



FRIENDS OF GOSPORT MUSEUM

www.friendsofgosportmuseum.org.uk

NEWSLETTER

MARCH/ APRIL 2017

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 9th March

Thursday 13th April

Thursday 11th May

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

Gosport Gallery

Royal Blood: Births, Battles and Beheadings

21st January to 11th March

Pop Up Art and Craft Sale 15th & 16th March

Naval and Local Studies Exhibition

Sailing Under the Red Ensign

3rd April to 31st May

Discovery Centre Talks

Folklore in Hampshire

16th March 7:30pm Tickets £4

Friends of Gosport Museum AGM 25th April (Note Date Change)

This years Friends of Gosport Museum AGM will be at the Gosport Discovery Centre on Tuesday 25th April at 7pm followed by a talk. The details of the talk will be advised in the May newsletter, which I will get out a bit early with the minutes of last years meeting, agenda and details of those who have agreed to be nominated for the committee and officers of the Friends of Gosport Museum. After the AGM there will be a talk, details to follow.

Talking of the committee, there should be a nomination form, if you received this by email, will also be attached to the email. If you receive your newsletter by post or delivered, it should be in the envelope. If you have not received one, please let me know and I will send one on.

If you wish to nominate someone, please check that they are members and happy to serve on the committee. If you are not able to get a proposer and/ or seconder contact a current committee member, who will be able to arrange for it to be done.

If you or you have someone to nominate, please would you arrange for the completed nomination form to be sent to me by 11th April (14 days before the AGM).

Ian Jeffery Secretary

Membership Renewal

The 1st April 2017, is the start of the Friends of Gosport Museum membership year. The subscription will be the same for another year of £6 for a single membership or £9 for a joint membership. If you have already paid for the year or joined since 1st November 2016, thank you for your membership to 31st March 2018. If you still need to renew, please see the subscription form that should be included with this newsletter, cheques made to: Friends of Gosport Museum, to Linda Hedley, 7 Fairhome Close, Elson, Gosport, Hants PO12 4HZ. Thank you

The Diary of Martha Georgiana Loftus Tottenham 1883

April 9th Monday

Louisa and I went all round the place in the morning. Afternoon Major Stewart and Miss Stewart (my little Bessie), Mr Mills, Mr Welling and Will came to tennis. Rather slow on the whole - Major Stewart has the insolence to speak of me (to my face) to Emily as "your little sister", the next time they come, I shall speak to him of his little daughter and see the effect. He thought I was younger than she is, or said so. They were all filled with wonder at my going for a walk directly after returning from the ball; it was a foolish thing to do, though I dare say I shall repeat it next time. How can one go to bed, nasty sleepy bed! when the sun is inviting you to come out? Louisa and I went down to the pier before the people went and met Wills just coming out of the gate, who looked as if he wondered where we had been to. "6" B. Williams and E. Thornton.

April 10th Tuesday

Got my corsets, fit beautifully. Painted & baed in the morning – walk with Louisa on the sea-wall after dinner and down to the pier. Met Mr Mills and Major Mansel; also saw Mr Knight drilling the awkward squad which caused us much amusement. Windy but hot sun. Tidied small drawers, read old Pauton letters, and played grubbage after tea.

Wednesday April 11th

Emily went in Capt. Colomb's steam launch to the island with the Taylors and Colombs. Oswald is better but still very bad. Louisa and I rowed for nearly an hour after dinner, found it rather bubbly off Gilkicker Fort; and then walked along the sea-wall, over Haslar Bridge into Gosport. Met Mr Knight riding on our way to the pier; he twigged where we were going directly. E. returned about 5.30

Thursday April 12th

L, Louisa and I walked to the sea-wall after having been to the Meryons first. E. and Hilda went to the Knights. Snape after dinner. Mrs Webber and Miss Kelley called. Wrote my will β together with Louisa. Miss O brought Caroline, Took Anne and Alick

Friday April 13th

Copied Heler's Wanderstunden – After dinner Mr and Mrs Meryon, Mr and Miss Chalmers, Mr, Mrs and Maurice Knight, Wills, D'Aubrey, and a Mr Sterling (College) and Mrs Goldie came to tennis. βββ. Mama went to Southsea in the morning – I know Fowls will be angry tomorrow, but it can't be helped.

April 14th Saturday

Louisa and I went for a walk. Emily and Hilda went into Southsea. Breezes – Fowls came, was not much impressed with the beauty of my voice.

Louisa and I wrote to "Pickle".

Heard a lovely anecdote today which was quite new to me; Maude being observed by Mama to regard a piece of beef at dinner, was afterwards commanded to draw and colour it from memory,

but not being able to remember its appearance, Freddy had to fetch it from the larder for her benefit.

April 15th Sunday

A strange man officiated; Mr Durst preached. Charlie came, and Lindsay in the afternoon. The Submarine Miners are out – so Mr Larking, Capt. James, Capt. Webber are down here again. Capt. Webber called. Copied music all the afternoon and quacked with Caroline about College matters – She has half an hour with Edith Thornton everyday. Good for Edith! Caroline was invited by Mama to walk round the garden with her and they discoursed affably on horticultural subjects. C is to “converse freely” while in the drawing room, or to retire to bed after tea. She does not enjoy going over to 41, and I don’t wonder very much; we are very domesticated, we young ones.

