serve with the Fleet Air Arm and survived a number of Atlantic crossings. "After the war he was a wonderful family man and the epitome of community spirit. A life well and fully lived and his legacy lives on through his family and the wonderful example he has set within his much-loved community."

Close golfing friend John Harvey speaks about Tony's involvement with Liphook Golf Club. He says: "Tony was a keen golfer having played in Sudan, Indonesia and Aberdeen. One of his favourite courses was The Royal St Georges in Sandwich where his brother was a member. He joined Liphook Golf Club in 1967 and was made Life Honorary Member in 2008 for his contribution as club historian, drawing on his extensive knowledge of its history and members since it was formed in 1922, as well as contributing to the compilation of the archives presently stored in the Heritage Centre. "After he was unable to play golf, Tony joined the Shell Group in the clubhouse which meets every Wednesday for lunch and all his friends at the club will miss him. He was known for the slowest back swing imaginable."



*Tony Rudgard celebrating his 95th Birthday on 9th June 2018*

For many years, Tony Rudgard was the sports representative for Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council, instigating two successful Village Sports Days which engaged all local clubs.

In 1983, he was awarded an MBE for his voluntary contributions to energy conservation, and was invited to Buckingham Palace where he received his medal from the Queen. In January 2017, he was honoured by East Hampshire District Council who named a road in the Silent Garden Development 'Rudgard Way' after him.

A railway historian, Tony appeared in Michael Portillo's TV series talking about the role of narrow-gauge railways in World War I. He spoke about his father Harold, a Lieutenant Colonel, who played a central role in the organisation of wartime railways and was based at Longmoor for a while.

**Gabrielle Pike**





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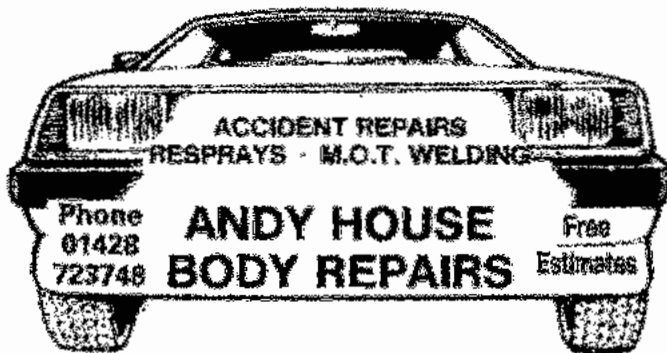
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Our monthly meetings at the Millennium Hall are also very popular and we enjoy some very interesting speakers covering many topics of general interest.

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## A COMMUNITY PUB OFFERING GENUINE COUNTRY HOSPITALITY

# The Deer's Hut

The Collins English Dictionary defines the word 'public' (as in 'public house' aka the pub) as "...the community or people in general" which neatly fits with the ethos at the Deer's Hut pub at Griggs Green. As Managing Director Deborah Steel explains, "We believe that a pub is so much more than just a place to enjoy a drink or a meal; it is a community, and it serves the community. All the staff here are very clear about that, despite these difficult times." Speaking to Debbie in early January at the height of Lockdown 3 (by phone sadly, not over a pint...) she was very keen to stress that "...diverse people make pubs, not just locations, landlords or breweries..." I asked her to expand.

"The Deer's Hut is famous for its set-piece events throughout the year - e.g. the Classic Car Show - but what many people don't realise are the host of other activities that centre around the pub." Pointing to a number of examples where this happens, Debbie mentioned the medal-winning 1st Liphook Scout Group Archery teams who use the rear fields for practice and the Greatham Equestrian Centre (see photo) who often ride to the pub for lunch, tethering their horses on the especially erected rails - as many as 16 at one time! "We love to encourage local groups, particularly those involving animals (horses hold a particularly special place in Debbie's world) and of course dogs; "We are a very doggie friendly pub, and it is wonderful to see so many walkers who use The Shipwrights Way and Weavers Down, pausing their exercise for a drink, a chat and a complimentary dog biscuit!" she says. Lycra-clad cycling groups are also seen regularly getting refreshments and comparing ride times on Strava in the back garden. They also had a request from a lady to exercise her pet parrot in the back paddock during lockdown, to which they were happy to oblige. Four wheels, four legs, two wheels, two wings - everyone is welcome.



The pandemic has brought out a real community spirit, with people doing what they can to help the pub during very difficult times. "Just before Christmas when there was a brief window where outside entertaining was permitted, I wanted to erect a covered area for the benefit of customers (see photo). Nick, a regular who owns the Twenty 16 Events Company kindly donated an awning and heater and the lads from Great Trippetts polo yard lent us some stable matting for flooring. 'Super Steady' helped with signage and extra sanitising stations... What absolute stars! All our customers have been so supportive in keeping themselves and the team safe by social distancing etc. I can't thank everyone enough." She goes on, "...we also had a large donation from a wonderful couple, Sue



and Rod Neil, a couple of years ago that enabled us to install a defibrillator, which is so reassuring to have close by in these worrying times."

So what brings people to the Deer's Hut in the first place? The chocolate-box building itself perhaps? As a Queen Anne former hunting lodge which is steeped in history (visit the Liphook Heritage Centre for further information), it has had many reincarnations over the years, the most recent in 2012 when Debbie took over and oversaw a total refurbishment. Or is it the food? "We aim to provide local, substantiable food for our diners wherever possible" she explains. "Much of our meat comes from the nearby Cowdray Estate, our fish is MSC certified and the game is sourced right here from Foley Manor Estate - you can't get more local than that!" And what about the beer? "As a Free House we can serve a range of high-quality beers from local businesses and artisans around the country. A valued supplier - Palmers Family Brewery based in Bridport - have been brilliant getting real ale, lager and cider through for our thirsty drinkers; no mean feat with intermittent lockdowns and at short notice." And the wine is pretty good too (as your author will testify...), all sourced from Alan Snudden at The General Wine Company in Liphook.

Being a good neighbour is also important and Debbie works hard at building relationships throughout the village, utilising local shops and businesses and helping with various organisations and fundraising events - all part of the 'community' philosophy (see pre-social distancing photo). "And we're great friends with Old Thorns, too striving to help out each other wherever possible and discuss business opportunities. There is room enough for both of us!" she jokes.

It is obvious on meeting Debbie that she is a professional through and through, with a forthright personality and is completely in the right job. With over 30 years' experience in the hospitality trade, she is proud to offer genuine country hospitality at the Deer's Hut and glad to be a significant employer in the area. "It has been a huge team effort from all involved to get through this particularly turbulent year - from owner Richard Northcott and manager Jason, through to those in the kitchen, front of house and behind the scenes - everyone has an important role to play and I can't thank them enough. I also want to sincerely thank all our wonderful customers who have supported us through repetitive closures and helped lift our spirits during challenging days. The Deer's Hut and its team have great resilience and will continue to innovate. When this is all over, we're going to have such a party!"

**Simon Catford**

# Liphook Hardware

At a rough guess, Liphook village is likely to be divided into two halves when asked about Liphook Hardware during the lockdowns; the first half would be delighted that they managed to stay open; for the second group it could have been their worst nightmare as they would have quickly run out of excuses as to why they couldn't finish that DIY job hanging around for years. C'est la vie. I went to see Trevor Woods to find out how he fared.

"Supplies were my biggest problem," he admits, "...demand was high and stocks of some things were quickly depleted. In fact, I'm still down on many items sadly." At the time of my visit he had just received a delivery of timber, ordered some three months earlier. But it has been the same for everyone. "I have tried hard to keep my customers satisfied and in the main I think I've done a good job," he says. Judging by the steady stream of punters during my visit it would certainly seem that way and to many householders in the village, having such a useful facility on our doorstep was a God-send (this author included!). With more time spent at home, there seems more to do at home...

Trevor has been running the store for nearly twenty years and

currently shares the duties with his son Ian. "Being the proprietor means I can be very flexible regarding opening hours, hopefully to suit my customer's needs. Things remain very fluid at present so best to ring me to check if I'm open first." Selling a wide range of domestic goods, tools and hardware, Trevor is able to cater for most everyday needs. "Paint is always popular and so too are doormats," he confides, "...and seasonal products like gardening and jam making always go well." His range used to include kitchenware and household linen etc. with an additional store next door. But in more recent times he has focused on what sells best thereby keeping the village going.

"I love what I do and I have no plans for slowing down yet!" he states. It has been a difficult year for most retailers and at the time of writing, the lockdown continues. But he remains optimistic, "I will be here for Liphook and I want to thank all my customers for their amazing support in the past, right now and into the future. They have been so loyal and I am very grateful." So those DIY nay-sayers will have to find yet more excuses to put off those jobs...

*Simon Catford*



# Liphook Laundry

As an 'essential service' we are pleased to report that the Laundry has been open for business since the first Lockdown on 23rd March 2020. We are a small Charity, providing a laundry service to the elderly and infirm of the village and surrounding areas, who are unable to manage their washing. We are also here to help anyone of any age who is incapacitated, perhaps after a stay in hospital, or during recuperation. It is also available for carers, or parents looking after sick children. The need may be temporary or permanent. The Laundry is run by an excellent Laundress, a helpful Committee and volunteers.

The cost for a dry load of washing (Laundry bags are provided at a modest one-off cost) is £6.50, which is excellent value indeed. For this, laundry is washed, dried and ironed. The service can be used on a weekly, fortnightly, or on an even less frequent basis.

We try to be as flexible as possible. It is preferable that washing be delivered and then collected from the laundry premises, but if there is a problem collections can be arranged by volunteers.

## Opening Times

9.00am until 1.00pm, Tuesday and Wednesday.

9.30am until 10.30am, Thursday.

In the first instance please contact either **Irene Ellis** on **01428 723823**, or **Barbara Frost** on **01428 723640**, who will be happy to discuss your needs.

The Community Support Laundry of Liphook is a registered Charity No: 1159540.

We are located next to the Peak Centre, off the Midhurst Road Carpark, Liphook.



# Scouting During COVID-19



1st Liphook Scout Group is one of the biggest Scout groups in Hampshire. We have a very strong and dedicated leadership team, but we are always looking for more help. None of the Scout leaders, helpers or Exec members signed up to deliver a Scout programme in the way we have since March. When the national lockdown was announced we had to adapt very quickly and work out how to deliver a varied program for our sections. Zoom came along and allowed the Scouts special access to use their system. We hadn't even heard of Zoom, let alone knew how to use it. We learnt quickly, not without issues. I am pleased to say that most of Beavers and Cubs arranged meetings on Zoom week after week, taking part in different activities. They did cooking, made scones, held quizzes, did the Local History badge in one night and completed various other badges which could be completed at home.



They did scavenger hunts, held a family quiz and had a puppet show as part of the entertainers badge. The weekly evenings were

not normal by any stretch of the imagination, but Beaver and Cub meetings took place right through lockdown (with the exception of the school holidays). Some other Scouting type events were arranged like a Camp at Home and a Walk to the Moon challenge which the members and the whole families could take part in.

After the first lockdown, we managed to get back to face to face scouting in small limited group sizes outside and inside. Scouting along with other youth organisations are being guided by the National Youth Agency and Scout Headquarters instructions, which is restricting our group size to a maximum of 15 members, with this and the rules on social distancing we had to arrange split meeting for the sections. With had half meeting indoors in the HQ and half meeting outdoors, this left our leaders spread very thinly each week. Again, it's not perfect but it was more like Scouting than doing the activities on Zoom.

