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Remember, remember: the 18th July LECTURE - book your attendance at the front desk - COLIN BOWDEN: Strike Up the Band 7 pm.

Bill Mansfield is a volunteer guide at EXPLOSION (Museum of Naval Firepower). The film show lasting ten minutes or so has been housed in the vaulted centre of Priddy's Hard and keeps one moving from one screen to another, four in all. Great fun for grandchildren, and lots of video-d memories by those who worked in the Hard during the second world war.

Joan Russell and Bob Whiteley organised a magnificent display featuring Gosport Museum and the St Vincent Lunch Club at ALIVE & KICKING on Saturday 6th July. Together with a Poetry group, a display of North American native tribes and the University of the Third Age, we occupied one of the rooms in a 1920's building known as the Forton Building, at the head of Forton Lake. There was a cyber cafe in the next room with up to 20 or so VDU units and the front room featured a patchwork display and other adult learning zones. The steps up to the front door are a bit daunting but there is plenty of room to pause and get your breath back. The whole programme occupied the entire College campus and was a most enjoyable day out for families.

Yvonne Hoskins of the Living History Society wrote to thank us for our donation of £100 towards the cost of renewing the damaged roof. GS Building Services have donated timber for rafters and two other donations have been given.

OONAGH PALMER our new Curator, started her working life teaching history in Coventry. She then became Education Officer for Coventry Museums. Then it was off to Liverpool as a supply teacher, and to Southport and Bootle teaching BTec students in Leisure Studies - from sport to swimming to museums and art venues. In 1989 Oonagh moved south to Portsmouth and wrote a training scheme for playworkers, completed an MBA at the University and joined the County Museum Service. Her speciality is exhibitions and she looks forward to increasing attendance numbers at our Museum and the Gosport Gallery.

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR SEAT ON THE COACH TO BRIGHTON on 18th September.