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MARI WALLACE - I DID IT THE WRITE WAY!

An American in Liphook

My forebears left Europe in the early 1900's for the United States. I did the opposite - leaving America for Europe (yes, England was part of Europe back then!) in September 1974... and stayed.

It all started when I decided to 'major' in English at uni. It was English literature rather than American Literature that I loved, so the draw, of course, was to visit the homeland of my heroes and heroines. In the American system, you spend four years at uni. Because I was a student of good academic standing, my university allowed me to go to a British university for my third (or Junior) year. For various reasons I chose Nottingham. The head of American Studies became my tutor and ensured that I had a varied experience which included trips to watch Nottingham Forest play football, to Newstead Abbey, ancestral home of Lord Byron, to the terraced house where local author D.H. Lawrence was born, and to visit Stratford to see a Shakespeare play. I had such a wonderful time in those 10 months in England - making friends as well as studying - that I knew I had to come back.

After completing my education (B.A. and M.A. in English), I landed my first job in publishing - at Scholastic Magazines and Books Inc. in New York City. I was hired as the editorial assistant for an entirely new project called Art & Man which consisted of a monthly magazine with audio-visual components, published under the direction of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. Before I knew it, I had a 'profession' - I was a picture researcher - which meant I was responsible for acquiring the transparencies/slides which the printers used to reproduce the images. I also was required to negotiate the legal rights to use these works. In this guise, I was able to visit art museums and galleries, photo agencies, photographers - all sorts of interesting people and places. I became a member of the American Society of Picture Professionals.

I returned to England twice during this time period - to visit friends but also to try to convince a publisher to get a work permit for me. Despite my best efforts, I was unsuccessful. However, a company called George Rainbird asked me to be their 'stringer' in the U.S. - acquiring photos for them or commissioning original photography - something they could not do from so far away. This stood me in good stead because George Rainbird became one of my referees in ultimately obtaining a work permit ... see next paragraph!

In 1974, a family friend, who'd worked at Reader's Digest with my mother, retired to England. Knowing of my wish to return to the U.K, he invited me to join him, with a view to creating publishing projects together. This was definitely an offer I could not refuse. We didn't accomplish a great deal but from this vantage point, I was able to look for a job. Educational publisher, Edward Arnold, was looking for a new head of picture research. I applied and they were successful in obtaining a work permit for me. A few years later I was hired by Mitchell Beazley who had published the Joy of Knowledge Encyclopedia as well as Alex Comfort's controversial, The Joy of Sex. Mitchell Beazley was also Terence Conran's publisher, and the first book I did for them was Conran's The Bed and Bath Book. By then I'd lived here long enough to no longer need a work permit. I was given 'indefinite leave to remain' in the U.K. and became a 'bona fide resident'.

Whilst all of the above was going on, I was writing regularly for a magazine called Current, published by Mary Glasgow Magazines, a British company linked to my old company, Scholastic. Mary Glasgow publishes French and Spanish language magazines for U.K. students, and others in English, to help foreign

students with this language. Current still exists and is their 'advanced English' magazine. Back then, there was a separate section on American themes and written in 'American' English - and I was commissioned to write articles for these pages. At this time I also contributed freelance articles for several other British publications.

There was a big hiatus while I was raising my two children. In 1990 I joined the staff at Farlington School, an independent girls' school in Horsham, where I taught English (and eventually was also the Marketing Director).

Our move to Liphook was the result of a compromise. My partner's roots were in Camberley, Surrey; mine were in Storrington, West Sussex. This is the place in my story where our next-door neighbours, Gill and Chris, must have a mention. They were there to greet us when we moved in and were unfailingly helpful to us in our early days and beyond. How lucky we were to share our semi-detached wall with them! Our house in Headley Road came with the challenge of a big garden, and I credit Gill for being my mentor in all things horticultural.

Then, one fortuitous day, I met Hazel Williams, who was on the Committee for the Liphook Community Magazine (and later became its editor). Hazel asked me to write 'An American's View of Liphook'. I obliged and the next thing I knew, I was invited to join the Committee. My time in Liphook was certainly enhanced by that step. I got to know more people this way as I went about interviewing various residents for the articles I was asked to write. An early assignment was a piece on the Heritage Centre. I was instantly welcomed by the wonderful volunteers there and could rely on Val Gaskin and Ian Baker to provide me with all the information I ever needed to write my quarterly articles. I also had the privilege of getting to know Michele Frost, Executive Head of the Infant and Junior Schools, and became a 'regular' at the Canada Day celebrations which I looked forward to every year.

Over the years, Alan and I have enjoyed the Carnival, especially when the floats went down our street. We got inspiration and ideas for our garden from Bramshott Open Gardens. We learned the history behind all those Canadian place names in the village... and were affected by the beauty and serenity of the Canadian soldiers' graves in St. Mary's churchyard. We greatly appreciated the hard work of the Liphook in Bloom team - resulting in such beautiful floral displays. Having read English Literature at uni, I was particularly fascinated by Flora Thompson's link to Liphook. I was delighted to find the plaque in the London Road marking where the post office in which she worked was situated, as well as her first home in the village. That provided the impetus for me to read her trilogy, 'Lark Rise to Candleford'; Alan and I enjoyed the TV series, too. I got to know the librarians (especially Rod - now a LCM Committee member, Sue and Lucy) who recognised a 'bibliophile' when they met me, and were consistently helpful in ordering the books I requested. I joined several U3A groups and even became the co-leader of the U3A's Playreading group - although I was more Ruth Howe's assistant than co-leader. Alan and I will both miss the lovely walks we got used to: Bramshott Common, Iron Hill, Weavers Down, Radford Park etc etc...

But the moving finger writes ... and we've now embarked on a new adventure which we hope will be just as rewarding and memorable as our 13+ years in Liphook.

As I promised, I won't make this a long Oscar 'thank you' list - but if you've graced any of days in Liphook, you know who you are. And to you I say: THANK YOU.

Mari Wallace

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A Very Big Thank-You to all Who Have Contributed to the Magazine Spring Appeal

This years Spring Appeal has proved to be a record-breaker with a magnificent £2,500 contributed!

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On behalf of all the Magazine volunteers - including those who write, compile and deliver the printed copies plus those who host the online edition - can I therefore say a big THANK-YOU for your generous donations.

To everyone, we hope you stay well and continue to enjoy your Magazine throughout the next twelve months.

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BRAMSHOTT AND LIPHOOK Parish Council

Council Operations

At the time of writing, 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. We hope that the Government roadmap will mean we are able to open during early summer.

The public toilets attached to the Parish Office, accessed from the Midhurst Road car park, continue to be open with an enhanced cleaning programme to keep the public as safe as possible.

The Council-run play parks and skate park 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 summer grass cutting is completed, and that our community areas are safe to use.

Parish Projects

The Shed Project - The Council has recently approved the specification for a replacement agricultural building to replace the tractor shed and derelict Willows building which will be demolished. The Council will be tendering for the work and seeking the necessary planning permission before commencing the work, hopefully in the summer.

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 contractor has now been selected and the work should commence soon.

The Council has received positive feedback on the new Festive Lights over the Christmas period and has recently agreed to purchase these lights to use in the coming years.

Speed Watch

The Council has recently agreed to re-launch Speed Watch. It is hoped that this will help to reduce speeding traffic in the area. If you would like to assist with Speed Watch then please contact the Parish Office.

Council Meetings

The Council and its Committees continue to meet regularly online using Zoom video conferencing. At the time of writing, the Government has indicated that remote meetings will end on 7th May after which the Council will seek to meet in a Covid secure format at the Liphook Millennium Centre. Please read the agendas available on the Council website and noticeboards for information on how to attend these meetings. Our meetings are held on a Monday starting at 7.30 pm and are open to the public and press. There is an opportunity to ask questions at any Council or 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!

We look forward to hearing from our parishioners and although we cannot see you in the Parish Office for the time being, you can still email, phone, or send a message via our website. Details below:

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Liphook Carers Support Group

Are you looking after a sick or elderly relative or friend, perhaps housebound?

Please come and meet others to help solve common difficulties and problems, and stay for a chat over a cup of tea/coffee at The Millennium Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.00am to 12 noon.

A contribution from one Carer shows why he came and the benefits he found:

"I needed to be with others experiencing some of the same issues. I found myself unable to socialise as before and not being on the same wavelength as our friends, while I also had to preserve the dignity and privacy of my other half. I found myself getting depressed with the situation and therefore not coping nor helping my wife who needed me."

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So do pop in to see for yourself and hopefully give you a boost. We look forward to seeing you. Either just arrive or, if you prefer, contact:

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LIPHOOK METHODIST CHURCH

90th Anniversary

Were you or your parents baptised or married at Liphook's London Road Methodist Church?

We would love to have photographs of the events for display at our celebrations on 25-26 September 2021. Contact Judith 01428 729820 or secretary@liphookmethodist.org

The present Methodist chapel is 90 years old this year. Methodists have been in Liphook for much longer than that, a preaching licence was given to the Bible Christians in the 1820's and a chapel was built in Haslemere Road in 1853. Much closer to the Liphook people than the Parish Church at Bramshott, the little chapel was well used and in 1928 the United Methodists as they now were, decided on finding a site for a new building. A plot was bought from Mr Alee, next door to the village school (now the Library) and building work began.



Liphook Methodist Church inside view in 1931.

1931-40 - The chapel was opened on Good Friday 1931. There was a good 'spread' in The Herald newspaper with photographs of interior and exterior. The round stained glass window was funded by the Sunday school. Building materials were sourced from various places, the window sills and surrounds from the gritty ham stone quarry at Ham Hill in Somerset. The old Manse (Minister's residence) next to the Green Dragon, was sold (now 3 shops) and a new Manse built in Haslemere Road in 1935.

1941-1950 - The war years saw the first Army marriage in November 1940. In total 20 service marriages took place, mostly officers from the army camp to nursing sisters from the big army hospital near the army camp.



Outside of Liphook Methodist Church with founder members in 1931.

1951-1960. Designs were drawn up for a church hall to be built for the Sunday school which had been meeting in the old Chapel; not so good on a wet Sunday!

1961-1970. The new hall was opened in 1961 The old chapel was sold to the County Council and used for the neighbouring school children's lunches until the County Council demolished the old building. A small car park marks the site. In 1965 a refurbished organ was found to replace the existing instrument. This involved the new, larger, organ being placed in the south transept which allowed changes to the internal layout of the chapel, the altar moving to the centre of the dais where the organ had been.

1971-1980. No major work disturbed the peaceful life of the chapel.

1981-1990. In 1987 cloakrooms and storage cupboards were added to the end of the church hall and the entrance was moved nearer to the side wall.

1991-2000. Major alterations to the church hall with removal of the rooms and the platform to make the hall one large room. The space between the church and the hall was covered and a new kitchen and side rooms built in the recovered space, so connecting the chapel to the hall at last. The car park was also enlarged by removing part of the bank by the footpath and the whole was resurfaced.

2001-2021. In 2012/13 The side entrance to the chapel was closed and the porch converted into facilities for the disabled. The old annexe was opened up to make a new entrance facing the London Road and the illuminated cross above the altar is now seen by all passing drivers and walkers who go up and down the road. An Open Weekend of celebrations with flower festival was then held for the people of Liphook to come and join us.

So! Come and visit our celebration weekend this September 25 and 26 and enjoy refreshments and light lunches and admire the special windowsill decorations for each of the decades this chapel has served Liphook people.

Joan Stevens (Steward)



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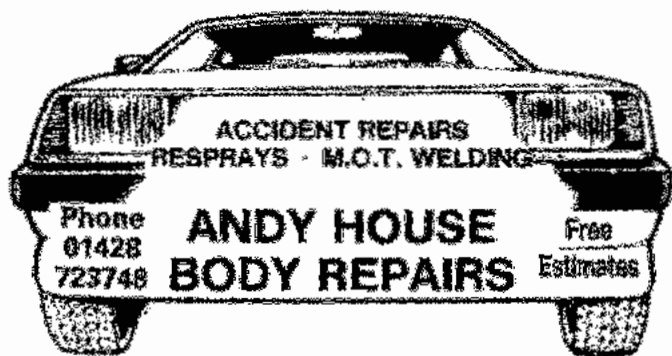
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If any reader would like to find out more or join, contact Paul Reynolds, Chairman, on 01420 768385 (E-Mail: chairman1@liphooku3a.org.uk) or membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk

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Hiscock's - Corn & Seed Merchants

Based on the Midhurst Road, F.C. Hiscock has been serving pet owners and gardeners alike since 1929. I met up with Proprietor John Brandrich and his wife June to find out more about this successful local business.

Originally started by John's maternal grandparents, Hiscock's occupied a shop footprint roughly half of what it is today. Back then, the concept of feeding one's dog with proprietary foods was not heard of; only dog biscuits and the occasional can of whale meat were stocked and so space wasn't such an issue. Today's market of complete food diets and 'free-from' products means more shelves are needed, alongside the other more traditional items.