We are still able to take new members, so if you wish your son or daughter to join Liphook Scout Group from the age of 6, for the fun, friendship, adventure and to discover new skills and interests, email:

**[membership@liphookscouts.org.uk](mailto:membership@liphookscouts.org.uk)**

Hopefully at some time during 2021 we will be able to get back to normal Scouting meetings, adventure, activities, and camps.

***Bryan Jackson - Group Scout Leader***

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## Gardening Talks Online



The Bramshott & Liphook Horticultural Society started the year in a similar vein to everyone else around the country - with meetings on Zoom. While we may not be

able to meet in person, our gardens are providing a welcome diversion while we clear away the winter debris and start planning for springtime planting and eagerly look for buds to appear. As a society, we have continued to provide a full itinerary of talks, albeit online.

Our first talk of the year was hosted on Zoom by Steve Edney, Head Gardener at Canterbury Cathedral on the topic of 'Plant trials' detailing plants with good performance ratings and how to incorporate them into your own garden. This talk had a good attendance, and we hope that those of you who are yet to join the online talk phenomenon will find something appealing in the events we have coming up.

On 18 February at 7.30pm a talk by the highly entertaining BBC Radio Humberside presenter of The Great Outdoors, Doug Stewart, will focus on '10 Ways to a Better Garden'. Doug's previous talk for the society on 'Growing Better Tomatoes' in October 2020 was so well received we decided we had to have him back this year.

Gaining inspiration from some of the finest gardens in the world, Doug says that '10 Ways to a Better Garden' "tempts you to consider ten easy ways to create your very own dream garden". The talk concludes with a very personal look at over 20 favourite plants, reminding us to fall in love with our gardens all over again. The talk will take place on Zoom and members can expect to find a link sent to them via the digital newsletter.

Moving into spring, the society looks forward to a talk with Head Gardener, Ben Pope, on 18 March at 7.30pm on 'Cutting Out The Middle Man' – a guide to growing and displaying your own cut flowers. After studying and working in horticulture for the last 21 years, Ben is currently leading a team to maintain and develop a private garden in West Sussex. Ben is a former student of Merrist Wood and RHS Wisley where he was awarded Best Practical and Best Overall Student. His work experience ranges from nursery practices and propagation in Australia through to design and horticultural research in London for the practice of Arabella Lennox-Boyd. In the private garden at West Sussex, Ben and his team grow fruit and vegetables with a specific focus on cut flowers for the house.

The society is currently welcoming new members with an individual membership costing £10 and joint membership costing £15. For more details please visit:

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

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- Take part in a range of volunteer activities
- Meet new friends with similar interests

**Our Summer Lecture Programme**

**April 1st** 'Titian – The First Modern Artist' - **Douglas Skeggs**

**May 6th** 'Inspired By Stonehenge' - **Julian Richards**

**Jun 3rd** 'Baroque on a Roll: Classical Music in the Modern Era' - **Tony Rawlins**

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# District Council

## **Tony Rudgard M.B.E.**

It is with sadness that I am beginning this Report with a tribute to Bramshott's oldest resident, and former District Councillor, Tony Rudgard, who died on the 24th January at the age of 97.

As a very long-standing member of the Conservative Party, it was Tony who recruited my husband and me on to the Committee of Bramshott and Liphook Conservatives, alongside Anna, and the late Sam James, who were both District Councillors. In other words, it was Tony who among others, was responsible ultimately, for putting me forward for election as a District Councillor. As a former District Councillor himself, he knew exactly what he was doing, but never divulged the true extent of the commitment!

Tony was an indefatigable, and inimitable, member of the Branch. Always keen to help in whatever way he could, he was actively campaigning and leafletting into his late nineties. He put younger members to shame, by staying the course and showing his stamina, often after others had packed up and gone home. He was a loyal supporter of Damian Hinds, who in return was constantly amazed at the contribution that Tony made.

Tony's wife, Jean, died several years ago, and the family planted an oak tree on the island opposite St. Mary's. Church, in her memory. This will be an enduring memorial to them both, but in particular, a reminder of all that Tony accomplished for the communities of both Bramshott and Liphook, during his very long, life. He will be much missed.

## **East Hampshire District Council**

Penns Place remains closed to the public, but the contact telephone numbers are all in operation. There are very few members of staff within the building, but full Council services are still being maintained, and it is very much business as usual.

## **Leisure**

The new Leisure Centre at Whitehill and Bordon stands ready for use. However, although it was opened on the 3rd December, it is now closed until it is able to re-open under Government guidelines. The take up of membership has been strong and its opening sees the culmination of a huge amount of work and a £30 million investment by EHDC in leisure facilities across the District.

## **Whitehill and Bordon**

The regeneration programme continues, despite the lockdown, with construction work progressing across all sites. 724 new homes have been completed across three major development sites and in addition the Makers Market, for up to 17 permanent indoor shops, anticipates being able to open in April 2021.

The construction of the Green Loop a 7 mile walking and cycling link around the locality connecting the new and existing town, is continuing, with various sections completed or being built in stages. It will form the basis of the Green infrastructure network and provide a high quality, safe and well-signed route which connects the SANG, Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space, and other town green spaces, with residential, employment and town centre areas. The Greed Grid is a secondary network of footpaths and cycle routes, connecting the town to the Green Loop. Both of these areas are expected to be completed later in 2021.

## **Covid-19 Grants**

EHDC continues to facilitate Grant Funding from central Government. The grants cover all periods from November through

Tier 4, and into the present lockdown. Details of all available Grants can be found on the EHDC website, [www.easthants.gov.uk](http://www.easthants.gov.uk)

## **Planning**

At Full Council on the 14th January, members approved a Hybrid approach, for the Local Plan, with a two year extension to the Plan period, (2017-2038), as outlined in Option 4 of the Council Agenda for that meeting. This means that EHDC can continue with work on the Local Plan, while anticipating any changes being proposed by Government in its White Paper, Planning for the Future. One aspect of the proposals is to move to a more digitised system, which will greatly reduce paperwork produced currently, under the present system. This would be a welcome move away from the accumulation of plans, etc. that accompany each application.

In addition, at Full Council, approval was given to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Spending Protocol. EHDC started to collect CIL in 2016, and there is a large sum available, for which applicants can apply. This is top-up funding, and can only be used for the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure, to support the development of an area.

## **District Councillor Grant**

We have been pleased to be able to help many different projects and groups throughout the last year, and we have reserved £300 from each of our Grants towards the Liphook Food Bank, in order to support the invaluable and much appreciated work that they are doing to help local families. The new Grant year starts again in April.

If there is anything that we can help you with or direct you to those who can help, then please e-mail us. We hope that the next months will bring a gradual easing of restrictions, but until then please stay safe.

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**East  
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This year it is especially important that we stay warm and safe at home. The Citizens Advice is part of a campaign to make sure that you are not paying too much for your energy and have all the information you need to keep warm this winter.

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# Flora Thompson in Liphook



Flora Thompson is best known for the Lark Rise to Candleford trilogy published between 1939 and 1943, but her first work was published in 1921, while she was living in Liphook.

She arrived in Liphook in August 1916 following her husband John's promotion from Bourne-mouth within the Post Office. With them came their two children, Winifred (or 'Diana') aged 12 and Henry Basil aged 6.

It was not a particularly happy time for Flora, as her favourite brother Edwin (referred to in Lark Rise to Candleford as Edmund) had been killed in Flanders in April that year, fighting in a Canadian regiment – and here in Liphook she found herself surrounded by Canadian troops.

She was not known as a writer in those days, but had aspirations to be a poet. The pressure of work in the post office, and looking after children, during those difficult days of the Great War prevented her from pursuing any serious writing career – and even less so when she found herself pregnant again in 1918. Peter Redmond was born in October of that year, in the middle of the Spanish 'flu pandemic which saw the deaths of so many young Canadian soldiers in the area.



Cover of *Bog Myrtle and Peat*

From 1919, she started writing short stories which were published in the monthly magazine Catholic Fireside, and in March 1921 she had her first book published: a slim volume of her poems entitled *Bog Myrtle and Peat*. This event was reported in the Daily Chronicle with the headline 'Woman of Letters. Village Postmistress Poetess. Her First Volume'; and the Daily Mirror went one better with pictures of her at the typewriter and in her kitchen.

It was at this time, in May 1921, that she had an article about her ('Poet and Nature Lover') in The Civilian, the magazine of the Civil Service, and to accompany it she had her photograph taken in Walter Corin's Haslemere studio. This is now widely seen as the face of Flora Thompson: in books, posters, programmes – and in the sculpture by Philip Jackson now in Liphook Library.

However, the publication was soon forgotten, and people in Liphook at this time only knew her as the Postmaster's wife.

Her other love was walking – she spent long afternoons rambling with her little brown dog, Prince, in the countryside around and

beyond Liphook. 'Nineteen or twenty miles was nothing to her,' as one villager put it. And when she returned she would write up her 'nature notes' to remember what she had seen.

These notes would become her Peverel Papers, published initially in monthly instalments in the Catholic Fireside magazines, and after her death collected and published in a book.

She also loved going on bus rides into the surrounding countryside. In July 1924 she wrote: "Here they are a recent institution, and every month now sees fresh routes opened up, and faraway and cross-country villages, names merely hitherto, become places of actual earth and easily accessible. The printed lists of places upon the route chime like bells in the memory. Haslemere and Fernhurst; Milland and Forest Mere. What a line of good mouth-filling, ready-made poetry to be printed on the front of a bus!"

There's reason to believe she would have stayed in this area for ever if she'd had her way – but her husband went for promotion again, and in November 1927, after nearly 12 years in Liphook, the family moved to Dartmouth in Devon, never to return.



Sculpture in Liphook Library

It was to be another 12 years before her book *Lark Rise* was published and she became a household name in the English-speaking world. An example of her poetry from *Bog Myrtle and Peat* can be seen at the bottom of this page.

For more information on Flora Thompson and her time in Liphook, see -

*Flora Thompson, the Story of the 'Lark Rise' Writer*, by Gillian Lindsay – ISBN 978-1-873855-53-9

*On the Trail of Flora Thompson*, by John Owen Smith – ISBN 978-1-873855-24-9 - Both titles available from Amazon.

See also the website: [www.johnowensmith.co.uk/flora](http://www.johnowensmith.co.uk/flora)

<https://www.visit-hampshire.co.uk/things-to-do/flora-thompson-circular-walk-p399171> for a circular walk on Weavers Down.

Rod Sharp

## Home Thoughts from the Desert - John Owen Smith

In Hampshire now, the woods are brown,  
The heath-sands tawny-gold with rain;  
The mist lies blue on Bratley Down,  
The firelight flecks the window pane-  
In Hampshire now!

The wind comes screaming from the sea,  
The wild sea-horses champ and roar,  
And every oak on Dudman's Lea  
Echoes the tumult of the shore-  
In Hampshire now!

The 'Wight lies wrapt in cloud and mist,  
Scarce once a week they'll see it clear,  
And then it glows like amethyst-  
And Oh, I would that I were there,  
In Hampshire now!

Amidst the desert sand and heat,  
I hear the wheeling seabirds scream,  
Scent the good smoke of burning peat,  
Then wake and find it but a dream-  
Ah, Hampshire dear!



