



FRIENDS OF GOSPORT MUSEUM

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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER 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 14th September

Thursday 12th October

Thursday 9th November

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

Gosport Gallery

15th July to 20th September FREE

The Navy at the time of Jane Austen:

Fighting, Flirting and Fortune

www.janeausten200.co.uk

30th September to 6th January 2018 FREE

May the Toys Be With You

Discovery Centre Talks

Please look out for the new
Discovery Centre What's On leaflet

Report from the Chair

Since the last Newsletter, no Friends or Joint Management Committees have met during the summer. I hope you were able to see the Jane Austen 200 exhibition at Gosport Gallery entitled 'Fighting, Flirting and Fortune'. There was also a talk at the D.C. about Miss Austen's connections to the Military and Royal Navy by Rupert Matthews. He gave us an entertaining account of some unlikely backgrounds to her characters. Those of us who enjoy her novels were not put off re-reading our favourites. Having read part of Rupert's book (on sale after the talk) his research was thorough and the threat of invasion by the French, towards the end of the 18th and start of 19th centuries, affected much of Austen's life.

FoGMs volunteers were busy helping Wendy Redman at Search-Hands-On-Centre with holiday events for families including Making Silhouettes and being Animal Detectives. The Autumn Brochure for Gosport D.C. will have been available since August 21st for you to book events and talks of your choice. Page 3 detailed our contributions to GHODs including a small picture of the 1901 Tech. Institute and Free Library to accompany our entry and I hope you came to 'Guess the Mystery Objects' from the museum stores on Sept. 7th or 9th.

There is advance info on p.20 for all Crafters to plan entries for 'Making a Splash' a seashore theme to be shown next May in the Gallery. The 'Knitted Garden' was such a success a few years ago the HCT is launching its own show. These events are good for our town and help to keep our Gallery on the map.

The Committee will be meeting on Sept. 28th. Jacqui Ready our Collections Officer has noted the repairs which are needed to displays in the Museum-on-the- Mezzanine and has visited Gosport several times this summer.

Maggie Ventham August 21st 2017

Correction from last Newsletter Jack's Models were ships not shops, sorry Ian Jeffery Editor

Subscription Reminder 2017/18

Thank you to all those who have paid their subscription for 2017/18. If you have not and do not wish to remain a member, this will be the last newsletter you should receive. If you wish to remain a member, please pay your subscription to Linda Hedley by the end of October. Details on the last page of this newsletter.

The Diary of Martha Georgiana Loftus Tottenham 1883

Wednesday April 25th

E and I trapeded all over Portsmouth and Southsea in the morning; I tried two shops for a racket but could not find one suitable. Henry Webber insisted on my sending to Jeffries for one and promised to bring his to shew me. He and Freddy went to the Salterns and got no end of water-birds' eggs – coots and otherwise – L and I went to the sea-wall in the afternoon. Ailsie and Henry came in the evening and we played Old Maid and Old Knave with great vigour – “6” Frank, Wills and the Saunders came in where I was sitting, strumming with all the buttons off my shoes.

Thursday April 26th

Franks birthday – many happy returns of the day to him – E and I got up and went to the sea-wall, before breakfast. It was lovely but rather windy from the S.W. E, L, Henry Webber and I went to leave a note at the House; we skylarked rather on the way in a very undignified manner. Freddy went with Hewett to Stubbington. Henry brought his racket; I have almost decided to get one like it only heavier, as, his is only 13 – Daubed after dinner – I am going to paint a sprig of furze on my new racket when I get it – We are each going to write a story – Poppy Marlow gets £5 or £6 for hers – Oh why am I not such a genius? What shall I write – Lily has begun hers. What title? I had almost thought of “We are Seven” and was going to say so at tea-time – when a fearful thought struck me that π might s'enrager and command me to change it to “We are Six” so I refrained – I might write a moral story on the beauties of obstinacy a warning to parents, and call it “Balaam and His Ass” but it might not be appreciated. Fowls was coming this morning but was hindered. L and E went to Fort Monckton and found that the Knights have the chicken-pox.

April 27th Friday

Freddy and I painted a joint concern. Papa's thing of Carripaholt which took in Papa himself. Some people are coming to tennis but thank goodness it rained hard nearly the whole afternoon. Began a story but cannot think of a name for it.

April 28th Saturday

Saw a swallow – Fowls came; she forgot my song but brought a simple trio for us. Too wet for tennis but Maude and I went for a walk round Haslar and sea-wall, while E and L gardened. Mrs Blake and Miss Turner called.

Sunday April 29th

Church. Mr Durst is away – strange man preached. Charlie P came - β . Read out of doors in the afternoon till Papa took us out for a short walk. Met Major Mansell.