John's Father hailed from the Midlands and was stationed at Longmoor Camp during WWII when he met his Mother, who by then had taken over the running of the business. After leaving the Army he worked at the Ordnance Site until his retirement leaving his wife to run the shop. John was born in the adjoining house and although having lived elsewhere in the village during his married life, is now back in the family home again. The family clearly have an aversion of long daily commutes to work!

Having left school John was soon immersed in the daily running of the shop and after marrying June (see picture), eventually became the owner. The couple are assisted by Karen and Sarah and together provide a much-needed service to the village.

As noted above, demand for pet foods have changed over the years but some product lines remain constant. Always popular are wild bird products, poultry feed, seasonal plants and composts of every description. Local grower Luffs Farm Shop are a key supplier although the entire supply-chain was sorely tested over



the lockdowns. Some products simply disappeared whilst others were in exceptional demand; some rationing to customers was necessary on occasions. But things are steadily improving and a good level of stock is always available.

Hiscock's have seen off various competitors over the years, most recently from Countrywide Stores around the corner. With a winning combination of good service, quality products and keen prices, they have weathered the storm and are set fair for the future.

Finally, John would like to thank wholeheartedly all their customers for their loyalty and support, particularly over the last year or so and the team look forward to serving Liphook for many years to come.

Simon Catford

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Cover Photo Competition Results



*Fletchers Field
by Carolyn Enticknap.*



*Rose in the Rain
by Raymond Worth.*

We received an array of beautiful and colourful entries mostly depicting the countryside around us, there were 53 entries in the 25+ group and 2 in the under 18 group. The photos were allocated a number and judged blind via Zoom by our three judges: Roger Miller, Mari Wallace and Katherine Alano, who spent a great deal of time deliberating over the pictures, as they felt the standard was so high.

In the 25+ group there were 3 winners which will all go onto front covers, these were submitted by Emma Winfield (2 winning pictures) and Nick Luckett. There were also 3 runners up, that will either go on front covers or back covers, these were submitted by Lynda Perry, Katherine Hunter and Nikki. There was one chosen for a back cover submitted by Kit Boyett and two that together will

be used for a back cover submitted by Jess Gunter.

In the under 18 group, Isia Armstrong submitted the winning photo that will be used for a front or back cover.

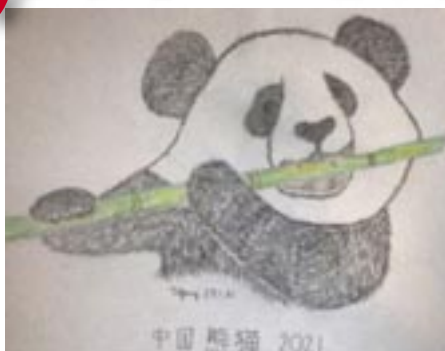
Finally, one photo by Tash Turner was chosen as the Christmas card for December 2021 - this is sent to all our volunteer distributors to thank them for their diligence in delivering your magazine during the previous year.

As the photos were seasonal in nature, they will grace the covers as and when the picture is appropriate. Many congratulations to all our winners. You will also be able to see the pictures from the runners up as they have all agreed that we may keep their submissions to use in the magazine and some of them are on this page.



Waggoners Wells by Pier Collis.

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



Our children worked really hard during lockdown. They continued to follow the school curriculum and we also had some special focus days. The children particularly enjoyed our Eco Day. This gave them an opportunity to get outside and have fun!



Since the children have returned from lockdown, their behaviour has continued to be exemplary. The children have

enjoyed playing on our new playground equipment and being back with their friends. The Green Team have worked

really hard and we have been awarded The Green Flag Award from Eco Schools.



It has been such a joy to have all of the children back in school since March. They have been happy, positive and keen and eager to learn since the return. As always, their behaviour has been exemplary and we are all so proud of them for quickly

showing their excellent learning behaviours again. We were confident that the children would have a successful return as their teachers had been in regular contact throughout the lockdown, teaching the usual curriculum and interacting with the

children in a wide range of ways. The photos show a selection of the home learning that took place across the school. Our thanks go out to all of our families for playing such a significant part in helping their children to engage with and to extend their learning.

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HOLLYCOMBE WORKING STEAM MUSEUM

50 Years



Jerry M Steam Locomotive.

On the doorstep of Liphook is a heritage organisation with a collection of national importance which this year celebrates its fiftieth anniversary.

Hollycombe Working Steam Museum, an Education Charity, is home to an Edwardian fairground, steam railways, a steam farm, listed garden and more, with a wealth of special events.

The team of approximately 40 volunteers, so essential to its success, were chosen as "Volunteers of the Year 2019, South East England" at the British Museum and Marsh Christian Trust Volunteers for Museum Learning Award.

Welcoming over 30,000 visitors during the 2019 open season from mid-April to mid-October, the staff and volunteers were eagerly looking forward to the 2020 season, and the Covid-19 pandemic was an unexpected and difficult blow. As the country faced lockdown in March of that year it was clear that Hollycombe would not open to the public as planned in April and without the much-needed income from the open season it faced the daunting prospect of not being able to fund the volunteering efforts required to allow them to open in 2021. It found itself on the brink of a devastating downward spiral.



Volunteer Jeremy on Jerry M.

Weathering the storm was not going to be easy but a Heritage Emergency Fund grant in July 2019 of £105,000 enabled the funding of projects on-site and helped protect the future of the museum and in October 2020 it was one of 445 heritage organisations to receive a lifeline grant from the Government's Culture Recovery Fund. The funding of £895,000

allowed for onsite changes that will allow Hollycombe to safely welcome visitors again and for operational changes which will enable recovery, rebuilding and a sustainable future; all protecting Hollycombe for generations to come.

In 1951 the Hollycombe estate was purchased by the late John Baldock and his family and it is through them that the steam collection began. He realized that many steam engines were being scrapped with indecent haste so started saving them, the first engine to arrive being a Burrell steam tractor Sunset No.2. In the 1960s he started saving traditional fairground rides before these beautifully decorated rides and organs and their engines also disappeared. Among the rides saved are several which are unique or the sole survivor of their type.

Hollycombe opened to the public in 1971 and was enjoyed by many thousands of visitors, but with ever-rising costs the fairground rides were sold at the end of 1981 and the smaller collection limped on until 1983 when it was closed. However, not long before Easter 2014 unpaid volunteers formed the



Sunset No. 2. 1950's.

Hollycombe Steam & Woodland Garden Society which continued to run it, the Hollycombe Working Steam Museum charitable trust being formed in 1997 to take over the collection the following year.

Grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund enabled the purchase of most of the collection, the erection of a building for winter storage of the fairground collection, and for improvements to the educational facilities

to enable the history of steam power in a rural setting to continue to be told. Today some of the same volunteers who were part of the original society that ran the museum for many years still volunteer today, along with many new ones, while some have become trustees and oversee the day to day management of the museum. Now Hollycombe continues to look forward to the exciting challenges which lie ahead, while remembering the achievements of the past.

At the time of writing in April 2021, Hollycombe is looking forward to the easing of Covid-19 restrictions and hopes to reopen in July.

Thanks to Lucy Twynham, Volunteer Co-ordinator at Hollycombe in the preparation of this article.

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HIGHFIELD AND BROOKHAM SCHOOLS PUPILS INTERROGATE . . .

Best-Selling Author Andy McNab

A decorated former SAS soldier and novelist has undergone a gruelling mission of a very different kind - being interrogated by school students.

Andy McNab, a celebrated Armed Forces veteran who served in Northern Ireland and the Gulf War before turning his attention to writing novels and producing films, was put to the test by curious young drama students from Highfield and Brookham Schools in Liphook, Hampshire.

The Year 6 pupils submitted a series of probing questions to McNab, with the author awarding signed copies of his popular young adult book *Get Me Out of Here*, which he co-wrote with Phil Earle, to the writers of the six most imaginative submissions.

Having been denied the chance to perform their annual year-group play by the coronavirus pandemic, the creative children instead turned their attentions to producing a series of short films which were premiered at the independent school's A Night at the Oscars ceremony earlier this month.

And who better to provide some insights to tomorrow's filmmakers than McNab, who wrote the book on which action film *SAS: Red*

Notice was based, a film which was released on Sky Cinema in March, and whose debut book *Bravo Two Zero* has sold an astonishing 10 million copies worldwide?

Describing all of the submitted questions as "fantastic", McNab, a recipient of both the Distinguished Conduct Medal and the Military Medal during his time in the military, as well as a CBE for his services to literacy and charity in 2017, had to narrow it down to just six.

McNab, who had a reading age of just 11 when he joined the Army at the age of 16 straight out of juvenile detention, was quizzed on a variety of topics including inspiration for his novels, his proudest achievements, what he had learnt from failure and whether his experiences had helped in his career as a film-maker.

The winning questions were submitted by Monty Leach, Tom Hall, Lottie Alexander, Cindy Zhou, Isabel Salisbury and Ryder Larby.

McNab, who became an avid reader after belatedly finishing reading his first book at the age of 17 and who has since read "anything and everything that I could get my hands on", was impressed by the maturity and dedication the Highfield and Brookham pupils have shown during the time that they have been away from the classroom due to the pandemic.

He said: "I really enjoyed reading all the questions that Highfield's Year 6 sent me, what an enthusiastic and creative sounding bunch of young people! I wish I could have answered every single question, and perhaps one day they will invite me to school for a cup of tea and a chat - and hopefully they'll show me the films they have been making at the same time."

Highfield headmaster Phillip Evitt said: "Andy McNab is an incredibly well-known figure, not only as an SAS soldier but also as a best-selling author and film producer, so what a thrill it was for our Year 6 children to get the chance to learn a little about his fascinating life and his career from the battlefield to the bookshop. Perhaps one or two of our Year 6 pupils will follow in his footsteps and have a book or two alongside Andy's in the library in years to come, or perhaps even a film on the big screen."



Come Walking With the u3a in Liphook

Three different groups offer a variety of walks, from a gentle stroll to a more energetic walk. Our emphasis is on sociability and the theme common to all the groups (at least pre- Covid) was that the walks finish in time for lunch at a local pub, for those who wish to partake. Hopefully we will be enjoying this socialising again soon. Summer parties and Christmas meals are also arranged.

The gentlest walks are organised by the Strollers group which meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month and it's easy walking, with no steep hills, deep valleys or awkward stiles. Walks last for up to one and a half hours.

The Walkers group meets every Thursday except the 4th Thursday in the month. The walks are between 5 and 6 miles and the start is usually within a 40 min car journey. On the 2nd

Thursday a more energetic walk is planned, which might be longer (8-9 miles), or over more challenging terrain. For those who don't want this extra challenge an alternative is offered on that day by the Short Walks group. At the time of writing the Strollers and Walkers have restarted their activities, but the Short Walks group has not as yet.

Members of the groups are encouraged to take a turn in planning and leading a walk. With so many published walks, both in books and on the internet this is not a difficult task and you get to check out the pub too! Anyone joining these walks must be a member of the u3a to be covered by our insurance. For up to date contact details go to the Liphook u3a website:

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Sitting down at my computer to write this article, I noticed that I wrote an item for the spring 2020 on exactly the same date last year. Then we had just gone down into lockdown for the first time. It was all very strange and we wondered what the future held in store. This year we have just come out of lockdown – rejoice! Despite all the trials and tribulations over the last year, our spring bulbs survived and bloomed prolifically.

During the damp and dismal days of winter, Russ Ellis and Roy Livsey were busy renovating the water bowser. This has now been fitted with two retractable hose reels, a replacement pump and has been completely repainted. The bowser is primarily used for watering the hanging baskets and containers throughout the village, using water from the rain harvesting tank located at The Millennium Hall.



Dennis Green assisted with the plumbing and Andy House fabricated the support brackets. The pump had long been in need of replacement and the retractable hoses were the clever idea of Russ and Roy. The introduction of retractable hoses makes the task of watering both speedier and easier. The cost of the refurbishment was underwritten by the EHDC Councillor Community Grant.

It was with great sadness that we received the news on 24th March that Jan Roles had passed away. Only last summer we had gathered together in Radford Park to celebrate the time and dedication she had given to Liphook in Bloom. Shortly afterwards Jan was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease.



Jan will be missed by so many in Liphook. Over the years Jan was involved with the Carnival Committee and many other organisations in the village. Both she and her husband Tony ran the bar at Bohunt when it first opened as a Community School. She was a very kind, generous and caring person with excellent organisational skills and was involved with Liphook Voluntary Care and was one of the founder members of Liphook Carers. Jan had a wide range of interests and threw herself into many activities with enthusiasm. In particular she enjoyed singing and was a keen member of the Love To Sing choir, right from the start. She was also one of the very early members of U3A and was very involved with the computer club. Perhaps one of her greatest hobbies was photography and film making, for which Liphook in Bloom will be eternally grateful. Rest in peace Jan.

Barbara Miller



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Keith Ireland

Christian Aid Liphook coordinator.

METHODIST CHURCH

In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to me,

'Flee like a bird to the mountains;

for look, the wicked bend the bow,

they have fitted their arrow to the string,

to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart ...

