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NEWSLETTER

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Friends of Gosport Museum

Informal Coffee Meeting

in the Discovery Centre 10:30am
every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Dates of Next Few Meetings

Thursday 10th March

Thursday 14th April

Thursday 12th May

Thursday 9th June

meet at; Community Table in the
Quiet Area past the café.

Friends of Gosport Museum

Talk - Kill or Cure

Just how bad was Tudor Medicine

Tuesday 22nd March 7:30pm

Gosport Discovery Centre

Tickets £3 FoGM Members FREE

Booking essential.

Changes at the Top

Most of you who volunteer will have already been told by Janet Wildman that she will be retiring in April. I've just been sent the news from Erica Munro, our Area Curator, that she too is on the move. Erica's new job is at Bletchley Park as their Exhibitions Manager. I suppose we shouldn't be surprised! Erica was a stalwart team member here in Gosport and carried on into the Trust in a very responsible job as Curator - after being part of the exhibitions team.

We are going to miss both of them. Janet wants to see more of her family and Erica is young and ambitious with the skills and energy to go on climbing the ladder to higher things.

Wendy Redman will need all the support we can give her at Search. I don't know anything about the possible timescale for the ads, interviews for replacing these key people.

We knew that the project for the Screen-on-the-Mezz was a long time coming! but Erica will hurry up and do the commissioning. It will be owned by the Friends which is why we needed the funds for maintenance/copyrights and so on.

Hope you are all well,
Maggie Ventham

Subscription Reminder 2015

Subscriptions for Friends of Gosport Museum 2016/17 are due from 1st April 2016. Please see the enclosed subscription form. Payments to Linda Hedley, address on the form.

If you joined since the 1st November 2015 your subscription lasts to 1st April 2017.

Next FoGM Discovery Centre Talk (The Free one included in your membership)

Kill or Cure – Just how bad was Tudor Medicine? (A case study from the Mary Rose)

Tuesday 22nd March, 7.30pm in the Gosport Discovery Centre Booking Essential.

Trevor Sapey from the Mary Rose Trust talks about the gory and downright outlandish practices of Tudor medicine, with reference to the bones of the men found on the Mary Rose itself.

A light dinner beforehand is recommended!!

Tickets £3

Friends of Gosport Museum FREE! Sarah Greenaway Events and Development Officer

Friends of Gosport Museum AGM

This year's AGM will take place at the Discovery Centre on Thursday 5th May at 7pm, please come along if you can. You can meet the new committee, ask questions or make suggestions.

All the current committee members are willing to continue for another year if there is no else who may wish to take on a post, but there are vacancies. Please see the nomination form enclosed where you can have yourself nominated and seconded or nominate and second others (please check they are happy to be nominated). You may also wish to nominate or second one or more of the current committee members.

The Diary of Martha Georgiana Loftus Tottenham 1883

Back in 2014 Gosport museum was given the diary of a 19 years old girl who lived in Alverstoke. Some of us have spent the last year transcribing it so that it is available to anyone who would like to read it. In the meantime though we are going to serialise it in the FOGM magazine. It will take a number of years I imagine but in the meantime if anyone would like a copy of the complete diary please let me know and I will send you the file.

The email address is vonnyr2@btinternet.com.

March 16th

Emily, Lily, Papa, Mama and Hilda went to Southsea, via Dr Martin's. They saw his pictures: I should like to see them awfully. I painted, and howled a little for fear of Fowls's wrath tomorrow. Emily and Lily lunched with the Rashleighs and went over the Dockyard with them and the New Zealander. Mr and Mrs Poulter returned Mama's call yesterday. I was too lazy to make myself tidy so I missed the sight of them. Wills also walked in while Snape was here; in his usual disgusting way. He is a toad. D'Aubrey also came yesterday; the Adder always calls him Mr Barlow though corrected. D'Aubrey came again to-day; he is at Gomer all alone, except Miss {?} I think him positively ugly. Jezebel wants Emily to go on April 21st. Hilda met Captain Hassard in Portsmouth. He is coming here on Sunday. Papa, Alick and I went for a walk; I took him a good long way as I was afraid Mr Taylor would come before they came back.

The boat race took place yesterday; Oxford won easily. There was an explosion of dynamite yesterday evening in or at the back of some government buildings in Parliament Street. An attempt was also made to blow up "The Times" office. Nobody was hurt. What brutes people are in these enlightened days!