Monday

Went to a dance at Forton after dinner. Thought I did not know a single man in the room at first, then D'Aubrey and Wills and Mr Larking appeared on the scene and later on Key. It was not so bad after all and I was introduced to two new men, a Mr White, “Vernon” and Mr Hamilton 1st Lieu on board the Queen's Yacht. The former was a most interesting man, knows Capt. Carter and

Allie very well and so on – I am afraid I shocked him rather – Wills was quite affable for him and it was all I could do to get him to take me in after the 2nd Extra, when I knew Mama would be prancing round after me – E went out to dinner with the Goldies. She found the Webbers were when we came in.

Tuesday May 1st

I went out to the Salterns. Mama wanted us to take Henry Webber but Freddy has a contempt for him so we did not. Went over with Col. Webber in the launch; he had six ribbons on. I am sure he never deserved them. Found Aunt Kate looking very old and bent; she has aches in her neck. Found a good many nests. Freddy and I went out in the punt; had great difficulty in managing it as we had to use the oars as paddles and there was a high wind. Four coots and a moor-hen's nest. Caught two young coots such sweet things with red heads. Saw two flappers. Aunt Kate sent us on our journey in the waggonettes for which we were not sorry. Admiral came while we were away.

Wednesday May 2nd

Heard of Mr Connor's death – went to a dance at Monckton; they commenced with a cold feed at 7.00 which was a nuisance. I hate feeding when I am out. Mr Hamilton, Major Stewart, Wills, Mr Caillard, Dr Cotton, Mr Saumarez (Forton), Mr Rickman {xxx} and Capt Webber were my partners. I enjoyed the ones with Mr Caillard, Major Stewart and Mr Rickman best. The first was very interesting, talked about music, had heard Cusse a day or two before, knows Sophie Menter, and Liszt and is very musical altogether. Major S I begin to like, but he calls me my dear child – I don't quite know about "my Bessie" yet. Returned home about 12.30.

Thursday May 3rd

Fowls could not come. Miss O. came over, took L. and E. away – Mama taken rather ill from at least a dozen different reasons q.v. π "My Bessie" called – I don't think we should ever cotton to one another.

Friday May 4th

Maude, Alick and I went for a walk. I went to Mrs Mamsells for Mama – Papa and Mama went to Ryde after dinner about servants. I dug and planted violets while they were away. Bezique.

Saturday May 5th

Gardened and practised. Went round the parish to get vermicelli. After dinner went with Mama to call on Mrs Leah, and Mrs Bonham-Carter. The former stutters in a killing way but is nice. Mrs B.C. is not nice I should think, a regular pig-headed individual. She congratulated Mama on being a grandmother which Mama treated with scorn, and to my great delight asked her if she would not give anything to see him as I am sure Mama would in her secret heart. There was a poor woman who went off her head and drowned herself and her baby this morning in the little shallow pond at the end of Loves Lane; I wonder how she managed it.

About nine this morning there was an explosion at Priddys Hard at a magazine there (I suppose); they were removing the powder from an Egyptian shell when it went off, blew the roof off and killed and mortally wounded several men. The explosion was heard out here. Papa and Alick went into Gosport this morning.

Went to a tennis party at the Marlows at about 4. Was not half bad had some good games with the "Brigand", Capt Grenfell. Wills shewed me the skull he is doing. It is very nice; he told me the other day he was going to make me a present of it, but I feel certain he will not. I should like it, so I suppose I shall not get it. He was if possible more idiotic than usual to-day. Bezique. I came across a sentence in Cicero today which I like: "quid dulcius quam habere quicum omnia audeas sic loqui ut tecum? Qui esset tantus fructus in prosperis rebus, nisi haberes qui illis awake ac tu ipse gauderet? Adversas vero ferre difficile esset sine eo, qui illas gravius etiam quam tu ferret" and later on: "Nam et secundas res splendiores facit amicitia, et adversas partiens communicansque leviores." Shall I ever have a chance of proving it? By Yvonne Riddell

Web Site Additions

There are changes to the web site for the Friends of Gosport Museum. It can be found at fogm.org.uk or the previous address of www.friendsofgosportmuseum.org.uk. I have added all the past newsletters held by me, I believe that one of the early ones is missing but there maybe others. If you have a copy of a newsletter of the Friends of Gosport Museum that is not on the web site, please would you lend it to me to scan and add.

When adding the newsletters I became interested in the beginning of the Friends of Gosport Museum. I have a folder from the original Steering Committee. I felt I should add a list of officers and committee members over the years with their dates of service. Link from 'Contacts' page.

I plan to add past AGM agenda and minutes, but please let me know if you feel other items could be added. With the new style of site a number of people can be set up to add or amend items or pages on the site depending on how set up. Please let me know if you would be interested in being involved with the web site, also if you feel improvements can be made to the web site. Ian Jeffery

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

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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 November Newsletter by 21st October or as soon as you can to: Ian Jeffery 11 Harcourt Rd, Gosport, Hants PO12 3NR ian@gosport.info

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