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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 13th October

Thursday 10th November

Thursday 8th December

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

Friends of Gosport Museum

Christmas Get Together

New Day and Time

Thursday 8th December 10am to 12pm

At the Community Table in the
Discovery Centre

You will be able to buy drinks and food.

Change in an attempt to have more
people attending.

Chairman's Report to the Friends of Gosport Museum Thursday 28th July 2016

Firstly I apologise for my absence and also the somewhat briefness of this Report. I have been unable to take any part in the Museum activities for the past 3 months nor keep abreast of what has been happening. I have been unable to really acquaint myself with the Staff changes in the Museum

I understand that the AGM was a success and I warmly congratulate and thank those who have been elected or re-elected to Office; I hope that we shall have a good year.

Concerning events in the Gallery: although I missed it, I have learned that " Gosport's Hidden High Street" was very much enjoyed by the Visitors and on the one and only tour of Stewarding at the present "Wild life Photographer of the Year " I found it exciting and the expertise is phenomenal, especially that of the young photographers (I hope to be well enough to return to my duties in the Gallery after the Bank Holiday)

Talks and events held in May, June and July have all been well attended, at this moment in time I do not have a calendar for the next 3 months.

Thank you Maggie for giving this brief report

Sydney Aynsworth Chairman

26th July 2016

Final Reminder for 2016/17 Subscription

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If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, you do not need to do anything and so should not receive any future copies (assuming I can get my act together!) Ian Jeffery

Apologies – FoGM Free Talks

Due to economies in the Library Service, Sarah Greenaway Area Events Manager is very sorry the Service is no longer able to give Friends of the Gosport Museum members free tickets for evening talks at the Discovery Centre.

Further more, if insufficient tickets have been sold a week before a talk is scheduled, it may be cancelled. Please book your talks and events as early as possible to avoid disappointment. The autumn programme is now available, it looks different, the design is used county-wide, which is more economical to print in bulk. Sarah hopes that the spring edition will arrive more swiftly! Maggie Venham

The Diary of Martha Georgiana Loftus Tottenham 1883

March 21st Wednesday

Nasty day- foggy and rainy – none of us went out at all. Cut out my new petticoat bodies, aggravating things. Bored my whole time today.

Mama and Papa got very excited because I did not discover a half bottle of beer in the cupboard and opened a fresh one instead; Papa inveighed against my stupidity and Mama my wickedness – and all over a disgusting little beer bottle with half a glass of beer in the bottom of it. It makes one feel inclined to do something really wicked to show them the difference – Papa is always talking about my “monkey-tricks,” whatever I do, whereas whenever he or Mama are by I scarcely even open my mouth; my last “monkey-trick” which called forth Papa’s wrath was when a piece of paper of Mama’s caught in the toasting-fork when I was taking it off the mantel-piece and flew into the grate – I think I could stand a regular spit-fire like the ‘Governor’ in “Comin’ thro’ the Rye” better than the continual nagging and raging over trifles that goes on in this house – Solomon’s remark about the “contentious woman” is always recurring to my mind: “A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike” - β. Frank was to have come today but has not, at least, not yet (9 P.M. sub) – Mama and Hilda went to church this morning – I wonder what Mama goes for, it can’t be to admire her neighbour’s bonnet because there never are any wonderful bonnets in our corner except when Mrs Field is at church – it might be that she goes for the purpose of thanking God she is not as other women are – only she does that so continually at home that I should hardly think she found it necessary – This is a problem like squaring the circle and as yet remains unsolved.

The Grants came this afternoon to ask if we would join with them and Miss Stewart in subscribing to a music-library. I think we are going to – Also we are going to join in a launch for coming back from the ball on the 3rd.

Mrs Durst wants some of us to join a cooking-class which heaven forbid; it would be the bane of

my life if I ever knew how to cook anything – I do believe Papa is right after all; I have a slice of the disposition of those monkeys who the ancients believed would not speak for fear they should be made to work.