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# Liphook in Bloom

## CHRISTMAS 2020

Christmas 2020 was different for most of us. Liphook was certainly different this Christmas. For many years Liphook in Bloom had been responsible for the Christmas lights in the village. The coloured lights in The Square were beginning to look tired, but fortunately the Parish Council agreed to fund some new lights. These together with the clusters in the trees erected by Liphook in Bloom brought a much needed sparkle to what was purporting to be a rather gloomy Christmas.

The Christmas tree was initiated and organised by local resident Chris Jackson. Wylds Farm in Liss kindly donated the tree which was then erected and decorated by Liphook in Bloom. This was no easy task – firstly deciding on a level site, how it would be accessed and most importantly how it could be fixed safely. The owners of The Old Post Office were most helpful in letting us use their forecourt. Fortunately Liphook in Bloom stalwarts rose to the challenge in wind and rain and I am sure everyone appreciated the end result.



The decorations in Station Road, also supplied by Liphook in Bloom had a longer than usual viewing due to lockdown and issues with access.

Christmas over, we all begin to look forward to spring. Thousands of bulbs were planted by members back in the autumn. This was done during the second lockdown. We were unable to have our usual working days, but members volunteered



to 'adopt' a bed or part of a bed for planting either on their own or with a partner, observing social distancing and in their own time. These were the bulbs that we had lifted earlier in the year and dried and stored carefully during the summer. We are crossing our fingers that they all come up!

2021 is already proving no less challenging than last year. Businesses are struggling and our sponsorship is down. If we are to continue to keep Liphook blooming we really do need your help and support. Please look at our website [www.liphookinbloom.co.uk](http://www.liphookinbloom.co.uk) and see if you might be able to help in any way through sponsorship, becoming a friend, or occasional hands on help with gardening or watering.

*Barbara Miller*

## Liphook Library

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*Rosemary Redman*



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### CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**9.30am:** Sunday Communion at St Mary's, Bramshott.

**10.30am:** Online Palm Sunday Celebration.

### METHODIST CHURCH

**10.00am:** Celebration of Palm Sunday led by Janet Heys.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

**12.00 noon:** Sacred Heart, Bordon.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY – 1st APRIL

### METHODIST CHURCH

**6.30pm:** Maundy Thursday Supper.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

**7.30pm:** Sacred Heart, Bordon.

## GOOD FRIDAY – 2nd APRIL

### METHODIST CHURCH

**10.00am:** Worship at The Cross followed by Walk of Witness leaving the Methodist Church about 10.30am.

### TRINITY CHURCH

**10.30am:** Joint Service with St Peter's IPC, Liss (also a livestream - Search for 'St Peters Liss' on YouTube).

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**12.00 noon:** Good Friday Reflective Service at St Mary's, Bramshott.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

**3.00pm:** Sacred Heart, Bordon.

**8.30pm:** Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart, Bordon.

## EASTER SUNDAY – 4th APRIL

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**9.30am:** Easter Communion at St Mary's Bramshott.

**10.30am:** Online Service.

### TRINITY CHURCH

**10.30am:** Liphook Infant School (also livestream - Search for 'Trinity Church Liphook' on YouTube).

**6.30pm:** Evening Service.

### METHODIST CHURCH

**10.00am:** Holy Communion for Easter led by David Muskett and beginning celebrations of Liphook Methodist Church's 90th Anniversary.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

**10.00am:** St Joseph's, Grayshott.

**12.00 noon:** Sacred Heart, Bordon.



## CHRISTIAN AID 2021

There will not be a street collection in May this year because of likely governmental restrictions

However we are planning an Outside Coffee Morning or Car Boot Sale in late May or Early June in the Church Centre field. We will advertise locally 2 - 3 weeks before the event in the local press.

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*Thank you and keep safe & healthy.*

**Keith Ireland**

*Christian Aid Liphook coordinator*

## TRINITY CHURCH

### How are you doing at being patient?

At the moment I imagine all our patience levels are low. If you are home schooling then keeping patient with your children could be a challenge. Indeed encouraging them to be patient might be even more challenging. Of course it's easy as a parent, grandparent, uncle or aunt, to encourage patience in a child but actually seeing that which is encouraged become a reality is, as we well know, another matter. We have to encourage and remind, regularly and often, and indeed model that which we encourage if we are to see a patient attitude begin to take shape in the life of a child. And of course, as Shakespeare would say 'there's the rub' for it requires patience in us to keep encouraging patience in that child.

And at the moment (I am writing in January) I would imagine for many of us this is quite hard. It is hard to model patience in the light of a year of social restrictions and increased pressure at home and at work. We want it to all be over. We want the pain and sorrow to stop. We want others to stop breaking the rules. We want to be free from the constraints we know we have to abide by. We are all losing patience with Coronavirus. We are all

losing patience with this restricted life.

As Christians we see patience as a virtue to seek and to emulate, but we also realise because of our own shortcomings, our imperfections that it is very hard for us to achieve. Yet though we take a dim, yet realistic, view of our own abilities we have hope that because of God's kindness to us in Jesus Christ we can realise, by the Spirit's work in us, patience in our lives. Not only that but Jesus is the example par excellence of perfect patience. If we want to know what patience under pressure looks like we need only turn to the accounts of his life in the Bible to see someone who could not be more patient.

So as you face the challenges of being patient in a COVID world may I encourage you to look to Jesus as a model to follow but much more as one who, if you come to him in humility and trust, can start to work in you the patience you long for.

**Pastor Sean Clokey**

*Trinity Church meets at the Liphook Infants School GU30 7QE every Sunday morning at 10.30am. All are welcome to join us. For further information ring 01428 713293 or visit [www.trintychurch.tc](http://www.trintychurch.tc)*



## CATHOLIC CHURCH

**What is the most common question asked in parish groups this time of the year?**

**“What have you given up for Lent”?**

Ordinarily I am asked that question at least 10 times a week during Lent, whether at the Bible Study group, the First Holy Communion Class, or after Mass! And yet, this year, no one has asked me; not once! ‘Giving up’, ‘going without’, ‘sacrifice’ have all been daily occurrences for us since the beginning of lockdown on 23rd March 2020. Our usual 40 Lenten days in the wilderness seem to have been extended to 365 and they have been heavy, testing days.

Although I haven’t been asked what I’ve given up, there has been one question in particular that I’ve been asked frequently this year and that question is: ‘why does God allow sickness and suffering’?

Well, the answer to that question is: EASTER.

Easter is when suffering is explained. Easter is when even death is re-defined. Easter shows us that no matter what we go through in this life, there is another life yet to come. If there was no Easter, then there would be no hope, no reason. If there was no promise of a better, more perfect life then suffering would have absolutely no meaning. If there was no

promise of a life beyond the grave, then death would be unbearable. Easter shows us that suffering and death are both temporary. What comes next, the life that is everlasting is a perfect life with the God who loves us where there is no suffering, illness, pain or death.

We can - if we want to - we can choose to take all that we have been through during these past 12 months and use it to help us to enter into Easter this year like never before. We can take all of the pain and suffering we have experienced, the loss and the sorrow and allow God to give us the hope that Easter brings.

God never abandons us, He leads us gently through this life to a better life to come. Let’s pray for each other this year, especially those who have suffered most, that this Easter we will all receive the hope Our Risen Lord brings.

Due to COVID regulations numbers attending Mass in Bordon are limited to 60 people only. An online booking system is in place and can be found on the Parish Website: [www.sacredheartbordon.co.uk/](http://www.sacredheartbordon.co.uk/)

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## METHODIST CHURCH

**Simpler, Humbler, Bolder**

This time last year we were hearing the first news of Coronavirus getting nearer to home. The first case in Haslemere was known about at the end of February. Restrictions and lockdown followed in mid-March.

The past year has sharply pointed out many of the problems we face personally, as families and communities, nationally and globally. Along with much stress and headache about how to deal with what we face each day under seemingly every changing rules, guidance and restrictions, for some life became much simpler.

Perhaps there’s something positive we can learn and take on board personally from that?

Let’s aim to live life Simpler. To quote the slogan: ‘live simply that others may simply live’. Economic inequalities, relative poverty and the climate and ecological crises may be partially relieved by a simpler lifestyle. On a very basic personal level simplifying life in terms of not cramming in too many tasks and appointments (even if it is possible online) and engaging in such things as regular

exercise as discovered in lockdown is good for our physical and mental wellbeing.

Let’s also aim to live Humbler. Getting ourselves in perspective can help. It lets us realise and helps us accept that solving all these problems is not all down to us as individuals. It may be true that ‘now more than ever, every little helps’ but keep in mind that what you can do is only a little. The other positive aspect of perspective and humility is that we come before the ‘one who is able to do far more than all we can ask or imagine’. (Ephesians 3:20) Put these matters into the hand of God.

Thirdly, following on from that, let’s also aim to live Bolder. Knowing we do what we can, knowing we put it in the hands of God, let’s have confidence to look to the future because ‘I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me’ (Philippians 4:13). Come to God, our refuge and strength because he is present to help us in all our troubles (Psalm 46:1). And be bold in taking opportunities to share where this strength and confidence comes from.

**Rev. David Muskett**

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Yesterday**

Lock Down is interminable. News reports from when it started far away. Life beforehand a dream. How did we get here? How we long for yesterday! Paul McCartney was once in Thailand having a massage, the Masseuse started to sing his famous track but sung it so badly, so, so very badly that all the good effects of the massage were forgotten in the face of the tuneless melody! The song we wrote for our lives has become a monotonous drawl, and who’s to blame?

In the song no-one knows “Why she had to go I don’t know she didn’t say...” - she must be a psycho - “I said something wrong, now I long for yesterday...” - oh no - he’s crass and insensitive! Maybe no-one is to blame, it’s just happened - so where is God in all this?

The truth is he never left. I’ve sat with many people who have lost their faith over the years, usually because they’re blaming God for something or disgusted with how badly Christians can behave, but it always makes me sad like a marriage gone wrong or a friendship soured, and one thing I have seen through Lock Down is a deep hunger in so many people’s hearts for someone like God. Someone who can make everything right again, someone who promises never to leave us, someone who will love us no matter how much of a mess we make of our lives. So if you’re someone who once loved God and then turned away why not start talking to him again this Easter. He never left, he’s always listening and he’s longing to help you to hear your news to get in touch once more. He’s longing for all his children to come home.

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# Rosemary's Story



You never know what treasures you will find when you go through old photos. In sorting out her late mother's possessions, Rosemary Fisher found a photo of Tregenna - a house, now converted into flats, still standing on Headley Road - at the corner with The Avenue. The following story tells why her mother Jessie kept this photo all of her life.

## The tale starts in Scotland.

Mary Brown, who was born in 1887, lived with her parents and siblings in a crowded tenement in Ayr, Scotland. Mary met William Cowan Halls, and they became sweethearts. William and his brother Charles, who were orphans, lived with their aunt who brought them up.

Like many Scots during this period, William found the idea of moving to Canada very appealing. Adverts like this one

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appeared regularly in newspapers - offering a new life to enterprising young Scots. William made the leap and purchased a plot of land in Saskatchewan under a government scheme, and set off to North America, to become a farmer.