Letter from L. Scott yesterday. They think of selling their places and coming to England. She knows Mr Moule, the Marlow's cousin. I am learning Viz {?} Georg {?}; reading White's Selborne, Mendell's Briefe, Darwin's Earthworms, and finished "Comin thro' the Rye". For the future I shall use "1" to express what I am learning, "2" for what I am reading, "3" for finished learning, "4" for finished reading – for short. Also "5" for letters received, "6" for letters written.

I got Papa to give me this book today; he used it in the "Ajax" in the Russian war. I am thinking of having my ears pierced as Lily's eyes seem to have benefited from it – only my ears would look nasty for the rest of the summer so I am afraid to.

I have written a list of our Prop. for the Admiral's benefit with short remarks but I fear to send it; I have not half as much cheek as the rest of the family except on very rare occasions. Raphael was born about 1605 Snape says. When mosquitos bite you they are fishing for "filarial sanguinis hominis", small beasts discovered by Dr Lewis, a friend of Dr Dobson's (N.B. I don't believe this). Bought a pair of black gloves – price 3s 6d

March 17th Saturday

Painted all the morning with Hilda, finished that old chalet picture. Emily and Lily had a game of tennis Fowls came – said we must practise two half-hours each per day – said much the same as last time that I should have a nice voice if I practised. I suppose she thought I was the laziest of the three. She also contradicted me when I said I had no ear, so I must be improving in that respect, which gives me much joy. I should like to have a nice voice and sing well but I feel very hopeless about ever being able to do so. Drew outline of picture for Snape. Hilda said she nearly got a frame yesterday for the daub I gave her, but I hope she won't as it was too bad for me today to show it to Snape. I wish Snape would be vicious and say in a straightforward manner "This is beastly". I always feel inclined to say "spit it out" when he looks over my shoulder in his disapproving way though perhaps I should not like it if he did.

D'Aubrey came, went with the girls to call on the Knights – came back to tea. Terribly slow evening; I think that toad-like laziness of his is catching! 'I don't go many cents on him' as Henry would say. I always think of him as "that long and listless boy" and should like to shake him well. I don't like the colour of his coats either. I made Alick begin Arnold yesterday though I fear it is rather too much for his capacity! He knows more Latin by far now than I did when I was a senior so he ought to get on – if only he would try. By Yvonne Riddell

Gosport Open Art Exhibition 2016

Gosport Gallery @ Gosport Discovery Centre 5th March to 23rd April

Gosport's bi-annual Open Art exhibition returns, displaying the best submissions from Hampshire's artists. With a broad range of styles and media, this exhibition is a chance to showcase the talents of our local artists and craftspeople both professional and amateur.

Applications forms available in Gosport Gallery and online. Open to adults age 18+ living, working or studying in Hampshire.

Hampshire Cultural Trust

Chairman's Report (to committee 18th January)

I wish everyone best wishes for 2016 and recommends the present exhibition in the Gallery, "Defining Movements". (now closed but look out for the Open Art Exhibition Ed.) The works are a microcosm of the collection in Southampton Art Gallery. The compiler of the exhibition, the Southampton curator, has given a tour of the works pointing out their importance. I proffer my thanks to the volunteers who act as stewards in the Gallery in Gosport. I was unable to attend the Christmas get together because of an injury caused by a fall. The next sponsored talk will be "Kill or Cure a discourse on Tudor Medicine" on 22nd March. The next exhibition in the Gallery will be the Gosport Open Art exhibition. I thank everyone for their efforts in promoting the work of the Friends of Gosport Museum during the past year.

Sydney Aynsworth 18 January 2016

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As mentioned in the last Regional eNewsletter, we now have a presence on social media thanks to our Technology Advisor, Paul Leverett. Our aim is to promote and share the latest news and information through these mediums: We are gaining more Followers and Likers every day, please continue to encourage your members to connect with us:

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Would You Like to Volunteer?

If you would like to volunteer for SEARCH it would be Wendy at wendy.redman@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk you need to contact. If it is for the Gosport Museum Collection then it would be Jacqui Ready jacqui.ready@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk . If you would like to volunteer for the remainder of the Discovery Centre it would be Rose Redman rosemary.redman@hants.gov.uk . The Gallery volunteering to now contact Erica Munro erica.munro@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk .

If you have information, articles, events or photos that may be of interest to Friends of Gosport Museum, please let me have them by post or email. A big thank you to those who have contributed to this newsletter. If for the March Newsletter by 15th April or as soon as you can to : Ian Jeffery 11 Harcourt Rd, Gosport, Hants PO12 3NR – ian@gosport.info

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