The LORD is in his holy temple;

the LORD's throne is in heaven.

His eyes behold, his gaze examines humankind ...

For the LORD is righteous;

he loves justice;

the upright shall behold his face.

Psalm 11:1-2,4,7

David was probably literally being advised to run away to the mountains from those who were after him with weapons like bows and arrows. Perhaps we more often feel like running away in a more metaphorical way. We think of our enemies less as particular people and more as threats to our jobs or status, wealth or health.

Even so, David's response to the crisis can help us. He remains

calm and stands firm. He raises his eyes above the immediate crisis and looks to heaven. The Lord is on his heavenly throne and nothing is outside his control. The Lord is righteous and therefore it is ultimately God's responsibility to deal with the causes behind any threats and fears that we have. Crucially, for David's response, he knows that the Lord is his refuge and offers blessing and the joy of his presence.

With that reassurance, fear and flight don't seem such a good response. Whatever is going on around from economic collapse, through personal vulnerability in wealth or health, trusting in God is the safest place to be.

Of course, there are times when it is right to feel – especially from physical danger – but it might make a difference in everyday life, work and relationships if we hold to a faith that we can take refuge in the Lord for he is righteous, loves justice and seeking and living his ways, taking refuge in him, we will know his presence.

When we face crises – whether personal or affecting everyone – do we panic or despair or try to run away or can we entrust ourselves to the reigning, righteous God as our refuge?

Rev. David Muskett

TRINITY CHURCH

'Holiday! Celebrate!' So sang Madonna in her breakthrough hit single 'Holiday' in 1983. Many of us will be feeling similar feelings this summer as we enjoy a summer holiday after a tough year with COVID19. Some of us though might be quite disappointed. We would like to be going to our favorite holiday destination or to see family or friends in other countries but sadly due to restrictions we can't get there and we are having to settle for something that is not the ideal.

It might be that there are high infection rates so it's not safe to travel where we want to go. Or maybe we haven't got our full vaccination yet so we can't get into that country because of vaccine passport restrictions. We want to go, but the world is saying stop, desist, turn back, Non!

A few months ago we were celebrating Easter. One of the shortest, maybe oddest, comments in the gospel of Mark comes in the midst of the crucifixion narrative when the scene shifts briefly to the temple in Jerusalem where we read that 'the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom'. If you were

reading Mark's account you might wonder - what is that all about? It makes the narrative jarr somewhat. What Mark is getting at is that there is now, because of Jesus death on the cross, a way to know God.

In the temple there was a place that was where God dwelt and a thick curtain separated this place off from the rest of the temple. Only the High priest could go in once a year. The point was that the curtain was telling everybody they couldn't come into the presence of God because they were not acceptable. Their wrong actions and deeds barred them from entry. But because of Jesus death on the cross he has opened up a safe travel corridor by which we can know God if we will trust in him. He has promised a clean passport bill of health to those who will put their faith in him.

This summer we might not be celebrating our limited holiday options. But we can celebrate that if we trust in Jesus there is nothing stopping us coming to know God.

Pastor Sean Clokey

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Together

The news is good in the UK, lockdown looks like it could be coming to an end when the authorities say it will. We're planning a really big get together as a church family with an amazing, inspiring, incredible speaker who worked for 3 presidents, ran a show in Hollywood where she interviewed the likes of Will Smith, Beyonce Knowles and even Oprah Winfrey and finally settled down to become a missionary in the UK!

We're going to have a party! I suspect that we won't be the only ones. However as we party we may find that the world is weeping. For part of our weekend we're hoping to host a charity fundraiser for our church but also for a really amazing group of

churches in India that we've come really close to. As I write the full horror of the massive mismanagement of Covid-19 in that country is only just emerging. I do pray that by the time this comes to press it will truly be yesterday's news. But one of the things that we've learned about Covid is just how inequitable it is. Many of us sun ourselves in our gardens united with our families while others worry about work, or feel desperately alone or are even grief ridden because of the loss of loved ones. I can only imagine what this disaster must feel like played out in a country with far less resources like India. So as we party lets remember those that can't, or don't want to.

Reverend Valentine Ingrid-Jones

LIPHOOK RESIDENTS REMEMBER

Prince Philip



After Her Majesty The Queen announced the death of her beloved husband, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh on April 9, tributes have been made by local residents, who had met Prince Philip during his lifetime.

Members of the Royal British Legion, Liphook Branch, held a farewell commemoration

on the day of his funeral at Bramshott War Memorial in his honour, which included Navy, Army and Airforce representatives. Organised by Terry Burns it was attended by RBL chairman Sean Brady, district councillor Angela Glass and administered by Rev Valentine Inglis-Jones.

Terry came before HRH Prince Philip in 1953 as a young cadet. He was chosen to represent the Haslemere Cadet Division and took part in the Horseguards Parade where the Duke of Edinburgh was inspecting all the army cadets. Terry also shares the same birthday as Prince Philip - June 10, but not the same year.

RBL's Col. John Boyd said: "Hugely sad with the Duke of Edinburgh passing. I had the privilege of attending two functions with him. The first was an Order of the Bath church service in 2015 at St Paul's and the second was his final Buckingham Palace Garden Party on June 1, 2017. On both occasions I was struck by his charisma, sense of duty, his humour and clear interest in others. He was a fine example to the rest of us and he personified duty and commitment. A man who touched so many people's lives - not least through his highly successful Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme. He leaves a wonderful legacy and may he now sleep easy knowing his duty is done."

Liphook Bike Ride chairman Alistair Halliday remembers: "When I was the Captain of HMS Manchester I hosted the Duke of Edinburgh for a visit onboard the ship during Cowes Week. He was a great sailor and loved everything about Cowes week. The ship was at a buoy just opposite the Royal Yacht Squadron. We were told to expect him to spend only 45 minutes

onboard - but he was on great form and actually stayed for an hour and a half. We held a reception on the Focslie with numerous official guests and he was extremely witty and funny, cracking jokes and leg pulling the guests - but was as sharp as a razor and did not miss a thing. There was a large raised piece in the deck - which could have tripped him up, and I explained it was part of the Seadart system - the main armament of the ship. He quipped it should have been designed better to allow for receptions. I noticed how he seemed more interested in the Ship's company, the sailors and officers, more than the official guests and was so interested to hear about their life onboard. We received a lovely thank you letter afterwards and then another one from the office of the First Sea Lord with more detailed observations - Prince Philip had clearly done a major backbrief too."

Gabrielle Pike says: "I have happy memories of attending the Duke of Edinburgh's 70th Birthday celebrations in 1991, a star-studded event organised by Prince Edward and held in Windsor Castle grounds, where representatives of the many charities, which Prince Philip supported, could meet him. It was hosted by Roger Moore and Michael Caine with performances by Harry Connick Jr. and the band of the Grenadier Guards. Dinner and a large birthday cake were served by Royal Warrant holder, star caterer Anton Mosimann, while a fairground and stunning fireworks display, with Windsor Castle and a full moon as its backdrop, entertained the many celebrity guests."

Hundreds of Bohunt School students have over the years taken part in and completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Silver and Gold Awards Scheme, which is and will be one of his most enduring legacies.

Gabrielle Pike



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Located right in the middle of The Square, the Old Post Office has been a part of Liphook life for as long as anyone can remember – and long before that. Few can have failed to notice its recent transformation so I went along to find out more and was fortunate enough to be given a behind the scenes tour to see some of the ‘before and after’ work.

As Damien Blower, Principal at Architectural practice Stedman Blower explains, “The building has

been in my family’s ownership for decades. In fact, my Grandmother ran the village shop when I was a boy and the house behind and above it was the family home where I have fond memories of staying. It has always been my dream to turn the building into a working office for the practice. A combination of the relocation of Inwood Stoves around the corner who had rented the shop for many years and the lockdown gave us the opportunity to turn that dream into reality.” And a lot of hard work?

“It has certainly been a labour of love and it’s not over yet,” says Damien, “but I was determined to see it through and I have been amazed by all the support and passion given by my team and others.”

So where do you start with a building as old and as lovely as this? “Well, old buildings are what my practice does so the expertise was already there. Turning it into reality was something else. The first step was to make the building secure. As with many buildings like this, one never knows quite how it remained standing given the age of the footings etc. But we have essentially braced the building with a massive steel frame that makes it rock solid and safe.” Whilst not actually a Listed Building it is certainly listing, evidenced by some walls that are way over the perpendicular! “But the frame will keep it all together for decades to come. And I’m pleased with the way we have been able to hide it within the fabric of the building.”



Installation of steel frame in progress.

Next came underpinning, waterproofing and drainage down in the basement area and plenty of wall refurbishment. “The team had just a little more free time during lockdown and while the practice continued to be busy, we created space to learn new skills such as lime mortaring and really got stuck

in – great fun!” The floor in the main shop area had to be completely replaced and a new staircase built. Various fireproofing elements were installed as well as modern communications cabling and electrics.

Interior designer Matthew Cripps kindly showed me more, “By installing light-wells from the shop front we have created a lovely working space in the basement which the team uses as a drop-in for meetings. Whilst we are all able to work from home, having this base is really important to share ideas and get some thinking time. And as a designer I am particularly pleased with the way we have picked up some of the key features of the building and echoed them around the space.” That attention to detail is very evident from the lovely walnut veneers of the furniture to the use of recycled materials from other parts of the building.



Basement area showing light-wells, new staircase and exposed brickwork.

To the rear, work progresses with the creation of further office space, meeting rooms and kitchen facilities. And on the first floor are two flats, one of which is occupied by the builder who oversaw the project. “He obviously has faith in his own abilities!” jokes Matthew.

Back on the ground floor where the shop was, the plan is to showcase local artisan arts and crafts that feature in many of Stedman Blower designs. “We also recognise the potential this building has for the local community,” says Damien, “and that sense of a village vibe is important to us and our training as architects. I wanted to create something not just for the practice but for Liphook as a whole and will be looking at ideas as to how we can open this up to villagers. Hopefully what we have done will spur others into action and we can further improve our local area.”

The Christmas tree erected outside the building and the festive windows are an example of Damien’s commitment. “The windows were designed by my niece using many items we found in the building as work progressed. I think they looked stunning and we will be doing more festive windows in future.”

The final word goes to Damien, “It is a real privilege to be the custodian of such a beautiful five century old building but it comes with a responsibility to continue to maintain and care for it on an on-going basis. I am convinced that what we have done will allow us all to enjoy the building for generations to come.”

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LOCAL STAYCATION IDEAS

Visit Frensham Ponds



The two Frensham Ponds, just south of Farnham, are not just wonderful recreational areas; they also have an interesting history, having been created in the 13th Century as fish ponds for the Bishop of Winchester when he was staying at Farnham Castle.

Frensham and Churt Commons are made up of 400ha of heathland, scrub, woodland and open water. It is now owned by the National Trust, though the majority, 367ha, is leased to Waverley Borough Council. The connection with the National Trust began in 1925 when 34.5 acres were gifted from a Mr Mason. In 1940, 650 acres including the Great Pond and some of the Commons, were donated to the Trust by the W.A. Robertson Memorial Fund in memory of two brothers killed in WW1. The Commons were used for military training during the Boer War and the First World War and during the Second World War it was used for tank training. Both Ponds were drained in 1940 to prevent them becoming an aid to bombers aiming for Aldershot and then in 1949, the Great Pond was refilled by the Government - it took six tries, due to leakage! Around this time a Vampire aircraft crashed near the Little Pond leaving a small crater though the crater was buried under vegetation and only discovered in 2010 when a heath fire revealed the location.

There have been various owners over the years from 1208, when the Great Pond was excavated and a small stream was enlarged by a dam. The Little Pond, constructed a little later, started as a narrow stream, rising from a spring in the grounds of Silverbeck in Churt and it is also fed by a spring at the Devil's Jumps in nearby Churt. They have settled well into the landscape.

It has been confusing to find out who owned which particular Pond but it appears that from 1246 until 1888 the See of



Winchester (later the Ecclesiastical Commissioners) owned the land and on occasion leased it out. The Commons were wasteland at this time, grazed by cattle, sheep, ponies and deer. This all sounded a bit grim as they became the haunt of highwaymen and smugglers and the sunken tracks, used by the latter, are still in existence across the Commons. I feel they are probably not required for this purpose any more!

The Great Pond is one of the largest areas of water in Surrey and hosts all of the six UK reptiles. These include the rare Sand Lizard and Smooth Snake and it supports a reintroduced colony of the Natterjack Toad. You can also find the Silver Studded Blue butterfly and, if you really want to, you can track down the rare Lynx Spider - not everyone's cup of tea! Rare birds also breed here, including the Dartford Warbler, Nightjar and Woodlark and if you are lucky, you may see them from the hide.

There are various explanations of the name Frensham, from a derivation of "Frena's ham", Frena being either a Danish Earl killed in 871 to a Saxon driven south from Northumberland in 993. Ham, of course, means settlement. It could also come from Fermesham, documented in the Domesday Book, meaning "farmed out". Take your choice - as is often the case it is difficult to pinpoint the origin of names.