By 1915, however, he could no longer ignore the plight of his homeland and the need for men to fight at the front. In November of that year William enlisted, along with many of his compatriots, in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, and returned to the U.K. In May 1916 he sailed from Halifax, Nova Scotia to England, to Shorncliffe Army Camp in Kent, from where he was posted to France.

William was injured - with wounds to his back and knee - at Vimy Ridge in April 1917. He was hospitalised initially in the Royal Military Hospital in Epsom, and was then transferred to the Canadian Hospital in Bramshott. In August, after recovering from his wounds, he asked for leave to return to Ayr to marry his childhood sweetheart, Mary Brown. After a very brief honeymoon, they returned to Hampshire where they found lodgings in a house called Tregenna in Headley Road, conveniently located near the Canadian army base.

Now living in Liphook, Mary was far from her homeland and her family, and very much alone except for the kindly couple who owned Tregenna. Mary gave birth to Jessie, Rosemary Fisher's mother, in that very house in May 1918.

Meanwhile, William had been sent back to fight at the front, and tragically was killed in October 1918, only a few weeks before the Armistice. So he never saw his daughter, though he did know of her birth. William's brother Charles was also killed, in August 1918.

Poor widowed Mary went back to her parents in Ayr, with her baby daughter.

When William's financial affairs had finally been sorted out, and his land in Canada sold, Mary was able to purchase a brand-new bungalow in Ayr. She named it Tregenna, in memory of the short time when she had been happily married to her sweetheart.

Rosemary's mother, Jessie, died in March 1918 just a few weeks short of her 100th birthday. She retained her Scottish accent all of her life, having been brought up in Ayr - and despite marrying an Englishman and spending her married life in England! But her English birth certificate - recording her birth at 330 Headley Road, Tregenna - is part of this fascinating history.

If anyone reading this can solve the 'mystery' of why a house in Liphook should bear the name of a castle in Cornwall, please do so!

The Heritage Centre thanks Rosemary Fisher for sending us this story which we print with her kind permission. It will be posted soon, in its entirety, on the Heritage Centre's website:

[www.liphookheritage.org.uk](http://www.liphookheritage.org.uk)

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# Heavens Above

As we struggle through this pandemic, one place where we can turn to for inspiration and hope is the night sky. During dark winter nights and with clear air the celestial sphere is truly an amazing sight. You can see all the stars, planets and the Milky Way in their full glory. The view that we see today is almost exactly the same, as that human beings have seen since the time they first walked on earth. As we look at the night sky, we can take comfort and solace in the fact that we are a part of a truly amazing universe.

To fully appreciate the night sky, it helps to identify some of the stars and constellations. A good place to start is by finding the constellation Plough (known to the Americans as The Big Dipper), which is always visible from Liphook. This constellation was known to various early civilisations and used by Phoenicians, Minoans and the Vikings for navigating the high seas (a bit like our GPS!). It consists of seven bright stars arranged in the shape of a plough. I often think that the shape looks more like a saucepan! If you extend the line joining the two stars furthest from the 'handle of the saucepan' you can find the North Star (also often called Polaris or Pole Star). The North Star is always in the same place every night throughout the year. To find the Plough face North and look up by about 70 degrees.



Whilst there is a lot to observe in the night sky, one of the most exciting astronomical events of the year will happen in broad

daylight! It will be the partial eclipse of the Sun on June 10th. Solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the Sun and the Earth, blocking out the Sun. The Full eclipse will be visible from the northern part of Canada and north Siberia. From Liphook we will see 20% of the eclipse, which if the sky is clear will still be amazing. It will be at its maximum coverage at about 11.13am but should provide good viewing from 10.30am to 11.40am.



**WARNING:** When observing the solar eclipse, be careful NEVER to look at the Sun directly with your unprotected eyes or - especially with binoculars or telescopes, as it could blind you permanently. For naked eye observation use 'Eclipse glasses' with ISO 12312-2 safety standard. Get your Eclipse glasses from a reputable dealer. DO NOT use ordinary sunglasses.

Two of the other more interesting astronomical events you will be able to observe in the next few months of 2021 are:

**March 5th** Mercury very close to Jupiter at about 6.15 am in the SE.

**May 26th** Biggest and the brightest full Moon of the year.

*Mukund Patel - Member, Hampshire Astronomical Group*

## SPACE JOKE

**Q.** What kind of star is dangerous?

**A.** A shooting star.

# Fresher is Better

My name is Debbie Jelley, after caring for my husband who sadly passed away in April last year, I needed a different career path. I am a qualified carer but the pain of losing someone, after caring for them for four years, 7 days a week, took its toll on me and I decided I could not go back into that career again, but still wanted to work with people, and help the community.

Over the years whilst caring, I became aware of the lack of fresh cooked food. There are companies that do frozen, dried, and hot meals, but nothing that supplies fresh cooked and chilled meals, with no processed meat, fish, or vegetables, which can be reheated or frozen.

So, we started Fresher is Better in December 2020 as we could see a niche in the market, not only cooked fresh, but delivered free in a five-mile radius from Rake or Liphook. We are based at Rake Village Hall, where I have been the Caretaker for 8½ years, and I am also the Bookings Secretary.

Sarah my sister has been a chef for over 25 years and has

extremely high standards, she went freelance over 5 years ago, and works in nursing and care homes, or anywhere she is needed.

We are using a set menu to avoid food waste, and we roll the menu over every three weeks, and will change them with the seasons. We also do special occasion meals; this Mother's Day is roast lamb with mint sauce, roast potatoes, parsnips, and seasonal vegetables.

We had extremely good feedback with our Christmas dinners, and have had regular orders coming in since.

There is no contract or commitment, so meals can be ordered as little or often as required. Our commitment is to provide a tasty meal that everyone will enjoy. We also decided after feedback to introduce the mini meal, as well as standard and large. If you would like to see our menu, you can call me, Debbie on **01428 727084 / 0790 098 3393**.

*Debbie Jelley*

# Liphook Recreation Ground

The Recreation Ground has proved to be an enormous asset, through the coronavirus lockdown and beyond, as a public area.

It is the home of Liphook United football club with a full-sized pitch and the newly acquired “dug-outs”. The tennis club is also located there with three floodlit hard courts and three grass courts. Both clubs are now able to play again as lockdown has softened.



The children's play areas have undergone a programme of renovation and are now back in use. This involved the installation of a porous surface known as “wet-pour” around and under the play equipment. Any necessary renovations or

repairs to the actual play equipment were also carried out by the parish council. The younger children's area, near the car park off London Road, is well fenced and is a lovely safe area now for them to play - it was very welcome as we came out of the tough restrictions.

There is also an older children's area on the other side of the park near Malthouse Meadows which includes a zip wire. When this area was renovated one piece of equipment was removed as it wasn't much used and needed a large amount of money spent on it to make it safe. There are plans for this to be replaced in the future with another piece of equipment. The area has now been grassed over and the whole area is looking very tidy.

The Recreation Ground is also used informally for exercise, keep fit and other training by all. This is permitted by the Parish Council as long as it doesn't interfere with other users. There have been discussions in the past regarding the possibilities of a trim trail or outdoor gym for adults and older teenagers.

If social distancing is with us for a while, which makes exercise inside difficult, it would be great if these ideas could be resurrected.

*Jen Woodsford*



## Marathon Man

Former Liphook United Football Club coach Alan Hall set himself a hard task to run 20 half marathons during 2020. Alan wanted to commemorate his sister Susan who passed away 20 years ago from little known disease Scleroderma and Raynaulds.

He said: “Last year I also turned 40 and decided to combine these dates for a good cause, aiming to raise £2,020 for the charity. So far, I've managed to raise £2,075, exceeding my target.”

Alan ran four official half marathons, regular weekend marathons with friends, as well as 75km to commemorate 75 years of VE day, clocking up a total of 18 medals. He is hoping to

participate in this year's London Marathon, due to take place in October 2021 to raise more funds.

Alan and his father Bob Hall have been involved in Liphook United FC for many years and more than a decade ago he managed and coached the first women's team for the club.

*Gabrielle Pike*





## LIPHOOK RECREATION GROUND (CONTINUED)

# Liphook United Football Club

## AND HOW THEY KEPT GOING DURING THE PANDEMIC

Chairman Andrew Oxtan reflects on an unprecedented year in Liphook United Football Club's history. The club will be 118 years old this year and he hopes 2021 will be better again.

"Covid 19 has heavily affected Liphook United Football Club. Both the senior and youth sections had to miss games and training sessions due to lockdowns and the start of 2021 has not changed that as the club had to shut down again.

"We do understand the importance of doing the right thing and the club has worked hard to make sure our risk assessments were in place when we were allowed to train and play. We appointed a Covid 19 officer, Andy Keen, whose very time-consuming job it was to make sure we were safe and compliant.

"It has been a struggle for our 250 plus players and all of our managers who had very stop-start seasons, but we also realise that our woes are not as serious as others who have lost loved ones or lost businesses.

"Financially, we had to work very hard to keep the club in the black. Our summer tournament was cancelled, so we lost the £8,000 profit which we usually count on from that event. Without it, the numbers just do not match up and we were running at a loss.

"Jules Upton, the club treasurer, has been working extremely hard to bring in some money. We received grants from Sport England, the football foundation and East Hampshire District Council. We also had a very successful raffle, which was organised by men's secretary Lucy Harding, putting some much-needed money back into the account. Our Clubhouse Bar, which has not been open as much as we would have liked, still managed to make a little bit of money. Thanks to a lot of effort from many good people, the club's accounts are healthy enough to cover expenses for this year.

"One positive this season is that we have successfully started a ladies team. Liphook United have not had a ladies team for a while and they have proved very popular with fans who

have turned up at the Recreation Ground in their hundreds to watch them on a Sunday. It was always my goal to get more ladies involved in the club and we now have three female managers and many more female players.

"Training has been very busy when it was allowed, we have put on as many sessions as possible at our new training venue, Highfield School. They have a brand-new all-weather pitch and we have been very lucky they have allowed us to use it. It worked out better financially for us to move there and all of the players have enjoyed the brand-new surface. I would like to thank vice chairman Jonny Allcock for all of his hard work arranging the training.



"We have managed to get quite a few matches on at all age groups and although there have been breaks, between September and December, most teams got a fair amount of football in.

"We are all hopeful that 2021 will be a better year. Our plans are to get as many people out playing football, whether young or old, as often as they are allowed. Our youngest players are five years old and our oldest player in the Vets team is 56. We have people of all ages who come to watch week in, week out and we have a great community feel around the club. We are always looking for more players and fans, so when we are back up and running, feel free to come along on a Saturday and see us at the Clubhouse on the Recreation Ground.

"I would like to say thanks to all of our managers for their hard work. Thanks to the Clubhouse committee for going above and beyond. Thanks to all of our sponsors whose money helps to keep every team looking smart in their new kits. I'd also like to thank every one of our players and their parents for their patience so far during this pandemic. Liphook United Football Club is a leader in the village when it comes to the number of people we offer recreation to. Let's hope we can get back to playing soon."

**Gabrielle Pike**



## LIPHOOK RECREATION GROUND (CONTINUED)

# Liphook Tennis Club

### Liphook Tennis Club



Hidden away in Liphook, disguised by the football field and bowling green on the Memorial Recreation Ground off London Road is Liphook Tennis Club. There are no signs to show where it is and Simon Hargreaves, the Club

Chairman, tells me that he is pushing for some form of signage to point out where it can be found. Simon would love to have brown signage showing where to find the Club but this involves expensive negotiations with the Highways Authority.