March 22nd Thursday

Spurge (*Euphorbia Portlandica*), Asphodel, (Sundew grows on Chark Common) – *Silene nutans*. These are rare plants found about here – so Snape tells us.

D'Aubrey came after having attended his uncle's funeral, and stayed the evening – Snape was quite pleased with what I had done – said I had got on very well with it and asked if anyone had helped me – I mention this as a rarity – he thinks me dreadfully idle and so I am – Emily declares she has never seen that plant at Hamble grows down by the Pavilion, which smells like mice; it is called Hound's Tongue.

I could not think of *S. nutans* last night so about 10 I went up to E's room. She could not either so we searched diligently but could not remember. About 12 o'clock the door opened softly (Lily thought it was a ghost. I think as it woke her up – a voice whispered "*Silene nutans*", and the door closed again.

March 23rd Good Friday

The buns were not a bit nice – Hilda has a cold and Lily a throat so neither went to Church – none of the choir boys had white raiment on; their surplices must have been at the wash. Horribly cold n.e. wind – Mrs Webber came into our pew and sat next-me; I really must class her with Mrs Thompson and Platt in regard to her odour as well as her other peculiarities; the odour of patchouli made me feel quite sick – Lionel is home for his holidays now.

Moonwort grows at the Salterns according to Snape; he must have been trespassing – E was looking out various things in M'Gillivry this evening; I remember to have seen currants growing wild in the lane between Catcombe and Carisbrooked called Deadman's Lane on Dark Lane on a high shaded hedge rather like a Devonshire hedge where there are not many flowers or ferns – they say they are garden escapes only, but there was no garden within half a mile of this place, I think Allen Grant can move his scalp and wag his ears better than any-one else I know – I always admire the stern and forbidding eye with which Mrs Grant surveys her family in church-time; she is rather like Mama in that way – Capt. Field was in church to-day so I suppose they are back from Brighton.

Hilda helped me tack together one of my bodies but I was too lazy to try it on – I did no painting and only ba-ed a very little. Oh! What will Fowls say! Terrible female! Wills was the only caller. Emily went over to the Marlows and brought back two chalk heads Will had done (very nice), of Wagner and another man. Frank has just arrived – the scarletina turned out to be nettle rash or such like.

Easter Even 24th March

Fowls was to have come by the 9 A.M. boat but telegraphed to say she could not. Emily and I had a game of tennis; I surprised myself awfully whenever I hit a ball and it is ~~only~~ chance that I ever do. After dinner E. fetched Wills and sent him to scour the country, but neither Capt. Knight, Mr Schenley, Dr Woods & Major Mansell could be found so we had to put up with Wills alone! He played almost as badly as I did and his trousers were so tight and as Lily refused to come out he was rather sulky so we had rather a slow game - Having left Wills and Emily, I persuaded Lily to come for a stagger; we were overtaken by the Knights and stopped to quack a little – After afternoon tea we went to see the new lectern dedicated to Major Strong's memory. It was supposed to have been erected by his brother officers while Mrs Strong offered to make up what was wanting – (Continued on the back page)

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– This resulted in what must have been a sell for poor Mrs Strong, who can be by no means well off, for constant the fellow officers collected £50 and Mr Durst chose one which cost four times as much, £200, so Mrs S. had to pay £150 – So they say – The service was rather nice; there were 200 marines and the marine bands and the lectern was uncovered by Mr Durst, Col. Meade and other officers and Mr D, read a short address and dedicated it, and then read out the first lesson from it, the one for the burial service from 1 Corinthians. There were a great many people in church but as they had locked our side door we found nobody in the “Lady’s Chapel” and got good seats – ‘The band gave me much joy; I have not heard any music for so long, and the very sound of a military band makes me long to jump out of my skin. We walked with the Grants to their gate and went into The Reading-Room on the way back.

There was a lovely sunset “5” L. Barrett – Transcribed by Yvonne Riddell
(Easter Sunday in future editions)

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