The Ponds are both recreational areas now, used for rambling, bird watching, riding, cycling and dog walking, and though dogs are not allowed on sandy edges to the Ponds, there is an area at the Little Pond where they may have a swim in a cordoned off area. If you feel like it, you may also swim off the beach at the Great Pond where water quality is regularly tested and on a cold day in February when I visited there were several mad people having a dip. Fortunately, the cafe was open for a hot chocolate afterwards!



Frensham Pond Sailing Club, on the shore not far from the Frensham Pond Hotel and Farnham Angling Society have leases from the NT. To sail and to fish you will need to belong to these Clubs. In addition, the Sailing Club has Sailability which is a boon for those who are disabled and who enjoy days on the water.

When visiting Frensham Ponds it is as well to know that the car parks fill up very quickly, particularly that for the Little Pond. The Little Pond car park is run by the National Trust which has Pay & Display machines, though if you are a member you may park free. At the Great Pond, run by Waverley BC, you will have to pay from March to September. However, there are no Pay Stations, only facilities for using a mobile phone. There are cafes at both locations, offering a cuppa, cake or a light lunch but be warned, they only accept card payments.

Do go along and visit the Ponds. You will not be disappointed.

Wendy Moore

LOCAL STAYCATION IDEAS

Enjoy a Picnic With a Walk

As we come out of lockdown and are looking forward to getting out and about again here are a few ideas of picnic spots with accompanying easy walks without going too far from home.

Selborne - Church Meadow and The Lythes

On arriving in Selborne, park in the village car park behind The Selborne Arms. Turn left from the car park entrance and walk through the village to the church on the right-hand side. Cross over the Plestor, which is the ancient market site in front of the church, and then go straight ahead through the churchyard. You can stop here to see Gilbert White's grave and the ancient yew tree.



At the boundary of the churchyard go through the kissing gate into Church Meadow (Picnic spot 1). This is a lovely spot for a picnic, a rolling meadow with a stream meandering

through. It's a great place to rest especially if you have younger children with you.



To walk further continue to the bottom of the meadow to the footpath which goes through the Short and Long Lythes. This is a pleasant shady walk with the stream to the right. Go through the gate into Coombe Meadow and walk across the meadow towards the ponds (Picnic spot 2). There are usually several ducks on the ponds.

You can either retrace your steps at this point or continue with a circular walk which is about 2 miles from here. However, I have found that parts can be muddy after wet weather and in the winter so suitable footwear is advised. You can find the route on OS map OL33.

Go past the ponds onto the marked footpath into Coombe Woods. At the end of the woods the footpath continues into a field via a stile.

This part of the walk is through a farm so remember to close all gates that you open. Keep to the field edge and go to the gate on the opposite side and you will arrive on a wider track running between the farm fields. Turn right and downhill towards the farm. This is Priory Farmhouse which is on the site of Selborne Priory.

Cross the farmyard and go through a gate on your right following the footpath sign. This is part of the Hangers Way. After going alongside fields to your right the path goes into Dorton Wood. This part of the route is particularly scenic in the autumn as there are many beech trees.

The footpath reaches a lane serving some cottages and takes you back to the main road through Selborne. Turn left towards the car park and you have completed the walk.

However, before leaving you may wish to visit Gilbert White's house and gardens. The café in the grounds can be accessed without paying for entry. There are also other opportunities in the village for refreshments including The Selborne Arms.

Woolbeding Common, Redford

This is a lovely quiet spot off the road from Liphook to Midhurst. After leaving Redford village take the narrow turning on the left marked Older Hill. Follow this one-track lane to the end where there is a car park on the right. There is a board here that includes interesting information about local wildlife.

From the car park cross the access road to the lovely viewpoint towards the Downs. There is a handy bench here to enjoy the view and have a picnic. (Picnic spot 1)



From here turn left and walk along the access road (marked "Access Only" here) for a few metres. When you see the footpath sign turn left, bear right, and follow part of the Serpent Trail. This has lovely views towards the South Downs on the left and is surrounded by colourful gorse bushes in the Spring. After only a few minutes you can see a grassy area ahead which leads you to another bench with views to Butser. (Picnic spot 2)



Re-trace your steps along the Serpent Trail to the access road. Here you can turn right and return to the car park. If you would like to walk further there are many footpaths available to explore in this area but this is the walk I did on my last visit. It is an easy walk - and only takes about 30 minutes. Cross the access road and take the footpath to Telegraph Hill. This is part of the New Liphis Way that links Liphook to Chichester Harbour as described in a previous issue. Walk up the hill staying on the main path.

It is only a short climb to the top of Telegraph Hill where you find yourself on the track to Pine Hill House. Turn right and walk along this access road following the public footpath sign. Ignore any turnings on your left or right until you reach a small parking area on your right. Cross the car park to find the footpath sign and follow the New Lichis Way again (direction right from the access track).

At the junction of four footpaths under the power lines turn right. This roughly follows the power lines and brings you back to the car park where you started.

This walk, and others from this spot, can be found on OS map OL33.

Jen Woodsford

LOCAL STAYCATION IDEAS

What's On in Liphook

Bramshott and Liphook Arts and Crafts Society: BLACS are currently offering Zoom paint-along classes, workshops and demonstrations to their members as well as all day workshops at the Triangle in Liss and evening demonstrations at the Millennium Hall from June 2021. The Annual Exhibition will take place at the Millennium Centre between 29 and 31 October. www.liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk

Bramshott and Liphook Horticultural Society: There will be no Spring Show this year, but all things being equal, the Summer Show is planned for 17 July and the Autumn Show for 4 September, depending on any restrictions there may be at the time. Meanwhile they have been Zooming talks to members in place of their monthly meetings. www.liphookhortsoc.org.uk

Bramshott Open Gardens: Sadly, there will be no Open Gardens this year. However, in the meantime there will be the ever-popular plant sale outside Bramshott Church in June, so do go along. www.bramshottopengardens.org.uk

Hollycombe: Subject to Covid-19 rules at the time, Hollycombe plans to re-open at the beginning of July 2021 for their 50th Anniversary year. For further information see www.hollycombe.co.uk

Liphook Carnival: Once again, there will not be a Carnival

this year, but plans are afoot for a fund-raising Carnival Walk in early September starting at The Links. It will be Covid-safe and registration will be on-line with small groups going out on the two walks. Next year's Carnival is planned to be bigger and better than ever. The Committee would welcome anyone who would like to join them. For further information, see their website - www.liphookcarnival.org.uk

Liphook Crankers: As with so many other annual arrangements, the Annual Liphook Bike Ride will not take place this year. They are working hard to make sure the 2022 Ride is a memorable one - not least because it will be their 30th. See Liphook Crankers Facebook page.

The Deer's Hut Classic Car Show: This year there will be no Classic Car Day at The Deer's Hut as Fathers' Day falls the day before full lock-down restrictions (hopefully) end on 21 June. There have been talks about possibly holding it later in the year, but it takes a great deal of organisation and it remains to be seen how things go nationally after the "reawakening" on 12 April. However, The Deer's Hut Classic Car Show will be taking place on the traditional date of Father's Day, June 19th 2022 and hopes to be bigger and better than ever before and a real spectacle for motor sport enthusiasts and family motorists alike. www.thedeershutpub.co.uk

... and a Little Further Afield

In these unusual times, it is not always possible to speak to a person and when you phone, you get the dreaded message "please refer to details on our website". May I suggest that before planning a day out, that's exactly what you do!

Allen Gallery, Church Street, Alton: Currently closed but check website for planned reopening. Permanent collection of ceramics from 13th Century to present day, exhibition space featuring local artists. www.hampshireculture.org.uk

Alice Holt Forest and Gruffalo Trail, Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham: Check on line for what facilities are open as restrictions are in place. Card and contactless payments for restaurant and car parking. Be warned: car parks fill quickly. www.forestryengland.uk

Bird World, Holt Pound, Farnham: Reopening planned for 12 April. Pre-booking essential. www.birdworld.co.uk

Go Ape (at Alice Holt Forest – see above): Planned reopening 12 April but check on line. Pre-booking essential. www.goape.co.uk

Petersfield Heath: For walks, bird-watching, fishing. www.petersfield-tc.gov.uk

The Sculpture Park, Jumps Road, Churt: Open to visitors but pre-booking essential. www.thesculpturepark.com

Petersfield Museum. St Peter's Road, Petersfield: Currently closed for major redevelopment project. Expect to reopen later in the year. Check website for details. www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk

Rural Life Centre, Reeds Road, Tilford: Museum of past village life in period 1750-1960. Ten acres of garden and woodland. Currently closed but check on line for information about reopening. Available to education professionals from January 2021 for access to educational materials and virtual classroom sessions. www.rural-life.org.uk

Sky Park Farm, West Harting: Educational deer park with outdoor adventure play area, cafe, farm shop and butcher. Planning to open on 21 May. www.skyparkfarm.com

Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Horndean: Open in line with national restrictions. Two cafes open for takeaways, although you could book a barbecue on line. Parking fees apply; some machines take cash but most are card only. Payment at end of visit - remember your car number! www.hants.gov.uk

Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium, Telegraph Way, Winchester: an interactive science and technology centre for a great family day out. Currently closed but working hard to reopen on 22 May. www.winchestersciencecentre.org

National Trust Properties: Many nearby to choose from, such as Hinton Ampner, Petworth, Uppark. Parks, gardens and countryside locations open. Pre-booking essential. Expected now to have reopened shops and outdoor seating alongside some cafes, which are serving takeaways. Houses currently closed. Check website for details. www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Go Out For a

As I write this, the sun is shining, the birds are singing and there is an air of positivity and excitement around the village of Liphook. The 12 April saw many businesses re-open after months of yet more closures and Liphook Community Magazine caught up with some local hospitality businesses to look back over the past 12 months and how they are coming back fighting to keep their businesses and the community going.

Old Thorns Hotel

Longmoor Road, Liphook GU30 7PE, 01428 724555



The past 12 months has been the toughest in the history of Old Thorns. As a business that is open 24/7, 365 days a year, closing its doors back in March last year was the most surreal feeling for all its staff.

The unpredictability of when things would open or close again made it very difficult to plan ahead. However, with a large property such as Old Thorns, there needs to be constant maintenance and have a team working around the clock to ensure the resort is ready to reopen and that current guests, members and brides and grooms have their bookings with us rescheduled. Despite the immense challenges, teamwork and commitment shone through. "When the pandemic first hit, there was no out-of-the box training manual for our team to follow. Sometimes, with less than 24-hours notice, all plans were forced to change, and yet the team continued to adapt and innovate to ensure that guests would receive the best possible service as soon as they are able to do so," Old Thorns told us.

Old Thorns is blessed with space, so as it re-opens, the hotel is fortunate that measures such as social distancing are fairly easy to adhere to. Sanitiser stations, one way systems, pre-booking for facilities, mobile table ordering, screens, PPE and dedicated Covid-19 training and testing are all now common place and familiar to its teams. With these measures still implemented, re-opening this time round is feeling a little simpler than before. At the end of March the golf course re-opened, followed by the health club on the 12 April.

An outdoor dining area has opened up on the Hampshire terrace. Normally a private terrace reserved for wedding guests, it will be used as outdoor dining while only outdoor hospitality is permitted.

Adaptability has been key for many businesses, and so a special outdoor fitness timetable has been put on until indoor classes can resume on 17 May.

The biggest change at Old Thorns, is its new dining outlet, Oties. Surrounded by fun and quirky theming that is guaranteed to make you smile. The menu specialises in desserts, with waffles, pancakes, luxury sundaes and ice-cream. Oties will also be offering breakfasts, fresh panini and sandwiches, plus a range of hot drinks, smoothies and milkshakes.

Old Thorns have also begun to schedule in a number of tribute nights starting from July, which are already proving to be very popular. Shortly Old Thorns will be releasing its Christmas schedules and looking forward to hosting them again and giving everyone a great night to remember. And what is Old Thorns most looking forward to? Guests, of course! Without its guests, it all feels rather bare and empty. Old Thorns are used to celebrations and laughter and cannot wait for this to return again. Even the hotel cat Rufus has seemed rather confused not getting all the attention he is used to!

Shanklys

21 Station Rd, Liphook GU30 7DW, 01428 722257

Shanklys café on Station Road has described the past year as a "huge emotional roller coaster ride for the business". From 12 April, the café will have more outdoor seating than usual, with permission to use the other businesses outdoor space as well as providing our takeaway service. Indoor dining will resume on 17 May but with limited table space to enable the café to keep to the 2m ruling. Provisions in place will be the same as previous openings after lockdowns, with one-way systems, screens, hand sanitiser and QR codes.

Once restrictions are fully lifted, Shanklys will be holding another cake sale with proceeds going to a local charity.

Owner Tracey told the magazine: "The most important thing for me is to meet all our regular customers and to meeting new ones and hearing all the stories they have to tell of this past year." "Financially it has been a struggle to keep business going through all three lockdowns," she adds. "But can see light at the end of the tunnel and come back will be stronger of that I am sure."