I asked Simon how he became Chairman and Treasurer and he told me it was because he didn't move away quickly enough when the Committee was looking for one. His wife, Liz, is Membership Secretary for much the same reason I believe!

The Tennis Club is a friendly one, welcoming players of all standards. Tennis is played throughout the year and there are three floodlit hard courts and three grass courts adjacent to the Bowling Club. There is a Club House at the hard courts and a kitchen and toilet facility at the grass courts. There are many benefits to being a member; there is no joining fee, no charge for flood lights on club events, matches and coaching etc; no court or booking fees and pay-and-play is available to non-members. There is also free membership of the Lawn Tennis Association to members as well as access to



Wimbledon tickets. The Club runs many social activities, which help with fund-raising. The Club enters teams in Mens, Ladies and Mixed Doubles competitions in the East Hampshire Leagues, so there seems to be something for everyone.



The Club land is leased from Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council, with whom the Club has a good working relationship. It is of course in the interests of the Council to have the Tennis Club there as it might otherwise become "dead land" at the Recreation Ground. The Council has provided grants as has the Lawn Tennis Association but there is always a need for fundraising to pay for up-grading of facilities such as the floodlighting, now available to all who book courts, remarkably at no extra charge.

Simon feels that for a village the size of Liphook it is a shame that membership is diminishing and there are not more people playing tennis. He is not sure of the reason other than that tennis seems to have a rather elitist image which may put people off. This is definitely not the case here and the Club is constantly looking for initiatives to encourage people to join and, of course, for fundraising. Lack of time is also a problem as many people lead busy lives with other interests. The majority of members are "the upside of 50", although there is a strong junior section. This may be because Bohunt School does not have courts to cater for tennis in their curriculum and maybe some of the young who find their entertainment hanging around "the Rec" might consider tennis as an option? Of course, when juniors grow older, move on in education and then go into jobs or university, they may play at the Liphook Club during holidays but unless they come back to live here, they only play irregularly. The thriving juniors are very fortunate in having a professional coach in Andy Warry, who also coaches at Amesbury School and results show the work put in by him.

The Liphook Tennis Club would love to welcome new members; you could even try it out once or twice to see how you find it. In these unusual days, tennis provides excellent exercise in pleasant surroundings and the chance to make new friends. There are various levels of membership so why not go on a treasure hunt to find the Club and then give it a go?

For more information on Liphook Tennis Club, go to:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LiphookLawnTennisClub>

**Wendy Moore**



## LIPHOOK RECREATION GROUND (CONTINUED)

# Liphook Bowls Club

NEW GREEN FOR 2021



Liphook Bowls Club members are eagerly looking forward to the new season with a lovely new surface on their green.

The club was grateful to be given a grant from Hampshire County Council in 2019 towards the re-surfacing of the green. The work was carried out in the Autumn of 2020. As this was during Covid-19 restrictions it was actually a handy time to carry out the work as access to playing facilities was restricted. The whole surface was removed, the ground levelled, aerated and re-seeded with specialist bowling green grass seed. At the same time new timber edging was installed. The new seed came up quickly and very soon it was impossible to imagine it when the machinery was on-site. The surface has had the Winter to settle and will be ready for play in the new season - restrictions allowing.

The club was established in 1933 on a site to one side of Liphook Recreation Ground behind the high hedge next to the car park. Originally it was open to the Recreation Ground and had only a wooden shed serving as a clubhouse. During the 1980s the present clubhouse was constructed thanks to the Woodger family and other club members. It is a successful club both on the competitive side, having three teams in the Three Counties Fellowship leagues and entering other local and county club competitions, and also for social bowls, having a comfortable club house - essential for those post-match teas! The pavilion is also large enough to be used during the winter months for indoor or short mat bowls. It involves a shorter pitch but is no less skilful - or fun!

The 2020 season was a difficult one - as it was a difficult year for so many during the pandemic. All league fixtures were cancelled but during the season, as restrictions eased and before the re-surfacing work, the club was able to open again. Following the government's guidelines members could at least have access for practice and the club held a fun Pandemic Pairs competition.

The club currently has about sixty members but always welcomes new members of all ages and abilities. Bowls players are always at great pains to point out, quite rightly, that bowls is not just a game for the elderly. Indeed, the players at national level often started playing either in their youth or not long after, and at that level it is an extremely competitive sport. The club also gives

the opportunity to the disabled community to come and participate.

The club holds Roll Up afternoons and evenings when you can have a go and find out more about bowls. They also have a qualified coach on hand to give some useful tips. Unfortunately, this could not be held in 2020 due to the pandemic but, all being well, it is planned to hold one on 29th May 2021.

For more information about the Roll Up sessions or the club in general contact the Secretary **Mrs Lesley Meredith** on **01428 480827** or have a look at their website:

[www.liphookbowls.co.uk](http://www.liphookbowls.co.uk)

*Jen Woodsford*



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## NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION OF

# Liphook Infant & Junior School

Clearly, the return to school in January didn't happen in quite the way that any of us had hoped for. However, the staff, children and families across the federation responded brilliantly. All of the children, whether they were able to attend school or whether they learned from home during the national lockdown, continued to benefit from the high quality curriculum that is in place in both schools.

It is clear from the children's response to the sudden lockdown

and from the learning that they shared from home or produced in school that they are all developing superb learning behaviours and are benefitting from the mental health and wellbeing work that is embedded across the federation.

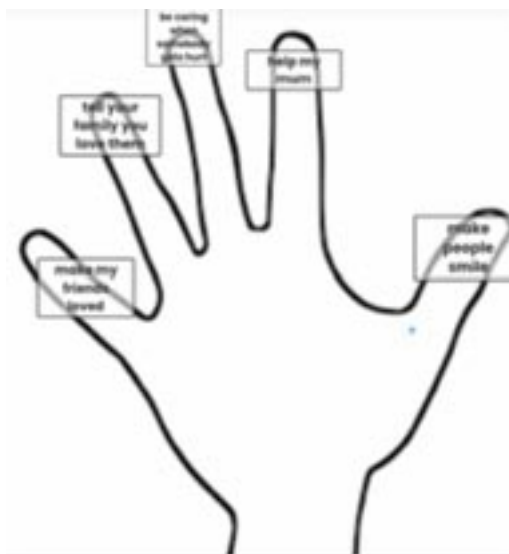
We are so proud of each and every one of them and are very grateful to the whole school community for the way they have supported the children and each other through these difficult times.



**In Year R** - The children have been exploring shapes and reflective materials at home and in the village. They have also learned and retold a range of traditional tales using puppets and other resources.

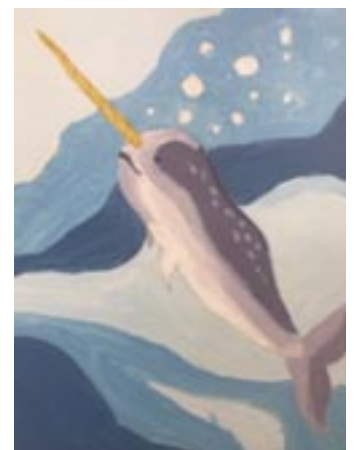
**In Year 1** - The children have completed a 'Kindness High 5', helping them to identify ways in which they can be kind to themselves and others. They have also studied Van Gogh and used some of his techniques to create their own versions of his paintings.

**In Year 2** - The children have completed some fantastic writing and paintings linked to their 'Under the Sea' topic as well as sculptures based on their Anthony Gormley artist study.



### My Exciting Flip

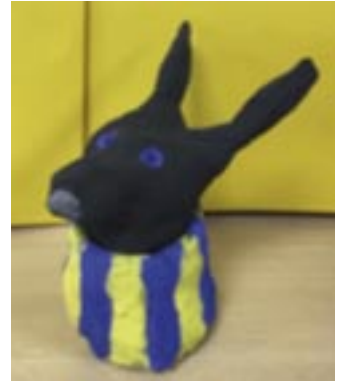
I back flipped into the calm, turquoise water from my rocking, bobbing boat. Suddenly out of nowhere I came face to face with a magnificent, magical manta ray. It was gliding, gracefully towards the winding, jagged coral. I swam down with the manta ray to the colourful, bright coral where I spotted extraordinary tropical fish swimming in and out of the fronds. I swished my fingers across the fronds. They felt squishy. Taking one last look at the colourful fish I turned and kicked back up to the glistening sunshine on top of the sea.







**Year 5** - They have really enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt. One of their highlights was Egyptian Day when they listened to a talk by an Egyptologist, and researched Ancient Egypt. The children really enjoyed making canopic jars.



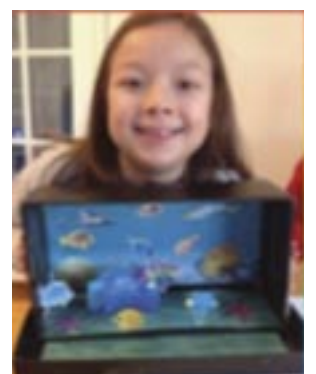
**Year 6** - They have enjoyed researching, designing, making and programming fairground rides as part of their topic 'All the Fun of the Fair'. They loved using the crumbles to program their rides!

**Year 4** - They investigated circuits and enjoyed using this knowledge when designing and making a torch or a lamp.



After coming back to school for one day, Lockdown was announced!

Since then the children have enjoyed a range of on-line experiences, including our Federation ACE days. During our first Federation ACE day, the children went on a range of virtual school trips.





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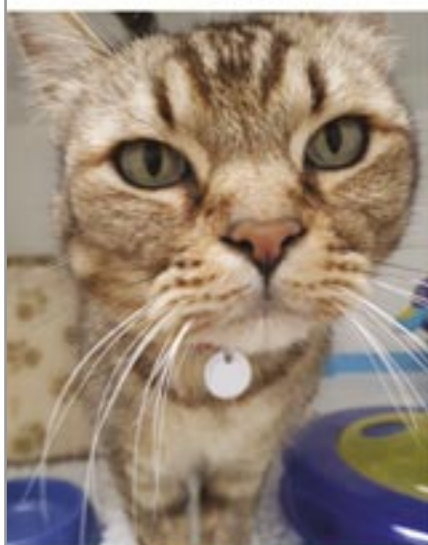
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Year 2 have been learning all about Kenya in their topic work this term. The children at home and the key workers in school have enjoyed their online lessons and have considered the similarities and differences between their lives and the children in Kenya. They have learnt about the beaded necklaces of the Maasai and have had a go making their own.



The Guild Award is a school programme that develops personal skills, fitness, awareness of the community as well as demonstrating commitment, and the ability to face challenges and difficulties. It encompasses activities and hobbies pupils are involved in outside school. Achieving the awards gives pupils a sense of satisfaction and achievement. The children are continuing to work on their Guild Awards whilst at home and we are delighted to see some children showing great initiative. A girl in Year 5 has been writing to an elderly lady who doesn't receive much post and has been feeling rather lonely. Whilst another child has spent a week sleeping in her den she made for her residential section, she described her new home as "it is made of big boxes and has many rooms with windows, doors and two Union Jack flags!" We were also delighted to hear news from a Year 4 boy who has raised money for the Liss Food Bank.




