



# FRIENDS OF GOSPORT MUSEUM

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## ***NEWSLETTER***

*MAY/ JUNE 2016*

### Friends of Gosport Museum

#### Informal Coffee Meeting

in the Discovery Centre 10:30am  
every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

#### Dates of Next Few Meetings

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August

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

### Friends of Gosport Museum

AGM 5<sup>th</sup> May 7pm at the Discovery Centre

Followed by Talk by Yvonne Riddell

'Extracts From the Diary of Martha  
Georgina Loftus Tottenham 1883'

Free and no need to book.

### Chairman's Report to the Committee 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016

April showers are here again. I am sure that you all had a joyful Easter and are now looking forward to summer.

Since my last report we have hosted an interesting talk by Trevor Sapey from Mary Rose Trust <http://www.maryrose.org/> on Tudor Medicine, illustrated with artefacts found on the Mary Rose. I found this informative but personally I would have liked a little more 'gore' concerning the practise of a Tudor Barber Surgeon.

At present, the Hampshire Open Art 2016 Exhibition is showing in the Gallery. What a vast amount of artistic talent we have in Hampshire. At this juncture I must thank those who, as volunteers for the Hampshire Cultural Trust <http://www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/>, are stewarding at this event, without them it would be impossible to be open. More Volunteers are needed and as one of them I can assure you it is a rewarding experience.

The JMC (Joint Management Committee-Hampshire County Council and Gosport Borough Council are involved with the Museum) met in February. In her final report as Curator, Erica Munro, whom as I am sure you know is off to 'pastures new' as Curator at Bletchley Park and we

wish her a fond farewell, praised the work of member of FoGM and the Volunteers in the assistance they give to the Museum and the Gallery.

I also wish to thank Janet Wildman for all her work for the Museum, Gallery and SEARCH over the years and all the best for the future.

I approached the Tourist Office about publicity for the Museum. They were quite helpful and although they are unable to display a poster, an A4 flyer that could be added to the 'Activities and Events' Book would be accepted. To this end I am endeavouring to design such a flyer; any other entries?

Looking ahead there are several events in the pipe-line:- celebrations around Her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, among others is 'Gosport's Hidden High Street' and later in the summer, the 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year' from the Natural History Museum, London <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/> , which is now an annual event in Gosport.

Do publicise these events to your friends and neighbours so that, we, the Friends of Gosport Museum can ensure their success.

Sydney Aynsworth, Chairman Friends of Gosport Museum

## Friends of Gosport Museum AGM

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

The current committee has agreed to stand for the next year though a couple have offered notice that they will wish to stop in the next few years so if you feel you may wish to take on a post in the future, you could come on as a committee member to get an idea of what would be involved. I have not received other nominations. The following have all been nominated and seconded.

Chairman	Sydney Aynsworth		
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Committee Secretary	Dot Bedenham		
Membership Secretary	Linda Hedley		
Newsletter Editor	Ian Jeffery		
Project Director	Vacant		
Committee	Mary Duly	Jack Poole	Yvonne Riddell

There are up to 4 vacant committee member positions.

The President is a permanent post and is Bob Whiteley

You should find enclosed with this newsletter copies of the minutes of last years AGM and the agenda for this meeting. If you receive an email newsletter and would like me to bring a printed copy of the minutes and agenda, please let me know. If the minutes and agenda are not enclosed, please let me know and I will send a copy or bring them to the AGM. In the past few years I included the minutes and agenda for the AGM within the newsletter for May/ June, but have been asked to have them on separate sheets.

AGM talk by Yvonne Riddell 'Extracts From the Diary of Martha Georgina Loftus Tottenham 1883'

Extracts From the Diary of Martha Georgina Loftus Tottenham.  
The continuation of the serialization the diary of Martha, we are still in 1883

Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>

*Church – Mr Arthy is perfectly painful to listen to – he goes so slowly, and every now and then he hangs up in a word and has to wait several moments to recover himself. Altogether we did not come out of church till one o'clock.*

*Papa has gone to Stubbington to see Freddy, though probably he will find that he has gone to Hamble “6” Mary Panton – I put in a snub for Harry at the end in this way: “What is your other brother (I forget his name) doing now?” – I hope she will tell him.*

*“Jim” is here – What joy for Hilda!!! “Jim” stayed nearly 3 hours – and I don't think they got much fun out of him.*

Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>

*Got our allowances – “Ba”-ed for more than half an hour; we shall never get our time in the afternoon, that I can see. Painted in the morning and darned two pairs of stockings (!!!) – Mama and Hilda went to church for the credit of the family.*

*Emily and I had a game of tennis; I shall never be able to play passably; I think it is as much owing to my sight as anything – D'Aubrey came; it is really disgusting, he has been here Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and to-day and no doubt he would have come yesterday, only he stayed in bed all day, lazy toad. Jezebel and Mrs Paddon also came, and a little wretch of a spoilt child who did not get on with Alick at all (too much alike probably) and reviled him when she returned to the drawing-room – Mrs Marlow also called – The kittens are lovely; they can purr, being only a month old yesterday, and the bigger one weighs more than a pound – we shall have the whole crowd of Percevals about us soon, I certainly do not take to my relations at all – I must write to Edith Thornton; I have not thanked her for that photo yet. Louisa is coming next Thursday.*

Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>

*Managed to get my whole time to-day for exercising my vocal organs – but I don't seem to improve much – painted a little – Mama went to church; she was slightly enragee because I was not ready to go with her, but it was entirely her own fault – Lily and Hilda went over the water – Emily and I went to see the Goldies first and then went for a walk, Browndown – L. and H. met D'Aubrey; he did not seem much afflicted about his uncle's death (Admiral M'Crae died suddenly yesterday) and broached the subject with a cheerful grin on his countenance – The men who attacked Lady Florence {Dicee} have not been heard of yet – Emily was rather bilious after our walk – we met Mr Carpenter, and brother-in-law's aunt.*

Transcribed by Yvonne Riddle

The plan is to continue to serialize the diary in future newsletters.

Gosport Discovery Centre 'What's On' guide May to August 2016 is now available.

I hope to see as many members as can attend, at the AGM at 7pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at the Discovery Centre Ian Jeffery.

## BAfM

The South East (Western Counties) Regional Conference this year will take place on **Wednesday 08 June 2016** and will be co-hosted by the Friends of the Royal Naval Museum & HMS Victory.

The conference will be held in the Princess Royal Gallery at the Portsmouth Historic Dockyards. The theme for this year's Regional Conference will centre around **Managing Change** with a focus on **Friends Groups in the 21st Century**. As part of the conference, the Friends have very generously secured free access for delegates to visit parts of the Historic Dockyard including HMS Victory and HMS M.33 – the sole remaining British veteran of the Gallipoli Campaign.

**Day Delegate Fee £22.50 including lunch**

For more information and a booking form, please contact

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Email newsletter members please see the poster from BAfM enclosed.

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Joined since 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015 your subscription lasts to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

### Would You Like to Volunteer?

If you would like to volunteer for SEARCH it would be Wendy at [wendy.redman@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rosemary.redman@hants.gov.uk) . Gosport Gallery volunteering contact Jen Manwaring [Jennifer.manwaring@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](mailto:Jennifer.manwaring@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 July Newsletter by 17<sup>th</sup> June or as soon as you can to : Ian Jeffery 11 Harcourt Rd, Gosport, Hants PO12 3NR – [ian@gosport.info](mailto:ian@gosport.info)

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