The Links Tavern

Portsmouth Rd, Liphook GU30 7EF, 01428 723773

The Links Tavern has made great use of space, with a marquee installed at the end of last year, which has lighting and heaters for the cooler evenings. The Links has been able to create some additional seating areas in the garden, using hay bales and bought some additional blankets to help keep the chills to a minimum.

Music night bookings have resumed, and the pub is currently planning key dates for the remainder of the year.

Meal on a Coffee

L&S Gift and Coffee House Liphook

1 The Square, Liphook GU30 7AB, 01428 723710



L&S has continued to serve take-away only during the last lockdown, however, come June, L&S hope to have full use of it's outdoor seating area and reopen the inside of the shop.

Having secured their Liquor Licence, alcohol will be available daily, from 11am and will be serving their house L&S wines and prosecco as well as a variety of cocktails, beer, cider, ale and bitter - all sourced from local businesses/distilleries, where possible. L&S will also be opening up its brand-new sandwich and salad bar which was installed during the first lockdown.

Once restrictions are eased, expect cocktail and wine evenings for the community to enjoy once more.

Guido's Craft Pizza

18 Station Rd, Liphook GU30 7DR, 01428 722355

Guido's now has outdoor dining having secured it's permit, which means Guido's will soon be able to open for lunches. The long-term plan will be to open all afternoon and dinner with bar service, coffees and also some afternoon snack items.



Expect much more exciting dishes and new seasonal pizza on the menu: "We are still pizza led, so the offering will be limited, but certainly unique [to Liphook]," Guido tells Liphook Community Magazine. "Basically it's all still a learning curve, and we will figure it out as we move forward. We will introduce new hours and items as time goes by and we see what works... this should make it our 4th launch!"

Guido's will continue to offer their own produced organic wines from Tuscany, Italian draught beer and will be available all day, as well as cocktails and aperitifs.

Lazy Lizard

17 The Square, Liphook GU30 7AB, 01428 289255

Despite the pandemic, the Lazy Lizard has been able to continue operating as a takeaway, but in addition to this, the café has been able to provide care packages for the elderly and make home cooked meals for people in need as well as also selling essentials in the shop. The Lazy Lizard was also to provide local children with school meals when the government didn't extend the scheme.

"With all of this happening we have been very fortunate to have such wonderful customers that have supported our small business the whole way through and kept us going!" says the Lazy Lizard.

As restrictions being to be lifted, the Lazy Lizard are setting up an outdoor area, working on getting the back garden ready to welcome guests back - with bistro nights to wine evenings planned. Tables will be at a safe distance with table service to ensure that social distancing remains in place. For colder days and evenings, a log burner has been installed and blankets will be provided which will be washed every day.

"We can't wait to see everyone again and welcome them back to the shop."

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Ground Cafe

Station forecourt, Station Road

The Ground Cafe has continued whenever possible throughout the lockdowns and is now open Mon to Sat from 7.30 to midday. A warm welcome will be ready to greet you when you need a take-away coffee and in warmer weather, following 2020's successful launch, iced coffee will also be back on the menu.

Katherine Alano

Commemorating

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Bramshott Place

The King George's Sanatorium, formerly located at Bramshott Place, was opened 100 years ago by King George VI. Its history began with John Hooke (1605 - 14 May 1685), an English politician who sat in the House of Commons between 1659 and 1661, representing Haslemere. The son of Henry Hooke of Bramshott, he is buried at St Mary's Bramshott.

He lavished a fortune on building Bramshott Place, which was the largest house in the area and an Elizabethan state-of-the-art. Bramshott Place was eventually demolished in the 19th century, with the exception of the Tudor Gatehouse, by a London High Court Judge - Sir William Earle, who replaced it with a smaller residence known as Bramshott Grange.

It is thought that just before the Battle of Cheriton in the English Civil War, Sir William Balfour, Lieutenant-General of Horse under the Parliamentary commander, Sir William Waller, stayed at Bramshott Place.

The third Earle died in 1917. His widow sold the house and 100 acres of ground to The Seamen's Hospital Society in 1919, to treat sailors who had tuberculosis. £100,000 was raised from shipping companies to turn Bramshott Grange into a seaman's sanatorium. The King Georges Sanatorium for Sailors was officially opened by HRH Duke of York, later King George Sixth, in 1921. The house became administrative quarters for matron and the first 14 nurses. A separate nurse's home was built in 1926 and a further building in 1953. It also featured two recreation rooms, a croquet lawn, bowling green and many other types of games.



South view of King Georges Sanatorium for Sailors, Bramshott.

During both World Wars, South Camp Hospital was opened at Bramshott, caring for those Canadian soldiers, stationed at Camp Huron in Bramshott, who were sick as well as wounded. However, many of the soldiers who survived the war, fell victim to the Spanish flu pandemic in 1918. The church yard at St Mary's, Bramshott became the final resting place of many of those casualties.

The sanatorium did wonderful work, which continued until 1963 when the authorities announced that it would close. In 1982 the buildings were demolished and the site became

Bramshott Place Retirement Village and was re-developed with residential properties as well as a care home.

The Tudor Gatehouse

The Tudor Gatehouse at Bramshott Place Village is a Grade II listed building, dating back to the early 16th century. It featured a gazebo above a gateway, probably to a walled



Tudor Gatehouse



Gatehouse Interior, Bramshott Place.

Local History

garden, which has disappeared. The building is a two-storeyed square structure, with walls of brickwork in English bond. There are round buttresses to the corners, with cut-brick decoration in the form of lozenges to the south side, and rounded projections to the north, all resting on octagonal moulded bases. The top of each wall is a gable and the roof is hidden. The north elevation has a wide Tudor arch, while the south side has a smaller but similar archway and above it a Tudor style window which was added in the 19th century. Inside the gateway, there are recesses in the east and west walls, and on the outside, there are indications which suggest that garden walls abutted the lower part.

The building is now in need of some repair. It needs repointing of masonry, replacement of damaged and spalled brickwork, repair or replacement of existing roof coverings, substrates and associated elements, installation of previously removed finials to the parapet walls, removal and repair to existing parapet render, repair as well as possible replacement of steel parapet restraints.

Bramshott Manor

Bramshott Manor, a Grade II listed building, is said to be the oldest house in Hampshire of domestic occupation. Dating from early 13th century it has in most part, retained its mediaeval structure. It is described in the Domesday Book as held by Edward of Salisbury from the King with two freemen, thirteen tenants (of restricted freedom) and two mills and reputedly has three ghosts, a Quaker, a priest and a former female owner.



In 1220, the first John de Bramshott (or his son Henry), built what has survived as the oldest part of the present manor house, probably starting life as a single structure with a thatched roof and a small cellar. The de Bramshott family and their descendants by marriage held the manor for 500 years, during which time several extensions and improvements took place.

The current St Mary's Church dates from 1220 when the original chancel was built as a private chapel for Bramshott Manor.

Two transepts were added in 1400 whilst the present nave was rebuilt in 1871. The wooden spire dates from 1800. The belfry is in a central position in front of the chancel. Six bells, dating from 1784, were rehung in 1989 in memory of Boris Karloff the actor, who lived nearby and loved the sound of the bells.

During the 1300's extensions, decorative windows and a first storey were added to the manor, accessed by an external covered stone staircase, and during the 1400's major reconstruction took place, to create what it looks like today. During the 1500's the layout was changed to include an internal oak staircase, which can still be seen in the sitting room.

In 1610 the manor was sold to John Hooke, a wool-merchant from Godalming and in-law of the de Bramshott family. In 1685 it became the property of the Bolds, an unconnected family. The manor became a farm under the name of Old Place or Bramshott Farm. Over the next two centuries the manor was held by the Whitehead family and the Butlers. One member of the Butler family restored the title of Bramshott Manor to the house in the early 1900's and in 1917 the Butlers sold the lordship of the manor to the War Office. After the war, the house was bought by Arthur Henry Salisbury, a pioneer in aircraft. He restored the house and on the death of Lady Salisbury in the 1950's the manor passed through various hands. John Watkins, whose parents purchased Bramshott Manor in the 1980's and spent two years restoring and improving the house and grounds, sold the manor in 2015.

With thanks to the Liphook Heritage Centre for supplying all photographs and background information.

www.liphookheritage.org.uk

Gabrielle Pike

Liphook Millennium Centre Community Cinema

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Your Local Fire Station



It is not unusual whilst we are attending incidents or various community events to hear people say, "I didn't even know there was a fire station in Liphook".

Because of this we thought we would contribute a little article every quarter in the Community Magazine just to tell you a little bit about ourselves and what we have been up to.

After all, at the end of the day it's your money that is providing us with the funding to do what we do, and it is our responsibility to do that to the best of our ability. So, it's only fair that you know that we are here for you, literally on your doorstep.

We thought we would use this first contribution to tell you a little bit of who we are, where we are and what we do.

Liphook Fire Station is located on the old Midhurst Road which is one of the contributory factors for most people not even knowing we are there. In the long distant past before the arrival of Sainsbury's and the associated housing that replaced the old OSU site, the Midhurst Road was one of the main routes if you were travelling from one side of the village to the other. As a result of this anyone using it would have driven right past our station entrance, but now most people that drive that way are those living in the houses surrounding us, with the majority using the new road built alongside the Millennium Green. The station is provided with one fire appliance (known to us in the trade as a Pappa 1) and a Landrover fire appliance especially designed for off road firefighting. We also have the use of a shared Co-Responder ambulance car which we use to attend incidents in support of the local ambulance authority.

So now you know where we are, let's introduce you to who we are.

The fire station in Liphook is what is known as a "Retained Fire Station". This means that there is no crew that is on station permanently. All the firefighters in Liphook have other jobs and are informed of an incident via their alerter, which they carry around on their person whenever they are available to respond be this day or night. We presently have 12 firefighters on station providing this cover.

Being on call puts an enormous amount of responsibility on their shoulders to provide overall cover 24 hours a day as best we

can and it's worth mentioning that we would not be able to do this without the close support of our families who quite often need to change or cancel their plans when the need arises at very short notice. The phrase "tolerance in abundance" springs to mind.

Lastly, we would like to tell you what we do. In a nutshell you could say, we do anything and everything that we are called upon to do. One of the most common things people say to us is, "I'm so sorry to have called you out". What we would like to say in return is, never to worry about that. It may sound like a cliché, but it really is what we are here to do and we would not be doing it if we didn't want to. At the end of the day we would much rather come out to see you and go home again finding that, on arrival, your smoke alarm was activated because you decided to treat yourself to that nice juicy piece of steak after a hard week at work, than not to come out until a worse situation may have developed.

On that note though, there are many ways that you can help us and throughout the year we will endeavour to pass on advice relevant to the time of year the magazine is published.

In this issue we would like to quickly remind you of the dangers associated with the warmer weather and the drying out of the acres of common land that surround our Parish. Please be careful when you are out and about and avoid discarding cigarettes on the dry ground. Please don't leave broken glass which can magnify the sun's rays and cause smouldering which could develop into something more serious and only have barbecues in areas where you are allowed. By following these few simple rules, you will be helping us and safeguarding the local wildlife and common land for others to enjoy.

Lastly, just to avoid any confusion if you do see us out and about, our Brigade has recently ceased to be Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) and has now amalgamated with our neighbours and we now have the distinct name of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service, which has pleased one of our members immensely (Jed Meekins). We are still the same people and still provide the same services though, so no change there.

Enjoy the coming warmer weather and stay safe.

Andrew Lucas

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Sweaty Mama



My name is Jace Traviss and I have lived in Liphook for most of my life and I'm the proud Owner and Instructor for Sweaty Mama East Hampshire.

I have recently had my first baby and I feel so lucky to be able to call Sweaty Mama my job as it is a wonderful way for new Mamas to meet other local Mamas.

Having previously trained and performed as a professional dancer, fitness and a healthy lifestyle are a passion of mine and I am delighted to be running this wonderful franchise to share my passion. Sweaty Mama East Hampshire offers a variety of sessions for pre and postnatal ladies looking to maintain and/or regain their fitness and strength throughout pregnancy and afterwards.

Sweaty Mama is an upbeat session choreographed to music which focuses on the key areas to help Mama gradually rebuild her fitness as well as restrengthening the pelvic floor and core muscles. It is a unique and effective way to exercise whilst you bond with your child which means no need to organise childcare! Exercises are adapted to suit all ages and development of the child as well as to suit the fitness level of Mama.

Mamilates is a low impact session for Mamas with Bump, with Baby or simply to enjoy some Me time. We focus on key areas to maintain or rebuild the pathways to key muscles which have naturally been tuned out during pregnancy. With a range of lower options and progressions for every exercise, Mama's are encouraged to build up

the intensity, listen to their body and gain strength gradually. With interaction with bump and baby throughout the session, the workout enables bonding and closeness of Mama and child together.



Sweaty Bootcamp is a fun, child free, female only session for all women to attend in a friendly and motivated environment. Our sessions are a girls night with lots of fun and giggles alongside an effective session so that you get all the benefits of a targeted workout whilst having fun too! With a range of options from low to higher intensity for every session, every woman can take things at their own pace according to their level of fitness.