The children are just brilliant at adapting to the current provision and we have learnt many lessons after the first lockdown and have adapted our provision with much more live content. The children are enjoying the opportunity to take part in live art lessons and Mr Forbes is teaching them all the new skill of kick boxing with some Japanese language skills as a bonus. All the classes have shared live class music concerts with the opportunity to showcase their talents from home. We are about to have our first themed Friday of the term and the whole school will be learning about important people from Black History with a range of tasks including a STEM project and a collaborative art activity. In school we have over 40 key worker pupils and they are also taking part in the home learning activities in their small bubbles.

Congratulations to a Year 6 boy for raising £195 for the ABF charity for injured soldiers. He took part in the Operation Bletchley coding mission and walking/running 12 miles.



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**I had to walk or run 24 miles to unlock and solve 12 codes.**

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## 800TH CALLOUT

# Hampshire Search & Rescue

Hampshire Search and Rescue (HANTSAR) recently responded to an overnight call from Hampshire Constabulary to look for a missing person, who was located safe and well after several hours' searching. This was the 800th Callout for our all-volunteer charity, to search for vulnerable and at-risk missing people on behalf of the police, since our formation in 2003. We were assisted by Hampshire Search and Rescue Dogs (HSARD) and, by coincidence, this was their 100th search in 2020.



The 800th Callout is not a cause for celebration nor a reason to glorify what we do. Far from it, but it is a time for reflection. We



think of those we have tried to help over the years, their families and the commitment of our trained volunteers past and present. More recently, due to COVID-19, we have taken additional steps to protect ourselves but have still responded to every request for assistance. We will continue to do so on behalf of the police and our local communities.

**Trevor Vidler**

*Public Profile Officer: [publicprofile@hantsar.org](mailto:publicprofile@hantsar.org)*

## BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK

# Neighbourhood Development Plan

Although your Neighbourhood Development Plan may seem quiet and calm on the surface, a huge amount of work has been completed in the background by a dedicated team of volunteers. Some of these volunteers have changed over time, but each and every contribution has been invaluable, and we still have a core group taking the plan forward. Work on behalf of this community, began with a Visioning Event, a Design Forum and a consultation event on the numerous sections of the plan. The aspirations and needs of this community remain at the forefront of all the work.

There have, of course, been challenges for the NDP team. The parish of Bramshott and Liphook falls within two different planning authorities: EHDC and the South Downs National Park Authority. There are naturally differing views on the roles of these organisations and what can be achieved, so respecting those views but still taking account of planning legislation has been quite a balancing act.

It is vitally important for our community to have the right infrastructure to meet the needs of our current and future generations. Sports facilities; the needs of an aging population; access to facilities by foot, cycle and car; protecting our built heritage and natural environment are key issues. Local needs have been identified in the early stages but the challenges and changes brought about by Covid-19 and climate change have prompted the team to incorporate more ways of improving the health and wellbeing of our population and contributing to protecting our planet.

The NDP's Call for Sites request for landowners to submit sites

for a variety of uses, received many new potential sites in addition to those submitted to EHDC's and SDNPA's independent Call for Sites. Not all of these sites are for housing, although some housing may be necessary to bring community benefits forward. The team are now in the process of analysing those sites, in readiness for selecting those which will bring maximum benefit to our parish.

This is a crucial time for the NDP. **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS.** Primarily we need volunteers to come forward to help with the decision making process. This is to be part of the Steering Group - the committee that scrutinise the work undertaken and ensure that any decisions will take us forward to a successful referendum. There will be more public consultations leading up to the referendum so communication with the parish electorate is vitally important.

Steering Group meetings last for a maximum of two hours and the team meet once a month. There is reading material and some preparation required for the meetings. If you have 4 - 5 hours a month to contribute to the future of the parish we would welcome your participation. However, if you don't want to be on a committee but would be able to assist with background work or practical work then we also need you on the team.

For more information please look on our website:

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## A MATTER OF LOAVES AND LIPHOOK

# Bakehouse



Liphook is fortunate in having its own artisan bakery in Station Road and, unlike other specialist food retailers such as the butchers and the vegetable shop that closed within weeks of the opening of Sainsbury's, the bakery has thrived and has gone from strength to strength. Regular customers will have noticed the attractive new 'BAKEHOUSE' branding that they adopted late last year with a smart new fascia and the engraved windmill logos to the plate glass.

The proprietor Marc Brystead, who has been a baker almost all his working life, took over the bakery in 2009 and has, over the years, developed the business and extended the range of products and now has three shops in the chain, the others being in Liss and most recently in Haslemere.

In addition to these, the company also supplies around twelve small independent village stores with their daily bread and cakes. All the baking is done in the Station Road shop and there is an evening shift that works through the night creating multiple loaves of every description including sourdough, wholemeal, rye, spelt and cornbread. Almost all the cakes and pastries are also created in this shop with the assistance of two specialist confectioners.

Marc employs fifteen members of staff many of whom can be glimpsed behind the bank of ovens beyond the counter. The day shift starts at around six a.m. six days a week. It is estimated that

the bakery uses over sixty tons of flour a year, all sourced from several local millers. During the first 'lock-down' in March last year The Bakehouse sold bags of flour to many who thought that the bakery would not be able to continue to supply fresh bread but, just like 'the windmill' (no pun intended) the business kept going without a break.



From time to time new varieties of cakes and fancies are introduced and customers are invited to sample these. Every season calls for traditional lines such as Halloween, Easter, father's and mother's day and of course Christmas. In addition to these they are often called upon to make bespoke birthday and wedding cakes.

The shop also sells eggs, milk and ice cream and also can produce hot snacks to order such as bacon baguettes, pies, pasties and sausage rolls. There is also a range of freshly prepared sandwiches and always fresh brewed coffee.

Marc is an active member of the Liphook Carnival Committee and his staff are supporters of, among others, Lucy Air Ambulance, Blood Cancer U.K. and Charlie's Angels.

In these difficult times it is comforting to note that the Bakehouse not only survives but goes the extra mile to produce our daily bread. Marc and his staff would particularly like to thank their loyal customers for their continued support during these troubled times and assure them of their best attention at all times.

*Paul Robinson*



## LOCAL, LONGER WALKS

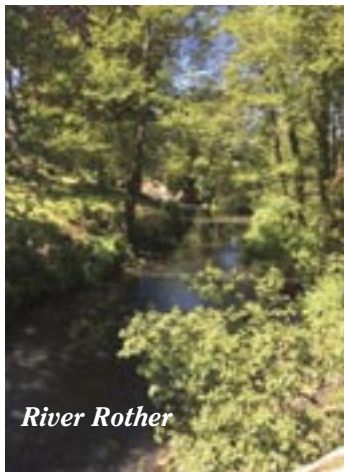
# The New Lipchis Way

If, since lockdown, walking has become a regular habit you may be ready to go farther afield. There are some reasonably long walks that pass through Liphook and provide a variety of landscapes with great views, magnificent trees, wild flowers and occasional glimpses of wildlife. One of these is the New Lipchis Way [newlipchisway.co.uk](http://newlipchisway.co.uk)

This is a delightful and varied 39 mile walk going from Liphook to Chichester harbour and ending at West Wittering. Starting in Liphook and heading south, it crosses all the main geologies of West Sussex from the greensand ridges, through Wealden river valleys and heathlands, to the high chalk downland and the coastal plain.

It was developed in the 1980's by a group of Liphook Ramblers travelling from their homes to Chichester Cathedral. In 2008 'Footprints of Sussex' received a small grant from West Sussex County Council to waymark the trail, which they then extended to include Chichester Harbour and they also produced a simple trail guide. Information about the walk, including a PDF version of the guide and an easy to order paper guide (price £2.50 including p&p) are available from [newlipchisway.co.uk](http://newlipchisway.co.uk)

The trail map divides the route into 6 sections, these have been designed to link into public transport where possible, but it is easy to break it up into the lengths you want to walk. Two Ordnance Survey Explorer maps, numbers 120 & 133, cover the route and the trail is clearly shown on both. The



River Rother

trail guide provides a wealth of information about each section with local history, places of interest and a guide to the flora and fauna that can be found there. However a step by step guide is not included, instead you are expected to follow the maps and where areas of confusion may arise, some additional notes have been provided. Having said that the trail was easy to follow with well trodden paths and tracks, but

occasionally the waymark signs were not where expected and reference to the ordnance survey maps was needed, I tended to use the waymark signs to confirm that I was on the right path rather than as main directions.

The route takes you through Woolbeeding, Midhurst, Hewshott, Singleton, Mid Lavant, Chichester, West Itchenor and ends at West Wittering. Along its route it offers a great variety of scenery, flowers and wildlife, I spotted deer, water voles, buzzards and cormorants and as I followed the River Rother between Stedham and Midhurst I got tantalising glimpses of some lovely houses and gardens. I walked it during easing of lockdown, before cafes, restaurants and pubs were open so took my own drinks and food, but it would be easy to divert in any of the villages or towns to find refreshments.

The last section from West Itchenor to West Wittering is on a coastal path, that can get muddy and is both narrow and busy at times but the views are really worth it, plus there are toilets at the end! With my walking companion we took two cars and parked at each end of the section we were covering that day, but we only took one car for this last section as parking at West Wittering is expensive and this short section (3.4miles) is worth following back to West Itchenor again.

*Fay Boyett*



Midhurst

## When in April

*When in April the sweet showers fall  
And pierce the drought of March to the root...  
Then people long to go on pilgrimages...\**

Fay's article on the New Lipchis Way inspires me to walk at least some of the route this Springtime through our beautiful local countryside when the world is bursting with new life and energy. I suspect that the same impulse to get out in the fresh air after the long dark winters might have been part of the motivation for our medieval ancestors to go on pilgrimages.

It made me think of other local connections. In about 1386 Geoffrey Chaucer began his greatest literary achievement,

The Canterbury Tales, told by a jovial collection of pilgrims as they ride towards the shrine of St Thomas Becket in Canterbury. Known as the Father of English Poetry, he rests in Westminster Abbey, while an effigy in East Worldham church hints at the possibility that his wife Philippa Roet is buried there. His pilgrims travelled from The Tabard at Southwark by way of Watling Street, but pilgrims from our area would have made their way along the prehistoric route which follows the "natural causeway" running east to west on the southern slopes of the North Downs which we now know as The Pilgrim's Way. From Thomas Beckett's canonization in 1173,

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until the dissolution of the monasteries in 1538, his shrine became the most important in the country, indeed “after Rome... the chief shrine in Christendom”. Should our local pilgrims have opted for a shorter pilgrimage, they could have followed the same route westwards to the shrine of St Swithin in Winchester.

We know from Fay’s article that the New Lipchis Way is a modern invention, but I suspect that it largely follows ancient routes. It is not beyond the bounds of possibility you might be treading in the footsteps of pilgrims from our village who had chosen to go on pilgrimage to the shrine of St Richard of Chichester in the cathedral there. A former Bishop of Chichester he was canonized in 1262, and his shrine, which had, up to that point, enjoyed a level of popularity approaching that accorded to Thomas Becket, was also plundered and destroyed on the orders of Henry VIII’s minister Thomas Cromwell. The modern shrine in Chichester Cathedral, established in 1930, has a

tapestry by Ursula Benker-Schirmer, partly woven at West Dean College. A popular prayer ascribed to Richard was used as the basis for the song Day by Day in the 1971 musical Godspell. Now regarded as the patron saint of Sussex, since 2007 his saint’s day of 16th June has been celebrated as Sussex Day.

