

# FRIENDS OF GOSPORT MUSEUM

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## *NEWSLETTER*

*MAY/ JUNE 2010*

### AGM

10th May 2010 7:15pm

For 7:30pm Start

Followed by Ruth Warren

Talk "Childhood Memories"

### Summer Outing

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July to

Russell-Cotes Museum

Bournemouth £15.50

Booking Form Enclosed

### Friends of Gosport Museum

#### Informal Coffee Meeting

in the Discovery Centre 10:30pm

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

Meetings before next Newsletter

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July

For around 1 hour meet at

Readers' Rest Café

Please Bring This Newsletter to the AGM Thank you

### Chairman's Report

It has been a quiet 3 months. The Art Exhibition in the Gallery was a great success; the Friends Prize was awarded to Margaret Cleveland for her water colour of "Chalk Quarries at Amberly". At the end of the exhibition I presented the Visitor's Prize to Daniel Williams for his oil "Gosport Festival 2004". With a grant from Cllr Peter Edgar (and Cllr Chris Carter), the Friends have purchased a painting entitled "Gosport High Street 1947 (though now believed to be from late 50's) by a local artist Monty Toms; this painting is on permanent loan to Gosport for display in the Civic Collection in the Town Hall. I am pleased to see that there are 12 volunteers working behind the scene in the Museum.

The Gosport Museum Joint Management Committee was held last month, Janet Wildman reported an increase in museum visitors together with more exhibitions. She was pleased to announce that the Museum has received an award from the Arts Council for an exhibition of sand-sculptures by internationally known sand-artists; this will be held in the Gallery in August in conjunction with other activities in and around the Discovery Centre and Museum. After the meeting above those attending were invited to the Gallery to see a display by pupils of Wildern School about the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's as part of their Creative & Media Studies Diploma course. There was a large explanation board which also acknowledged the help of several members of the Friends had given earlier in the year.

There are many more activities in the pipe-line at SEARCH and the Museum and I am sure that any assistance we can give will be appreciated. I am glad that the Friends are becoming more involved again and this was acknowledged at the Joint Management Committee. Sydney Aynsworth.

## AGM

As above this years AGM will be at the Gosport Discovery Centre in The Studio up on the Mezzanine floor where the Museum is. As there will be a talk afterwards. The start of the AGM will be at 7:30pm so you can be there from 7:15pm.

No new nominations have been received for Officers or Committee Members, Joan Russell no longer wishes to be Project Director, though would like to continue on the committee, so the following will be put up for election:

Chairman Dr Sidney Aynsworth  
Treasurer David Moore  
Secretary Ian Jeffery  
Committee Secretary Joan Symonds  
Membership Secretary Linda Hedley  
Newsletter Editor Ian Jeffery

Committee:

Joan Adams  
Michael Adams  
Giselle Aynsworth  
Mary Colyer  
Mary Duly  
Michael Leoplold  
Margaret Ventham  
Joan Russell

Though it is too late to add nominations for the AGM, the committee can co-opt up to 3 members to the committee. There are vacancies for Vice-Chairman and Project Director and if it was not for all the minutes and agendas done by Joan Symonds (thank you Joan) I would not be able to keep up, so if you may be interested in one of the posts, why not have a chat with a committee member or even the person who currently holds the post that you are interested in. Perhaps you could be co-opted to the committee or the post if currently vacant. Please note I am taking this a bit on myself, but I am sure if you are interested something can be done.

### Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2009

1 The Chairman, Sydney Aynsworth, took the chair and welcomed the members present, about 20,

2 There were 2 apologies - from Mary Colyer and Jack Poole.

3 The minutes of the AGM held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2008 were circulated and approved., proposed by Bob Whiteley and seconded by Joan Symonds.

4 There were no matters arising.

**5 Chairman's Report** - A quiet year: with a good attendance at the lectures. Brenda Gilbert spoke and showed a DVD on "Vic Hutfield - Gosport's Aeroplane Pioneer"; Bob Harrop showed slides on "Old Gosport", and Joan Russell gave talks on "The Thorngate Halls". In the summer Mary Duly and Joan Russell ran a Local History quiz in the Mezzanine, which was very well supported; all the children received a certificate. Mary Duly once again organised a coach trip, this time to Bournemouth. Unfortunately, there was torrential rain on the previous day, forcing closure of the Russell-Coates Museum, but we enjoyed a pleasant day.

The Christmas Party was held in the Mezzanine, and the gifts collected were much appreciated by the patients in the War Memorial Hospital. Farther afield, Gisela and I attended the Open Day at the Harold Hillier Gardens, marking the retirement of Caroline Dudley, Head of Hampshire Museums and Archives. We were also at the openings of "The Titanic" and "Myths and Legends" exhibitions



## Agenda AGM 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 The Studio GDC

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Minutes of AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 (above)
3. Matters Arising from Minutes of AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009

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4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Membership Secretary's Report
8. Newsletter Editor's Report
9. Project Director's Report
10. Election of Officers & Committee Membership
11. Manager's Report
12. AoB

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### Subscription Reminder 2010/11

Thank you to everyone who has paid their subscriptions for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> April, I understand over half the membership already. I know many of you pay at the AGM which will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> May and David Moore will be able to collect your payment. It is the same as last year, £5 for a single and £7.50 for a joint membership. Please send your payment to Linda Hedley, or if you wish to pay by standing order contact David Moore, full details on the form with the last newsletter.

If you have any information or photos that you think may be of interest to members of the Friends of Gosport Museum or others, please let me have them by post or email, details below, by 18<sup>th</sup> June for the July/August Newsletter, please include details for events in early July 2010.

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