The safety and comfort of our Mamas and children are paramount to us at Sweaty Mama so we are all Pre and Post Natal Qualified as well as undertaking our own in depth training programme through the Sweaty Mama Qualification programme.

Interested in joining? Sessions are held in various locations in Liphook, Haslemere, Bordon, Alton and Petersfield and we would love to have you join. Message me today to join the wonderful Mama community!

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Local Charity - New Name

The Tantum Trust, formerly The Bordon Liphook Haslemere (BLH) Charity, has launched its new look. The Charity was established in 1992 by local businessman Carl Tantum who was later awarded an MBE for his charitable work. Carl's vision was for a local charity which would support the local community and, since its inception, the Charity has granted £1.25 million to those in need, more than fulfilling the original objective.

Starting out as The Bordon Charity with one shop, more shops subsequently opened in Liphook, Haslemere and finally Grayshott and the name of the charity evolved. Now, to allow for continued growth and expansion, a new 'umbrella' name has been chosen and, in recognition of its founder, we are now 'The Tantum Trust'.

When approached about the suggested name change Carl Tantum commented:

"When asked, I was delighted to agree. It is a great honour. I understand the purpose of the change of name is to re-brand the Charity, to create greater awareness, make its work more effective. In 1992/3 the Bordon Charity Shop contributed some £12,800 for distribution for charitable purposes. This is a wonderful testament to the support given by the local Community.

Jeremy Bonnett, Chairman of Trustees said:

"The Tantum Trust plays a vital role in supporting individuals and families in areas of Surrey, Hampshire and West Sussex; we are unique in that we run four charity shops in local town centres

and all the profits are fed back into those communities. We have very low overheads and rely on a dedicated team of staff and volunteers. Requests for help are submitted by agencies such as Citizens Advice, schools, churches, doctors, Social Services and Local Councils. We aim to continue to give support to those in need and will look to expand our operations."

The majority of the funds raised by The Tantum Trust are generated through sales in our four Charity shops but we are also fortunate to benefit from occasional generous donations received from benefactors. We are very grateful to all our donors, customers and to our hardworking staff and volunteers.

For further information, go to: www.thetantumtrust.co.uk



Pictured (left to right) are Jeremy Bonnett (Chair of Trustees), Carl Tantum MBE and Sue Nicholson (Charity Manager).



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How Does Your Garden Grow?



With the now proven beneficial links between gardening and good mental health, physical wellbeing and relaxation combined with the warmer weather, now has never been a better time to get your gardening gloves on and get stuck in! But what if

the whole gardening world is new to you? Where do you start? Well, in Liphook a novice gardener is well catered for and almost spoilt for choice. Let's start at the beginning...

For a few quid you can pick up a tray of bedding plants from any of our local supermarkets. Plant them in a pot, window box or any other container and you have an instant hit of colour. Easy. For a wider range of plants, composts (peat-free if possible) and containers visit one of the many Garden Centres around the locality. They have lots of plants to choose from and they all sell other garden related product such as tools, furniture and BBQ's. Just Google 'Garden Centres near me' for a comprehensive list. One can spend many a happy hour trawling all the goodies on offer.

Garden Centres can also offer advice as to the right type of plant for your garden, patio or window box. The list is endless and a quick word with the staff can save you time and money by selecting the most suitable plants for you. There are also copious websites on the internet that can provide tutorials in any aspect of gardening (especially dealing with pests and diseases) and offer advice.

Short on inspiration? The cheapest option here is your favourite TV gardening show; from the peerless Monty Don on BBC's Gardener's

World to endless make-over and reality shows on other channels. Always something there to copy. But better still, visit a real live garden and immerse yourself in the experience. Why not try the magnificent RHS Wisley on the A3 or some of the other local National Trust gardens? - There are lots of options. You can also go to smaller, local gardens under the National Gardens Scheme where proud gardeners throw open their gates for a few days a year for a modest charity donation. Chief of these of course is Bramshott Open Gardens, a biennial event in Bramshott village. Delayed due to Covid but hoping to run in the summer of 2022, full details are at www.bramshottopengardens.org.uk An absolute must.

For those with deeper pockets, why not use a garden designer to help create your perfect piece of paradise? Once again, Liphook has plenty of expertise on offer. A quick Google search for "Garden Designers Services" reveals half a dozen highly professional designers not to mention specialists in hard landscaping and groundworks, all ready to help you. Using local skills ensures that the final design takes full account of your specific typography, weather conditions and sense of place - all vital aspects for a good garden.

And if you have really caught the gardening bug, why not join the Bramshott and Liphook Horticultural Society - www.liphookhortsoc.org.uk - or help out with Liphook in Bloom - www.liphookinbloom.co.uk? Great ways of extending your knowledge and your friends!

So, whatever the size of your garden, patio or window box and the extent of your budget, with all this help and advice available on our doorstep - what are you waiting for? Happy Gardening!

Simon Catford

THE FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH DOWNS

Protecting the Beauty of the Downs



"Friends of the South Downs" is a brand name of the South Downs Society, originating in 1923 the Society exists today to promote enjoyment of the South Downs as well as to seek its protection and enhancement of the environment.

Our aim is to maintain and improve the South Downs National Park and its area. We work hard to improve access to the Park and take an informed interest in planning policy and planning applications. We take a special interest in access, rights of way and other Park initiatives both in the Park and in the immediate area and aim to be a 'critical friend' to the National Park Authority. We have begun a series of talks on park subjects, to be held throughout the National Park area. Contracts are in place with the National Park to replace stiles with gates and to provide funding to restore a stretch of the South Downs Way that is in very poor condition. We are the only charity dedicated to protecting the South Downs and all our activities ensure that we fulfil our duty in section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act to provide public benefit.

About the National Park

The South Downs National Park is one of the UK's 15 National Parks, and has it all - from rolling hills, glorious heathland, river valleys and ancient woodland to the iconic white cliffs of the Heritage Coast - an area of inspirational beauty that can lift the soul.

Covering over 620 sq miles of breath-taking views and hidden gems, you will discover stunning, panoramic scenery stretching to the

sea and across the Weald as you travel the 100 mile length of the South Downs Way from Winchester to Eastbourne, culminating in the impressive chalk cliffs at Seven Sisters. The Park has been shaped by the activities of its farmers and foresters, its large estates and communities, its charities and local businesses and includes internationally important wildlife, cultural heritage and lively market towns and villages. Liphook's part of the South Downs is known as the Western Weald, noted for its wooded hills and vales, deep valleys, open heaths and rural sunken lanes, Liphook's Flora Thompson described the locality as "A perfect panorama of beauty".



Joining the society is a simple way to do something practical to help protect the South Downs landscape. As a member you will receive:

- A comprehensive walks and strolls programme
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The Greenland Pioneers Who La



When Bohunt Education Trust (BET) decided to launch its first Big Expedition a decade ago as part of the school's extensive outdoor programme, 22 students signed up to experience a trip of a lifetime, which would boost their self-esteem and self-confidence. The school worked with Steve Bull, a visionary outdoor professional to put together the ambitious, inaugural, three-week, Big Expedition to the East Coast of Greenland. Neil Strowger, Headteacher of Bohunt School says: "Our first Big Expedition was a landmark achievement at the time and a clear demonstration of how schools thinking differently can provide unparalleled opportunities for students. I am shocked that a decade has passed so quickly and it's a reminder of the importance of taking opportunities."



Students had to use entrepreneurial skills to raise the £3,000 needed to go on the two training weekends and the three-week expedition. They had to complete a structured programme of training in the UK and on Kulusuk Island that would prepare them for the main objective of the expedition. After a long boat journey through ice flows, they had to complete a challenging multi-day trek from "Bear Beach" to Tasiilaq, involving glacier camps, summitting remote peaks and mixed terrain.

Bohunt's Phil Avery remembers: "The organisation of the expedition was certainly complex: logistics, safety, polar bear procedures, structured training, emergency protocols and collaborative itinerary planning. However, the quality of the students and staff involved, in particular the guides of the two groups, Carl Alvey (Ice Team) and Carolyn Bailey (Team Pavery), made the process a fantastic experience for all involved."

"The expedition in 2011 involved two teams of 11 students, each with a teacher leader and an expedition leader. The two teams completed similar itineraries, but were completely separate from each other. Ice Team sang most of their waking hours and were constantly wanting to be on the go while Team Pavery were as chilled as it's possible to be. Both teams were incredibly successful at coping with the constant



improvisations needed to react to the weather, sea ice conditions, polar bear activity and unknown terrain.

"It was an absolute privilege to work with such an amazing group of students. They were simply wonderful and they soaked up all that the opportunity had to offer in a fearless, indomitable, positive fashion. "Nobody in Bohunt's history had ever attempted anything like this before - they trusted in the process, the leaders and each other. In doing so they gained so much individually, achieved so much collectively and, most importantly, left an incredible legacy."

Kit Boyett was one of the students of Ice Team. He says: "I was 15 at the time and the expedition itself was brilliant and great fun. We had a couple of years to prepare and raise funds but it also gave the group plenty of time together on training weekends. We had a couple of tasks to complete when we got there - re-building a bridge for the local people which had collapsed over the winter and taking ice samples from a glacier for a UK science project. These helped turn the trip into an expedition rather than just a holiday."

"After my A-levels, I did my undergrad in Physics at the University of Birmingham and am currently in the final year of my PhD at the University of Oxford, where I study distant galaxies using the Hubble space telescope."

"Perhaps motivated by the big expedition, or at least given confidence by it, I have been interested in experiencing different cultures. I spent the third year of my undergrad living in Vancouver on an exchange programme and as part of my PhD I have incorporated extended research visits to work with colleagues at the University of Arizona, USA, and at the European Space Agency, Netherlands. After this degree ends



Uncharted Bohunt's Big Expedition

I am not certain of my next move but have been tickled by the idea of working in a science/outdoors type role - an organisation like the British Antarctic Survey would be fun."

Another Ice Team member, Chris Rees-Jacobs, recalls: "I have since done a degree in Physics at the University of Cardiff, and in 2019 spent six months on my own big expedition hiking the Appalachian trail in the USA, and started work as a software engineer for BAE Systems after I returned. I've become much more of an outdoor person - taking up rock climbing, hiking and camping when I can.

"I'm currently preparing my next big hike, which will hopefully be in Croatia next year. The Greenland trip showed just how big the world is, and helped open my eyes to how much I enjoy the wilderness. Without it, I can safely say I would not be the person I am today. It directly led to me doing my DofE, and then joining the various hiking and climbing societies at university. And from there, exploring the reaches of Scotland and then North America. I still have some of my old kit like my first big boots and I still use some of it, especially my hat.

I can't say that Greenland specifically led me to being a software

engineer, but it ignited my passion for the outdoors and for wilderness. I long to go back to Greenland again, and I know I will one day. I'd love to revisit it with the rest of the Ice Team and have very fond memories of it. Sometimes, I think how different - and worse - my life could have been, had I not gone.

"Some of the tasks were very hard, but I can't remember the difficulty anymore. I remember making friends within the team and becoming stronger friends with the ones I knew before. Looking back, I know some days were hard - but all I can remember of those days is the fun we had. I can't assign Greenland all the credit, but it certainly steered the course for me."

Since 2011 Bohunt teams have summited mountains in the Himalaya, paddled to remote Ger communities in Mongolia, helped create long distance walking routes in Azerbaijan, trekked ancient routes in Kyrgyzstan and returned to the East Coast of Greenland for serious scientific research on climate change. Everyone who has been on those subsequent expeditions has those intrepid first 22 to thank for the chance.

Gabriele Pike

Student Return After 3rd Lockdown

Bohunt School in Liphook and Bohunt Sixth Form were delighted to welcome back students and staff, after the easing of restrictions from the third national lockdown, on 8th March. Students attended pre-booked COVID-19 testing before full school resumed and continue to test at home with lateral flow test kits twice a week.

Neil Pittaway, Head of School said, "We very much look forward to students and staff returning full-time. We recognise that there may be anxieties for some in our community, and we have worked hard to ensure a safe and smooth transition between online learning and returning to the classroom. We are fortunate to have the support of Bohunt Education Trust family of schools in planning for our students' return, and the lead-up has provided an ideal opportunity for our schools to ensure they return to a safe and caring environment."

Clare Hodgson, Head of Sixth Form said,

"It is wonderful to see our students bringing the Sixth Form to life again. They have stayed incredibly positive throughout online learning and the uncertainty of the lockdown and they are keen to get started on their face-to-face learning. I am so proud of the work that has been done by all of our students and staff and look forward to a productive and energetic summer term."



Head boy Dylan Beesley takes a test in the sports hall testing facility at Bohunt Liphook.

Bohunt girls make semi-finals in national 'CyberFirst Girls' Cyber Security Competition

Earlier this term three teams of girls from Bohunt School Liphook took part in the 'CyberFirst Girls' competition, run on behalf of The National Cyber Security Centre.