Monday April 16th

Breezes – increasing to a gale in the morning but dying away towards evening, when the air became quite calm.

My petticoat bodies all the morning – how I do hate clothes! Petticoats and trousers are not so bad but anything to do with bodies is awful! Vile bodies!

After dinner Mama and E went calling on the Hornbys, Colombs & c; L. and Louisa went to call on the House’s, and Hilda and I to call on the Cobbs and to enquire after Mr. Walford, who is dangerously ill. Gertie Cobb is very pretty and reminds me much of Jessie Betts both in face and manner. The Stewarts came at about 4.15. How I do detest Major Stewart? Nasty, condescending, patronising toad! He looks up me as a child of 10 and treats me accordingly. I did try to snub him a bit but I am not old and dignified enough. As Emily aptly remarks “he is perfectly eat up with conceit.” She likes him (!) and I think Lily does too. I told Miss Stewart her father was a most aggravating man and she quite agreed with me. I don’t mind her at all. Finished copying Heler’s Promenade.

Tuesday April 17th

Morning – bodies – baed. Louisa and I went down the village and up to Bury Road to leave notes on Dr Woods and Mrs Ready and get my P.O.S.B. money. After dinner Lily, Louisa, Hilda and I went out for a row though it was rather windy; Louisa and I took Hilda and Lily in off the pier – After that we went across the flats to the sea-wall. Then we came back and Louisa and I dressed to go with Mama to the Grants. Mrs Meryon was there. We quacked, walked around their garden and exchanged Nathalie for another book, American, “A Foregone Conclusion” by A.F.G.” Louisa and I came back while Mama went into the Bruce Simpson’s, and finding the Rebeis here we went down to the pier and back. Freddy came in the morning. After tea copies Raff’s Rondo Op. q. “5” B. Williams

Wednesday April 18th

Louisa and I got up early this morning and at 7 o’clock precisely went for a walk. We found the wind very strong from the S.W. so that we felt the spray on our faces as we walked along the sea-wall and the sea seemed to have been over when the tide was higher. Went down to the pier, and on entering was received with a hurricane for walking with a stick and a recommendation to “brush my hair and wash myself” instead of going for walks”. I really don’t think I could have spent from six to eight in taking my bath or brushing my hair; but what Mama says must be right, no doubt. A whole quantity of humans are coming this afternoon; I would I could flee away from them but escape is impossible.

Mrs Gaillard, Wills and some more came to tennis.

“4” “A Foregone Conclusion”

By Yvonne Riddell

Website

For a few years a web presence for the Friends of Gosport Museum could be found at www.friendsofgosportmuseum.org.uk but this site was within the Gosport.info site as the cheapest way to do it.

I am changing the way I am doing the web site. The package includes up to 5 web sites, so I can move the one for FoGM and the History Luncheon Club at no cost apart from the web addresses. They will have their own independent site with the advantage that if others also want to take part in creating and updating the site this can be arranged.

I have move all the items from the old site to the new site which has a current address of www.fogm.org.uk . As I have moved all items you can get to the site also with this address www.friendsofgosportmuseum.org.uk . If you have suggestions or spot errors on the new site, please let me know. It is easy to keep reading and still not notice a mistake. Ian Jeffery

President

Bob Whiteley

Committee Chairman

Sidney Aynsworth

023 9258 0544

Vice Chairman

Margaret Ventham

Hon. Treasurer

David Moore

023 9258 6575

Hon. Secretary

Ian Jeffery

023 9252 3358

Committee Secretary

Dot Bedenham

Membership Secretary

Linda Hedley

Committee Members

Mary Duly

Jack Poole

Yvonne Riddell

Subscription Reminder 2017/18

Subscriptions for Friends of Gosport Museum 2017/18 due from 1st April 2017 £6 single £9 joint please send the Payments (cheques made to: Friends of Gosport Museum) to Linda Hedley, 7 Fairhome Close, Elson, Gosport, Hants PO12 4HZ.

Joined since 1st November 2016 your subscription lasts to 1st April 2018.

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 Mark Collyer mark.collyer@hants.gov.uk . Gosport Gallery volunteering contact Jef Whitcher enquiries@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. If for the May Newsletter by 21st April or as soon as you can to: Ian Jeffery 11 Harcourt Rd, Gosport, Hants PO12 3NR ian@gosport.info

The Newsletter can be received by email (Adobe Reader .pdf) let me know if you would be happy to receive it this way. Ian

Please send contributions for the Newsletter to
Ian Jeffery, FoGM Newsletter Editor
11 Harcourt Road, PO12 3NR ian@gosport.info
If you would be happy to receive this Newsletter
by email in .PDF, please let me know.
The views expressed are not necessarily those of
Hampshire Cultural Trust, GDC or its staff.

Membership of Friends of Gosport Museum is
open to all - Please contact any Committee
member. Annual Subscription Individuals £6
Families £9.00. Due 1st April Each Year.
This Newsletter was printed and produced
with the help of the Gosport Discovery Centre
and Hampshire Cultural Trust.