**Rod Sharp**

*\*From a modern translation of The Prologue to Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales*



## Walking in Hampshire

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John said “There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Hampshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites ([www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk)))

- one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you”.

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## Have Your Say on Your Local Whole Estate Plan

LUC (Land Use Consultants - <https://landuse.co.uk>) has been appointed to assess the process and development of Whole Estate Plans (WEPs) for the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA).

For further information about WEPs, please visit:

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To complete the survey, please visit the below website which will be live from **Monday 8th February - Sunday 21st March**.

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## THE VOICE OF BRITISH GOLF

# A Tribute to Peter Alliss

1931 - 2020



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Peter Alliss was destined to take up a career in Golf. Born in Berlin in 1931, his father Percy Alliss was one of the leading British players between 1920 and 1932, who first hired him as his unpaid assistant.

Establishing himself as a top young player, Peter won 21 professional tournaments between 1954 and 1969, which included three British PGA championships, winning the Vardon Trophy twice.

He represented Great Britain in the Ryder Cup between 1953 and 1969, with the exception of 1955, retiring from professional golf in 1969 at the age of 38.

After switching to “the other side of the ropes” Peter became BBC’s chief golf commentator in 1978, fronting 140 episodes of their Pro-Celebrity Golf series between 1974 and 1988.

In 2012 Peter was inducted in the World Golf Hall of Fame in the Lifetime Achievement category.

Known as “the voice of British Golf”, the legendary broadcaster also became the President of Old Thorns Golf Club at Griggs Green.

Peter and his partner, Welsh golf legend Dave Thomas, designed over 50 golf courses, including the par-72 golf course at Old Thorns, which had its celebrity opening in 1982 with the foursome of world class golfers - Jack Nicklaus, Seve Ballesteros, Isao Aoki and Bill Rogers.

Before becoming a hotel, Old Thorns was the private home of Patricia and Ken Wood, of Kenwood fame, who were personal friends of Peter.

After selling the property, they moved and set up their next home at Forest Mere. When Patricia Wood became a widow, she decided to remain in Liphook where she still lives today.

Peter supported several charities, but closest to his heart was the Alliss Masters Wheelchair Classic, an annual event which he moved to Old Thorns in 2014.



*Picture of (l-r) Patricia Wood, (unknown man), Ken Wood, Peter Alliss at Old Thorns*

George Makey MBE started the initiative in 1975 to raise money to buy powered wheelchairs for disabled children. At the end of the seventies he asked Peter Alliss to become involved.

Since then many Golf Clubs and other organisations as well as celebrities have joined in and raised over £7 million to buy hundreds of powered wheelchairs for needy children across the UK and Ireland.

The cost of chairs can vary enormously with a price tag between £3,000 and £13,000. They are built to a design to meet the specific needs of each child.

Peter was also patron of the Blind Golfers Association, DebRA, which is fighting skin disease, the Battle of Britain Historical Society, the Prostate Project, the Wildlife Ark Trust and many other charities.

Together with his wife Jackie, they were involved in tirelessly raising funds for many worthy causes.

Peter passed away in December 2020 at the age of 89. “It is with great sadness we announce the passing of golfing and broadcast legend Peter Alliss,” said the Alliss family.

In a statement, they described his death as “unexpected but peaceful”, adding “Peter was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.”

**Gabrielle Pike**

### *Alliss Masters Wheelchair Classic*
















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Mr Jones, Hindhead, December 2020



# Advent Living Windows



One positive feature of Christmas 2020 was the early erection of Christmas lights around the village. Wishing to lighten the gloomy news many householders dug out the twinkly lights perhaps

a couple of weeks earlier than normal and for one Berg resident this led to a spark of inspiration. Amelia Gabriel explains; "I was walking around the Berg Estate with my young daughter towards the very end of November and already a number of lights were up. What, I thought, were the chances of organising an Advent Living Window display for residents in just two days flat?" Very good chances as it turned out. She continues, "I'd seen this idea being done in other villages on Facebook and thought if, for example, Fernhurst could do it, so could we!" Essentially the



idea – which originated in Sweden – is for a series of windows to be dressed in a Christmas theme, one for each day of December running up to the day itself. Each window is 'revealed' in

turn by proud householders and whilst it's not a competition, everyone tries their best to make a stunning window.

"Traditionally, residents would gather around each window as it was unveiled for mulled wine etc - a real village vibe. Sadly, this was not possible due to social distancing but it was still a lot of fun to see each window pop up around the Estate," Amelia says "... and I was able to get 24 willing participants in very short order."

Using the power of social media and the Neighbourhood Watch networks around the Berg, Amelia set up an on-line application form and JustGiving page for Macmillan Cancer Support, an important motivator for the project. Such was the response that the first window went up to plan on 1st December followed by others during the month - "... we didn't have a single empty day; amazing!" she confirms. "I would like to thank all those who took part and who donated so generously to Macmillan; we beat my target by over 50%," she says "... and it was a pleasure to host the final reveal at my home on Christmas Eve. Many residents stopped outside to say hello and to get a sneaky glimpse of Santa who kindly took time out to join us. Completely brilliant!"

It was certainly a lot of fun and many families enjoyed walking the route to tick off all 24 windows. But would Amelia do it again in 2021? "Absolutely! I can't wait to see what this year's windows might look like. And maybe this time we can have the mulled wine too!"

*Simon Catford*

## Bramshott Open Gardens 2021

In 'normal' times Bramshott's residents open their gardens to visitors every two years, raising valuable funds to help support local causes. Over the years we have been able to offer financial support to numerous local charities and good causes including St. Mary's Church Bramshott, the Liphook Day Centre, Macmillan Cancer Care, Bramshott Sunken Lanes Project, and Liphook Food Bank, amongst others. 2020 would have been our 17th Open Gardens but sadly like so many events it had to be postponed.

Despite this we were able to hold a couple of alternative fundraisers, raising money through a 'live' plant sale and a Virtual Tour hosted on YouTube. This has enabled us to offer



local youth groups, including Liphook Scouts and Guides and Liphook Football Club, financial assistance, with the specific aim of supporting local young people - perhaps from families facing financial hardship - to join a local sports group or club, which otherwise may not have been possible.



It is our great hope that this year's Open Gardens event will be able to go ahead on June 19 and 20. Even if this proves impossible, that weekend we will hold our ever-popular plant sale and a return of our Virtual Garden Tour. We hope as many of you as possible will support us, so that we can continue to support the vital work done by these important local groups.

Fiona Grist, Chairwoman, Bramshott Open Gardens Committee

Please find us on: [www.bramshottopengardens.org.uk](http://www.bramshottopengardens.org.uk)  
or on Youtube: <https://bit.ly/2Kr3LzW>

# A Tribute to Isabel Atkinson

Getting involved in life in the parish was something Isabel Atkinson embraced when she, husband Ray and their three daughters moved to Liphook more than 50 years ago.

From joining the Brownies, to starting Community Care for the sick and elderly, a weekly Lunch Club to bring people together, as well as launching a 'pressure group' to fight the county council for comprehensive education, which resulted in Bohunt Comprehensive School coming to Liphook, Isabel's strong feelings for the good of the community were never in doubt.

She said, her strength was always that she was "good at getting people to do the work". She got together a group to run "Holiday Fun" providing activities for children during school holidays, and started a weekly swimming club as well as a local Youth Club. She was asked to join Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council as a councillor, after they got fed up with listening to all her complaints.

Isabel was involved in the launch of the Liphook Community Magazine, which was previously a small parish magazine run by the Rector, Reverend John Souttar and his Curate David Hewitt. When the editor resigned after two years and the committee started to fall apart, it was Isabel who called on her friends, including Alan Wilson, Hazel Matthews and other volunteers to come to the rescue of the magazine.

Isabel and her husband Ray, who was involved in the Scouts moving to the Millennium Centre as well as the Liphook Carnival Committee, organising the Carnival Walk for many years, moved to Passfield in 1980 where they ran a DIY Livery Stables. They took on the delivery of the Community Magazine around the Passfield area, before retiring in 2005.

Ray died in 2009 and Isabel passed away in December 2020.

*Gabrielle Pike*



The Liphook Food Bank is available to anyone who needs help in difficult times. We provide

weekly food parcels which can also contain cleaning, baby and sanitary products if needed. We currently help over 35 families in Liphook, with the numbers increasing. We are located in the Liphook Junior School car park and are open on Tuesday and Friday mornings between 9.30 - 11.30 am.

You can contact us on:

**07871 287295**

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Please help us, to help those in Liphook who are finding times particularly hard. Many thanks indeed.

*Zoe Wright and Glynis Blake*

# Jack Plumridge

My name is Jack Plumridge, I've lived in Liphook for the majority of my life and proudly own AfterBurn Fitness (offering a wide variety of fitness classes in Liphook).

Every year I try to partake in a charity event, but this year I really wanted to go the 'extra mile'. On the 21st - 22nd December I embarked on a 24hr event, running 4 miles every 4 hours. A total of 28 miles in fancy dress with minimal sleep. On each run I was joined by friends, family and members of the AfterBurn Fitness community. These fantastic people (most notably Cameron Nutter who joined me for the runs) kept pushing me throughout and meant we had smiles from start to finish.

We succeeded in raising £2662 for Dreams Come True; our local charity that provides terminally ill children with a means to live out their dreams. The support goes far beyond financial; the local community shouted from windows, honked as we ran past and even brought out home-made snacks. It was heart warming to see so many people do so much for me!"

*Jack Plumridge*





# Bohunt School at Liphook

## Bohunt Education Trust Celebrates Chinese New Year with First Cross-Trust Mandarin Competition

Bohunt Education Trust (BET) schools are celebrating the Chinese New Year with a collaborative Mandarin competition. Students from Bohunt School in Liphook, Bohunt Wokingham, The Petersfield School and Bohunt School Worthing will participate in a cross-trust competition of Mandarin inspired artwork, entering short videos of no more than 150 seconds that reflect an understanding of the Chinese culture, explored through drama, dance, music, painting, storytelling or physical skills such as Kung Fu or gaming.

Students at BET taking part are those on the 'content and language integrated learning' (CLIL) course. This course is undertaken by students who have the academic ability and the desire to study Mandarin at a higher, immersive level. CLIL students are taught one third of their curriculum in the chosen target language - often Mandarin.

This year, as part of the Chinese New Year celebrations, The Confucius Institute at The University of Southampton has also organised an online event for schools across the country to highlight students' knowledge and understanding of Mandarin and its culture and to celebrate the Year of The Ox. A selection of videos created by BET students will be shared across BET schools and submitted to the Confucius Institute for its competition. BET's competition was

held in early February. Final competition winners will be entered into the Confucius regional online event on 10 February 2021.

Yun Li, Mandarin teacher at Bohunt School Liphook said: "This video competition is organised by BET, but as one of the Confucius classrooms, Bohunt will share entries with The University of Southampton to demonstrate our students' knowledge of the Chinese language. This is the first BET CNY Competition of its kind; it will be a wonderful virtual celebration."