The CyberFirst Girls Competition is aimed at girls starting to think about what subjects to take for GCSE and to inspire them to consider a career in cyber security. Less than 20% of people who work in Cybersecurity are female. The NCSC are working hard to get more girls interested in a career in cyber security by running competitions such as the CyberFirst Girls Competition. The competition provides a fun but challenging environment to inspire the next generation of young women to consider a career in cyber security.

Each team, made up of four Year 8 girls, faced multiple challenges ranging from coding in different programming languages, intercepting network messages to cracking secret messages by working out what the encrypted code was saying. During each section of the competition they had 10 days to solve as many challenges as they could.

Of the three teams who entered the competition one made it all the way to the semi-finals on 19th March. This round saw them competing against other schools in their region for a place in the final. For the semi-final, they had to complete as many online challenges as they could in the day. The team who reached the semi-final called themselves 'Team Hopper' named after Grace Hopper the computer science pioneer. The girls in the team were Amelia, Nela, Maria and Megan.



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District Councillors' Report

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

News of the death of the Duke of Edinburgh on the 9th April, was met with great sadness. He touched the lives of so many people across Britain, and across our District. The Union Jack was flown at half mast at Penns Place, and Letters of Condolence were sent on behalf of the District Council. The Duke was an inspiration to so many people and helped to transform thousands of lives through his Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, instilling a sense of self-worth, and opening doors to future career opportunities. He will be long remembered, not least for his witty remarks and observations, and will be much missed.

The last year at East Hampshire District Council

The past year has been extraordinary for everyone, and we have all become used to working differently. East Hampshire District Council was no exception, with the majority of staff working from home, but it continued to fulfil all its statutory obligations, including continued work on a new Local Plan, and much more. In particular, the lockdown periods have produced an inundation of planning applications for alterations to residents' properties, as they discover the need to adapt to a new way of working from home.

Officers were fully involved with all measures put in place during this pandemic, with close liaison with Hampshire County Council, local community support groups and food banks, to ensure they were kept stocked. In addition, EHDC administered the allocation of all the different Grant funding that was received from Government, to ensure support for local businesses. By the end of 2020 over 1.4 million pounds of funding had been distributed, not including any discretionary grants.

Covid Marshalls were deployed across the District who were available to help residents, and to answer questions as they patrolled in pairs, mainly in town centres. They also offered advice to businesses and were deployed directly from EHDC's Environmental Health department.

As we enter a more normal way of life, the District Council will continue to help businesses as they re-open, especially in the

hospitality sector, to deploy grant funding from Government and to support the different charitable organisations and food banks across the District.

The new Leisure Centres at Alton and Whitehill and Bordon, and in Petersfield, have now re-opened for business.

District Councillors were individually able to continue to allocate Grants to the Community, including very many to the local Food Banks across the District. Over £144,000 was allocated to local groups and charities, funding projects such as support packs for vulnerable residents, mental health first aid training, landscaping, sports pitch improvements, installation of defibrillators, and the planting of over 100 fruit trees, to name just a few.

Locally, all three of us have contributed towards the renovation of the War Memorial at St. Marys, Liphook and Ripsley Cricket Club, Bramshott and Liphook Arts and Crafts Society, Liphook in Bloom, Liphook Day Centre, the Community Heartbeat Trust towards a defibrillator in Passfield, Traffic calming enhancements in Bramshott, Liphook Football Club, an outdoor classroom at Bohunt, and Christmas activity packs for children.

We will continue to assist residents as much as we can through the coming year, but it will be without Cllr. Rebecca Standish, who has resigned as a District Councillor. A By-election will be held on Thursday 6th May, to elect someone to replace Rebecca, and fill her vacancy.

Cllr. Bill Mouland and I remain as District Councillors. The next full Election to the District Council will be held in May 2023.

We would like to thank Rebecca for all that she has done for Bramshott and Liphook throughout her time as a District Councillor, and for the support that she has given us, and to many residents and local organisations over the years, and to wish her well for the future.

Please contact us on our EHDC e-mails, which are:

Cllr. Bill Mouland - bill.mouland@easthants.gov.uk

Cllr. Angela Glass - angela.glass@easthants.gov.uk

The Duke of Edinburgh

Saturday 17th April, 2021 by Angela Glass

Beneath the vaulted ceiling high,
Within the Quire, in social space,
The mourners gaze, steadfast and still,
Inscrutable, each black-masked face.

And we are there, each one of us,
Intruders in their private grief,
But we are there because of him,
Inspired, imbued with self-belief.

This handsome suitor, consort, rock,
Who gained the hand of future Queen,
The irritant within the Court,
To modernise an ancient scene.

This Prince of Denmark and of Greece,
At ease with commoners and Kings,
Whose Duke of Edinburgh's Award,
Instils such pride, with all that brings.

Our Sovereign's stay and strong support,
Through long and sometimes troubled reign,
With wit and wisdom, selfless served.
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And so sweet Prince we bid farewell,
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Countryside Companions



The Countryside Companions Walking Group appeals to those who wish to walk and explore the attractive local countryside of Hampshire, Surrey and West Sussex, whilst enjoying the company of other likeminded people. You will find us very friendly and relaxed.

Every three months a new programme of Thursday walks is published. These generally attract 10 to 20 members and are usually between 7 and 9 miles in length but some longer and shorter walks are included. We try to use car sharing as a practical way of getting to the start of a walk, but aware of government guidelines we are travelling separately at present. Each year we have an optional 'walking holiday' and have visited The Cotswolds and sections of The South West Coastal path over the last five years.

A typical Thursday walk will start around 10.00am, have a short refreshment stop then break for lunch at a pub. Members choose to either bring their own packed lunch then have a drink in the pub or have a pub lunch. Every walk has a designated leader(s) and all are encouraged to volunteer to take their turn as leader. We are very supportive in helping with planning and undertaking a pre walk. We are happy to welcome people who are both seasoned walkers and those who are new to walking.

Each quarter we organise a short walk followed by a social activity such as a BBQ, boules, skittles or a quiz at a local pub. We welcome partners or friends to join us on such occasions.

To give a flavour of our walks here are some of our past destinations.

Easebourne - Midhurst - Cowdray Park (6 miles). Picnic, Cowdray cafe or White Horse.

Bramshott - Conford - Passfield (6.5 miles). Picnic or Deers Hut.

Selborne, figure of 8 (7.5 miles). Picnic or Selborne Arms.

Stroud - East Meon (8.5 miles). Picnic or Izaak Walton.

Rowlands Castle - West Marden (9 miles). Picnic or The Victoria.

Bosham - Itchenor (10 miles). The Crown and Anchor or picnic.

The group is affiliated with The Ramblers Association and so takes advantage of their advice and insurance service. We have a modest annual subscription fee of £12.00.

Like all groups we have looked forward to the end of restrictions so we can resume our activities fully although we appreciate we may have to amend some walks and adjust to fewer pubs being



open. Currently our summer programme for July, August & September is being organised and will be distributed in June. For anyone interested in our group we are happy for people to walk with us for a number of times as a guest before deciding whether to join.

For more information please contact us at:

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Liphook & District Ramblers



At the time of writing, Liphook & District Ramblers are eagerly preparing to resume their group walking activities and have published a programme for May and June, which can be found on the

web at: <https://liphookramblers.wordpress.com/programme/> The Summer programme, which runs from July to September will follow, later.

All year round, there are short walks (4-5) miles on Tuesday mornings, while those on Saturdays and Sundays usually cover longer distances. Longer summer evenings see the addition of the popular Wednesday evening walks, visiting some the many beauty spots with which our area is blessed.

Liphook and District Ramblers is a very sociable group, whose members enjoy their coffee stops and picnic lunches along the way, as well as coming together for organised social events like the Summer BBQ (booked, this year, for Saturday, 10th July). Additionally, many a summer walk, pre-Covid, has been followed by a visit to a local tea room. In the Autumn, the AGM is also an opportunity for a social gathering and, later, there is a Christmas, or Winter, Lunch.

Many members are keen naturalists and students of local history

and are able to add much of interest to the rambles, sometimes suggesting an unusual route or diversion. Others revel in the opportunities for photography which present themselves in more 'out of the way' places.

The club's base in Liphook is ideal for access to a wide range of opportunities for walks through scenic landscapes, with both North and South Downs, Surrey's rare heathland habitats and the beautiful Chichester Harbour, all within reasonable distance. In summer, there are usually one or two trips to places further afield. 2019, with its days of happy 'normality', saw visits to



London waterways, Isle of Wight and the New Forest. On the club website there are numerous photo galleries, where interested enquirers can get a taste of what's on offer.

The pandemic has, for many people, brought a greater awareness of the benefits both of exercise and of engaging with the natural world, so Liphook and District Ramblers is standing by to welcome new members. Prospective walkers are very welcome to enjoy two or three walks and get to know people before committing to a subscription. For further details, see the website at:

<https://liphookramblers.wordpress.com/programme>
or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LandDRamblers>

Celebrating 10 Years on

Ten years ago, on Wednesday, 27 July 2011, many motorists's dream became a reality, when the A3 Hindhead Tunnel was opened ahead of schedule by Transport Secretary Philip Hammond.



Hindhead Tunnel completed.

At 1.15 miles in length, the spectacular project is the longest dual carriageway road tunnel in the UK and cost £371 million to construct. Its Senior Project Manager Paul Arnold, a Liphook resident, reflects on the construction of the tunnel. He says: "I can't quite believe it's been ten years since that amazing day, when the southbound bore of the Hindhead Tunnel opened for traffic, followed by the northbound bore two days later on 29 July.

"Having moved to Liphook in preparation for retirement earlier that year I experienced first-hand the before and after impacts of the project. I still remember the excitement of driving home from the



Senior Project Manager Paul Arnold and Bramshott and Liphook Parish Councillor Dr John Tough.

site offices that night and driving through the tunnel at 70mph for the first time. "Work started on the A3 Hindhead project in January 2007, the culmination of 24 years of planning and debate about the right solution. We had a great project team of contractors and consulting engineers and the fact that we could start in January 2007 was due to their dedication to finding a way to start work earlier than what had been scheduled in the upheaval to the Roads Programme at that time.

"The first year was spent preparing for the start of tunnelling and diverting the A3 to the north to help us construct two underpasses north of Boundless Lane. Work went on although hampered by a wet summer and autumn. A large amount of secondary woodland had to be removed either side of the tunnel portals and at last it became possible to actually see where the portals were going to be. Previously trips to the portal sites had felt like going through the jungle!

"Tunnelling started in February 2008. Despite a lot of Geotechnical investigations, you can never actually know what the ground is like until you start digging. The first part proved a little more difficult due to unexpected faulting. But the tunnel works were soon in full swing in better ground.



Hindhead Tunnel construction.

"The only big surprise was an unexpected very hard band of chert (a flint like substance) sitting right underneath houses on Haslemere Road - just where we couldn't put boreholes down!

A year later and we had the tunnel breakthrough. Now we could complete the roadworks.

"The most challenging part of the whole project was installing all the mechanical and electrical systems and commissioning them. One of our big challenges was trying to second guess in the design phase what innovations in the digital world would be current by the time we opened the tunnel. "We were at the forefront of developing some systems such as Radar detection of slow and stopped vehicles and pedestrians in the tunnel and integrating that with the tunnel systems.

Despite building mock-ups of the operating systems in a large warehouse in Derby, things on site never somehow work quite the same. But we eventually got there. It took ten suppliers and contractors to complete this work. It all culminated in a full-scale emergency exercise to ensure everything worked as planned.

of the Hindhead Tunnel



Hindhead Tunnel walk through.

“During the real development and construction phase from 2001 the project team made great efforts to engage with all the stakeholders and local communities. One particular group, Hindhead Together, kept us on our toes to ensure we addressed adverse impacts on communities and the environment as best as we reasonably could. “And it was representatives of this group who helped in a major feat of organisation when we opened up the tunnel on 14 May 2011 for people to walk through. Finding park and ride sites and bussing people to the tunnel was a major logistical challenge. The day had a real festival feel for the hundreds of people, including various dignitaries, who made the trip. Amongst them were MPs Jeremy Hunt and Virginia Bottomley as well as members of country, district and parish councils, while the Haslemere Town Band performed their specially composed ‘Devil’s Punch Bowl March’. “On Friday evening, on the week before we were due to open the tunnel, I remember a very important meeting of key contractors and consultants with my Project Director going to each person to get their confirmation that all would be ready to open as planned - a nervous few moments! “Looking back not only was the project a great success in bringing relief to thousands of motorists on the A3 and people living in the Hindhead area, daily impacted by congestion, noise and pollution. I only fully realised the impact when local people had the opportunity to travel to Guildford and the Royal Surrey without worrying how long they might be stuck in traffic.

“I am also aware it was only through the great teamwork of the four main contractors and Consulting Engineers which enabled this project to be delivered on time.

“Removing the old A3 from the Devil’s Punchbowl, an internationally protected site, was a major benefit and has enabled many thousands to enjoy a more tranquil Punchbowl.



Opening of Canadian Memorial Underpass.

Every time I drive southbound through the tunnel I still get an excitement as I approach the north portal where the road dives into the hillside and emerges into a different world at the southern portal.”

Local transport expert Dr John Tough was a member of Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council at the time and also took part in the walk through the tunnel. He remembers: “I led the parish council’s involvement in the Hindhead Tunnel consultation, who supported the highway improvement scheme, but objected to the proposed closure of the bridleway crossing at the old Spaniard Inn site. “To make up for the lost crossing, the Highways Agency offered an underpass close to the Canadian Memorial Planting on Bramshott Chase to allow free access between the two halves of Bramshott Common. It became the first completed section of the A3 tunnel scheme, was named the Canadian Memorial Underpass and opened in 2008.”

Photos by Paul Arnold, John Tough and Highways Agency.

Gabrielle Pike

Cake Sale in Lark Rise



On the 24th April a small group of friends from Lark Rise in Liphook held a socially distanced cake sale to raise money for charity. They planned the event over a couple of weeks, designing posters and asking neighbours if they would like to contribute. Ruby, Niamh, Daisy and Lara all made cakes whilst friends from Lark Rise helped on the stall. The girls were so happy with the amount that they raised that they decided to split the money between two charities. They made £75 plus gift aid for Cancer Research and £75 plus gift aid for Dreams Come True.

Sophie George

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS IN AND AROUND LIPHOOK

AC MEON (Sunday Football Club) - Russell Kirk, 01428 725303.
AGE CONCERN LIPHOOK - Dr. John Carne, 01428 751594.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - 0800 9177 650.
ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY - Dementia Helpline: 0845 300 0336.
ARTS SOCIETY GRAYSHOTT - Kathy Goodfellow, 01428 723565.
BADMINTON CLUB - Morgan Thompson, 01730 817881.
BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION - Petersfield and District - Jenny Peters, 01730 821920.
BELL RINGERS - Bramshott - Diane Hart, 01428 723798.
BORDON BOULE CLUB - Mr A. Thomas, 01420 478298.
BOWLING CLUB, LIPHOOK - Bruce Penny, 01428 722013.
BRAMSHOTT EDUCATIONAL TRUST - Email: clerk.bramshott.trust@hotmail.co.uk
BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY (2nd Thursday of the month 7:30pm) - Membership - Caroline: 07768 321291. Email: Dena Tyrrell: dena.tyrrell@gmail.com
BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK BRANCH OF THE EAST HAMPSHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION - Angela Glass, 01428 722375.
BRIDGE CLUB - Liphook, Friday Evenings - Mrs M. Paterson, 01428 723177.
BRITISH RED CROSS - Mrs C. Saunders, Chase Community Hospital, Conde Way, Bordon. 01428 488801.
CANCER RESEARCH U.K. - Shop - 20 Station Road. 01428 724664.
CHILD WELFARE CENTRE CHILD HEALTH CLINIC - 9.30am - 11.00am. Wednesdays. Millennium Centre. Contact: 01428 483827.
CHITLEY BRIDGE CLUB - Mr C. French-Lynch, 01428 727939 or Dick Roberts, 01428 722061.
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - National Number: 03000 0231 231.
CONFORD VILLAGE HALL TRUST - Mrs R. Parry, 01428 751364 and Deputy - Mrs G. Woodward, 01428 751474.
COUNTRYSIDE COMPANIONS WALKING GROUP - Christine Bullard, 01428 722974.
CRUSE - bereavement care. Confidential counselling and information. 0808 808 1677.
DOGS TRUST DOG SCHOOL HAMPSHIRE - 01329 448243 email: hampshiredogschool@dogstrust.org.uk Web: www.dogstrustdogschoo.org.uk
DREAMS COME TRUE - Sophie Gunner, Community Fund Raiser, 01428 726330. Email: Sophie@dreamscometrue.uk.com
DYSTONIA SOCIETY - Jennifer Wiseman, 01428 722516.
FLORAL DECORATION SOCIETY - Liphook - Wendy Evans (Sec), 01428 722212.
FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH DOWNS - 01798-8750732, E-mail: enquiries@southdownssociety.org.uk
FURNITURE HELPLINE - Gerald Robinson 01420 489000.
GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION - Pam Higgins, 01428 751572.
HAMPSHIRE BADGER GROUP - Mick Neeve, 01420 87366.
HASLEMERE BORDER ATHLETIC CLUB - Contact@hbac.co.uk or www@bac.co.uk.
HASLEMERE CAMERA CLUB - Clinton Blackman LRPS, 01428 727403.
HASLEMERE PERFORMING ARTS - Angela Canton, 01428 652360.
HASLEMERE SUB AQUA CLUB - Thursdays at Herons Leisure Centre, 7.45pm for lecture, 8.45pm for pool training. Web: www.haslemeresubaquaclub.com
HASLEMERE SWIMMING CLUB - Helen Reynolds, admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk
HASLEMERE TOWN BAND (BRASS) - Chairman, Maurice Wright, 01428 723940.
HERITAGE CENTRE - 1st Floor Millennium Centre, 01428 727275. E-mail: liphookheritage@gmail.com
HOCKEY CLUB - Haslemere Ladies (Home ground at Woolmer Hill) - Pauline McBrown, 01420 477409.
HOLLYCOMBE STEAM and WOODLAND GARDENS SOCIETY - Mr R. Hooker, 01428 724900.
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - Bramshott and Liphook - Secretary: Ann Haussauer, 41 Chitley Way. 01428 723045 - www.liphookhortsoc.org.uk
LABOUR PARTY - Liphook Branch - Dr. John Tough, Horseshoes, Griggs Green, 01428 724492.
LAMPS - Dave Rowlandson, 01420 475195.
LIBERAL DEMOCRATS LIPHOOK - Mr M. A. Croucher, 01428 723834.
LIDBA - (Businessmen's Association) Sec. Ken Charles, 01428 727438.
LIPHOOK ACADEMY OF DANCE - Rebecca Paris, 01428 725267. Liphook, The Steward, 01428 722711.
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LIPHOOK & RIPSLEY CRICKET CLUB - Secretary - Nick Clansfield, 07789 284568. Nick.cansfield@hotmail.co.uk **Youth Co-ordinator** - Steve Saycell, 07771 788486. stevesaycell1@gmail.com
LIPHOOK CARE - Charity Shop, 01428 727211.
LIPHOOK CARERS SUPPORT GROUP - Sonia Meredith, 01428 288913. Email: soniameredith@icloud.com

LIPHOOK CHURCH CENTRE - Enquiries: 01428 725390.
LIPHOOK COMMUNITY LAUNDRY - Irene Ellis, Chairman, 01428 723823.
LIPHOOK DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY - Peak Centre, Bookings Sec. 01428 727751. Centre No. 01428 724941. Email: info@liphookdaycentre.co.uk
LIPHOOK DIABETES UK COMMUNITY GROUP - Sandy Maroney, 01428-725193. Email: sandy.maroney@Hotmail.co.uk
LIPHOOK HISTORICAL WARGAMES GROUP - Trevor Maroney, 01428 725193.
LIPHOOK IN BLOOM - Joan Holdsworth, 01428 724016 or Phil Jordan, 01428 724903.
LIPHOOK & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB - Nick Harling, Email: idmrc-Secretary@outlook.com
LIPHOOK MILLENNIUM CENTRE - 01428 723889. Web: www.liphookmc.co.uk
LIPHOOK MODELLERS CLUB - John Clare, 01428 729967.
LIPHOOK OVER 60's - Sue Knight, 01428 723502.
LIPHOOK TABLE TENNIS - Peter Ritchie, 01428 727815.
LIPHOOK TENNIS CLUB - Simon Hargreaves, 01428 474899/07717 016374.
LIPHOOK UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB - Andrew Oxtan, Email: chairman17@liphook-united.org John Raeyen, Email: media-contact17@liphook-united.org
LIPHOOK VILLAGE HALL - Bookings: Mrs L. Miller, 07751 832983.
LIPHOOK VILLAGE SURGERY PPG - 01428 728270.
LIPHOOK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - Secretary, Pam Robson, 01428 723732.
LISS IN STITCHES - Deirdre Mitchell, 01730 267214.
LOVE TO SING CHOIR - Liphook Methodist Church Hall. Contact Vanessa K. Breach, 07766 083862 .
LUDSHOTT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB - Diana Grant, 01428 713706.
LYNCHMERE CRICKET CLUB - Contact Richard Saulet, Email: lynchmerecc@gmail.com
M.A.D. COMPANY - (Methodist Amateur Dramatics), 07766 083862.
MEALS ON WHEELS - Apetito, 0808 271 6600.
MOTOR CYCLING CLUB - Haslemere - Mrs T.C. Reffold, 19 The Links, Whitehill, Hants GU35 9HB.
MUSICAL SOCIETY - Haslemere - Choir and Orchestra, Rehearsals Mondays. Sue Ecclestone, 01428 605612.
MYAWARE CHARITY (Myasthenia Gravis) - Mrs J. Finney, 01428 776467.
NATIONAL TRUST - Ludshott Commons Committee - Susan Salter, 01428 751409.
OPERA SOUTH - Caroline Martys, 01428 64476 or 07950 646326.
OPTIMIST BADMINTON CLUB - Bohunt - David Lush, 01428 725166.
PARISH COUNCIL - Bramshott and Liphook - The Haskell Centre, Midhurst Road, Liphook, 01428 722988.
PEAK CENTRE - Booking Secretary, Ann Hall, 01428 727751.
PETERSFIELD AREA WILDLIFE GROUP - Mr & Mrs Oakley, 01730 2663920.
PRESERVATION SOCIETY - Bramshott and Liphook - 01428 722162.
RAMBLERS - Liphook & District - Secretary, Caroline Lemka, 01428 713727. Web: www.liphookramblers.wordpress.com
RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT CENTRE - 01483 546400 or Freephone 0800 0288022.
RIVER WEY TRUST - office@riverweytrust.org.uk
ROTARY CLUB - Haslemere, Debbie Morley, 01428 643416.
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - Sean Brady RM, 0771 100 6847.
ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION - Liss & District - 01730 895470.
R.S.P.C.A. - Di Fowler, 0771 303 8429.
SSAFA/FORCES HELP (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmans Families Association) East Hants Branch, Divisional Sec., Patricia Lyons, 01420 561264
SELF SUFFICIENCY GROUP - East Hants, Dru Furneaux, 01730 814193.
STANDFORD, PASSFIELD AND HOLLYWATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Sue Sergeant, 01428 751326. Hall Bookings, Ron Sergeant, 01428 751326.
TAI-CHI - Diana Forbes, 0777 569 6249.
THE ARK PRE-SCHOOL - Helen Jackson, 0777 539 4230 or 01428 725390.
THE ARTS SOCIETY HASLEMERE - Chairman: Mrs Madeleine Boxall. www.theartssocietyhaslemere.org.uk
THE LYNCHMERE SOCIETY - Conservation and Natural History. Membership enquiries: Louise Searight, 01428 723715. Web: www.thelynchmeresociety.org
THREE BORDERS KNITTING CLUB - 01428 606957, 01428 712055.
U3A LIPHOOK - Email: membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk
VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP - Bramshott and Liphook Parish, 01428 723972.
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Sue Knight, 01428 723502.
WOOLMER FOREST ARCHAEOLOGICAL and HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 1st Wednesday of month, Colin Brash, 01428 713256.
WOOLMER FOREST LIONS CLUB - Ken Bassett, 01428 713285.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PERSONS' CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LIPHOOK YOUTH CLUB - John Tough, 01428 724492.

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

LITTLE CHERUBS NURSERY - Mrs M. Powers, Liphook. 01428 723438.

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

MADHATTER NURSERY BOHUNT SCHOOL - 01428 727288.

MATRIX MAJORETTES - Mrs Julie East, 01420 487804.

METHODIST YOUTH - Mrs Sharon Tikaram, 01428 723801.

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

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

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

SWIMMING CLUB - admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk

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

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

TRAINING BAND - Maurice Wright, 01428 723940.

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

GIRLGUIDING LIPHOOK DISTRICT

With guiding girls have fun, adventure and the space to discover their potential. If your daughter would like to join our active Girlguiding District in any section then register at:
www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/
and the unit leader will contact you directly.

Guiding Sections:

RAINBOWS AGES 5-7

1st Liphook Rainbows - Tuesday
2nd Liphook Rainbows - Thursday

BROWNIES AGES 7-10

2nd Liphook Brownies - Mondays
5th Liphook Brownies - Tuesday
4th Liphook Brownies - Thursday

GUIDES AGES 10-14

2nd Liphook Guides - Monday
1st Liphook Guides - Wednesday

RANGERS AGES 14-18

1st Liphook Rangers - Wednesday

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

Young Leaders ages 14-18
Adult Volunteers 18+

For any other enquiries please contact: Girlguiding Liphook District
Chair Ruth Whiting:

liphook-guides@outlook.com

SCOUTS

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

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

membership@liphookscouts.org.uk

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

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

The sections and their leaders are as follows:-

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

*Any changes, please email
Fay Boyett: fay.lcm@outlook.com*