More information about the regional event can be found here: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/ci/news/events/latest.page>



## Bohunt School Liphook announces launch of new BET/ DofE training website

BET and the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award Scheme, are proud to announce the launch of the first collaborative DofE training website, aimed at helping students complete their award. The Trust prides itself on successfully creating a generation of "game-changers", and understands this to be the first website of its kind to be launched by a multi-academy trust.

DofE is central to BET's 'game-changing' ethos. Despite the current landscape, take-up of the award scheme is at an all-time high at BET, with over 800 students signed up to complete the DofE award at Bronze, Silver and Gold level. The training website has a focus on student learning. It walks students through each aspect of Expedition training; first aid, route planning, expedition kit and packing etc, testing them on their learning and providing them with individual feedback on sections completed. Students receive a certificate of recognition at the end of each section.

Students are guided through each section of the website and can see what is expected of them at every stage of their journey. Given the current climate, being able to access their award and see progress brings many benefits. With videos from actual DofE team members and tutorials, students will be able to interact with the award and monitor their own progress.

The expedition training website forms part of the DofE package offered by BET, ensuring students' experience is unaffected during lockdown. During the Spring, BET also designed and launched a one-of-a-kind FREE BET DofE Game-changer app [www.betdofe.com](http://www.betdofe.com) or [www.betdofe.co.uk](http://www.betdofe.co.uk), designed to empower students to continue being active learn something new and have fun outdoor adventures of their own that contribute to their wellbeing gaining independence and purpose.

**Neil Strowger, Trust Leader at BET said:**

*"Outdoor activities and education can be life-changing experiences*

*for children. At BET, we welcome opportunities for collaboration and game-changing innovations. This website breaks new ground by ensuring that connections between students and different types of outdoor activity such as those found within DofE, may be successfully accessed by all."*

**Liz Briggs, DofE Manager for Bohunt Education Trust said:**

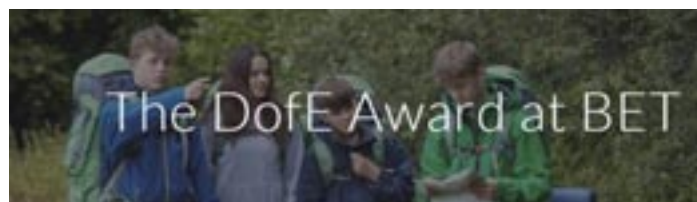
*"The lockdown has provided our BET DofE and Outdoor programmes the unique opportunity to reimagine our learning priorities and processes, placing the child at the very centre of our work. In an unknown future, the BET DofE expedition training website and BET Game-Changers app continue to empower young people to enjoy, respect, achieve and through technology; learning about nature extends far beyond the parameters of the outdoor classroom."*

**Peter Singleton, South East Regional Director, Duke of Edinburgh said:**

*"We are delighted with Bohunt Education Trust's innovative approach in inspiring their students to make the most of their time during lockdown to continue to work towards their DofE award. BET's commitment to DofE and to their fully inclusive approach – enabling any young person to be able to access DofE if they are up to the challenge, is a fantastic example of what can be achieved with the right motivation and support."*

Visit the site at:

<https://sites.google.com/bohunt.hants.sch.uk/bet-duke-of-edinburgh/home>



# Pets on Set

“Never work with children or animals” is an old showbusiness adage, but of course we know there are people that do and do it well.

Meet local animal trainer Laura Ingall, who has successfully made a career in providing animals for television, film and other media with her company Pets on Set.



Laura has worked as an animal trainer for more than 23 years; at Battersea Dogs' Home in London as well as a stint as an equine nurse at Liphook Equine Hospital and has had a dog walking business as well as training dogs in between.

Her first taste of working on TV shows came when Laura was working at the dogs' home, where she worked with TV and radio presenter, Paul O'Grady while he filmed his ITV show 'Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs'.

“It was a great experience, and when I left the dogs' home, I was asked to come back and help with more filming with Paul,” says Laura.

However, it was while working as a dog walker that Laura's career as an animal trainer led to a full-time job. “I was approached by a company asking if one of my dogs would be available for a photoshoot,” recalls Laura. “Thankfully he [the dog] was quite well behaved and did a good job and I was asked to go back and do more with them. I was lucky as all the dogs that I trained were all suitable and I had a lot of access to a lot of dogs and got into it from there really.”

“Now I work for myself I only supply trained animals, or at least I try and make sure they have been trained. There are times a company wants a random breed, and I will have to try and find it.



But generally, I only supply animals that I have trained properly myself.”

Training can be a long process, but according to Laura a dog can be trained for a specific role with 2-3 weeks intense training. By this point, dogs can be film ready, and will be able to do certain tasks such as walk to a mark, bark on cue or walk with an actor.

“A lot of the training is teaching the dogs to look at certain targets and points and take direction from at least 5m away,”

she says. “For film, for example it is really important for a dog to be able to work away from the trainer at a distance.”

The hardest part of filming is getting a dog to look like it belongs to somebody else, admits Laura. It's a skill to actually be at the command of your owner, but it looks like it is listening to “Joe Bloggs” the actor.

“Sometimes the animals look so natural [on TV], but it takes a lot of training just to get them to sit on a sofa for example. You have to do everything 10 times. They might want a dog to pee up a tree and cock it's leg and they can only do that once, so they all learn to pretend to pee up against a tree.”

Laura and her animals boast an impressive CV with work including the BBC's A Very English Scandal with Hugh Grant and Ben Wishall and film The Aeronauts starring Eddie Redmayne and Felicity Jones while working for another company as trainer. She is also working on a Netflix series due out later on this year, with Labradors she's sourced from Haslemere.



Pets on Set started trading in 2019 and then as Covid hit work for Pets On Set went quiet and it was slow to build a client list. However, some filming resumed and due to the back-log in production and advertising, work has started to pick up for Laura.

Laura's most recent project was working on BBC One's Pooch Perfect with actor and presenter Sheridan Smith. Laura's dog Ponti is co-host. Called “Stanley” on the show, he has showcased Laura's great work and Stanley's great personality.

“Ponti knows how to pee on cue – cocking his leg up and pretending. It was his go-to trick so when working on Pooch Perfect. We'd ask him to sit next to Sheridan and to pee up her leg which was very funny at the time!”

One of Laura's most random requests was for a special kind of slug – a request that had to be passed on to a specialist, but overall Laura supplies animals that she has trained herself including sheep and parrots.

It takes one passionate person to have the patience to train animals, but what about the animals themselves?

“Seeing the animals love what they do, makes me love my job,” says Laura. “For them it is all about the reward, generally food – a sausage most of the time! Most of my animals are rescue animals and that makes it all the more special.”

Find out more about Pets on Set at: [www.petsonset.co.uk](http://www.petsonset.co.uk)

**Katherine Alano**



## HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

# NHS Covid-19

### VACCINATION PROGRAMME AND ROLL-OUT

The COVID-19 vaccination programme is going well across Hampshire and Isle of Wight as part of the biggest immunisation programme in history. Please wait to be contacted by the NHS for an appointment. When it is the right time people will be contacted to make their appointments. Most people will receive a letter either from their GP or the national booking system; this will include all the information they need, including their NHS number. Some services are currently also phoning and texting patients to invite them in. Across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight our residents will be invited in one of three ways to have a vaccination:

- **Using a local GP service:** GP practices are working together across the county to vaccinate as many people as possible. Residents may be contacted by a different surgery to the one they usually go to.
- **Local hospital services:** Patients may be contacted to have the vaccination as an inpatient or outpatient.
- **At a vaccination centre:** These are available across our communities and more will be going live shortly. If a person lives within 30 to 45 minutes of a vaccination centre, and haven't already been vaccinated, they may receive a letter asking them to book an appointment online at [www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination). If they can't access the NHS website they can call 119 free. If a person would prefer to be vaccinated by their local GP practice or vaccination centre, as explained in the letter, they can wait to be contacted by their GP or try the website again later as appointments become available.

NHS England is also arranging for some local pharmacies to provide the vaccination on an appointment basis. Details of pharmacies will be added to the national booking system as they go live so individuals will be able to book an appointment with them, if that is their choice.

The local NHS has developed a set of webpages which are regularly updated and include frequently asked questions. Please follow the link from <https://www.southeasternhampshireccg.nhs>

LIDBA and the Petersfield Lions have been marshalling at the Festival Hall, Petersfield. Fred Werner says "I experienced processing for the COVID vaccination at the hands of the Very Excellent Petersfield Lions !!! I honour them with these few humble lines (below). Thank you Petersfield Lions you are fantastic!!!!!"

#### LIONS ....

Lionhearted volunteers,  
taking pride in all they do,  
Moulding sheepish public,  
To a regimented queue.

Orderly precision,  
authority with care,  
Gentle shepherds guide,  
The pensive worried flock.

I D checked, put at ease,  
Bum now on the seat,  
Arm exposed in she goes,  
Shots delivered now complete.

Kindness and civility,  
Seem to be the natural,  
Aimless sheep are corralled,  
In to the closely guarded bays.

At last the wait is over,  
It Seems before begun,  
Guided now to waiting nurse,  
Waiting with her gun.

Ushered gently out of hall,  
Lions mission now complete,  
Inoculated lambs set free,  
To wander, aimless on the street!

## Missing or Lost Dogs

**Unfortunately it appears that dog theft is still on the rise.**

A reader of this magazine has asked us to remind all pet owners that no one is exempt from this crime. Apparently, Freedom Of Information figures from the police reveal 5 - 6 dogs are stolen everyday in England and Wales, although it is felt by some that this is the tip of the iceberg. Dogs are stolen from gardens, houses, parks, kennels, outside shops and cars. Any breed is stolen but designer toy breeds and gun dogs are particular targets.



#### Tips from the Stolen And Missing Pets Alliance's (SAMPA) tips:

- Don't leave your dog outside a shop or supermarket
- Don't let your dog out of sight during exercise
- Don't leave a dog unattended in a vehicle
- Make sure your garden, house and outside kennels are secure.
- Check gates - maybe add a bell
- Check lighting and think about CCTV
- Be careful who can see your pet's photos on social media
- Change your routine regularly.

#### Have this information to hand:

- A clear photo of your pet, showing any distinguishing markings
- Your pet's microchip number
- Local Animal Warden's phone number

- Your vet's phone number
- Your dog's microchip database phone number and check your contact details are correct and up to date and make sure your details cannot be changed without your permission.

#### If your dog is missing:

- Contact DogLost: **01633 673859** or [www.doglost.co.uk](http://www.doglost.co.uk)  
email: [admin@doglost.co.uk](mailto:admin@doglost.co.uk)
- Search: <https://www.missingdogsuk.co.uk/>
- Use social media and put posters up everywhere.

Happily, a missing dog story can sometimes have a happy ending. Very locally a dog went missing, so the owners notified the police and vets. They also put posters in all the likely places including the pet shop in Haslemere which they had visited with their dog whilst out shopping. After the dog had been missing for six weeks the family had given up hope. Then an observant sales assistant from the pet shop, who had read the poster, was returning home from an evening out late at night when she saw him walking along the pavement in Petworth, she stopped her car and called him. He jumped in without hesitation. She took him home and kept him overnight and then called the family in the morning. The family was overjoyed and many tears flowed. They were delighted to see that he was fit and well and had obviously been well cared for but there was one marked difference in his behaviour – he no longer jumped on the furniture!

*Fay Boyett*



