



FRIENDS OF GOSPORT MUSEUM

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NEWSLETTER

MAY/ JUNE 2018

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 10th May

Thursday 14th June

Thursday 12th July

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

Gosport Gallery

Out Of Egypt 7th April to 19th May – FREE

Making a Splash 26th May to 7th July - FREE

AGM

Thursday 17th May 4:30pm SEARCH

Back at SEARCH and at an earlier time than
the last few years

Please see agenda and minutes enclosed,
If you receive by email, but would like me to
bring you printed copies please let me know.

Report from the Chair

Welcome to summer and the chance to get out and about. Please don't forget to send an account of a visit to somewhere of interest to share in the Newsletter.

Our Venue Manager Rebecca is saying goodbye to us at the end of April. She has been appointed to an exciting job at Greenwich to manage a new heritage project. Meanwhile Cerian Gale will be back with us until a Duty Manager is chosen from the staff. Another HLF application is being made. If the HLF is successful, a post for Gosport Venue Manager will be advertised. Refurbishment of the Old Grammar School building depends on receiving this grant.

The application form for our GHODs event this September was done on –line by Rebecca. It was agreed that we would run the event in the Gallery. Objects from the museum stores will be chosen for another 'Guess the Mystery Objects' event. Later this year GDC may be disrupted by the delayed redevelopment.

The Trust's Staff are now in their new posts. Changes designed to make the venues and collections more relevant to their communities and to attract more visitors have caused anxiety. Traditional ways of organising and using resources need to be updated as the world of technology moves on – with or without us! Neither can we escape the Data Security Law which comes into effect on May 25th. Ian is managing this for our association.

Thanks are due to Cllr Carter who supported our request for a £1,000 grant to help with replacing worn out equipment in the museum. There is a delay in planning the project because of problems which have arisen in the redevelopment of GDC.

The Market Day event 'Spring Cleaning as it Used to be Done' was helped by our volunteers and back in March at 'Be a Scientist!' event we were nearly overwhelmed by 247 adults and children taking part in the wonderful variety of activities Wendy provided at Search. The exhibition 'Out of Egypt' is great – take the family, there are activities for older children and the Play Gallery is open for younger ones. In May 'Making a Splash' involving all local crafters is planned to equal the 'Knitted Garden' exhibition which broke all attendance records. There's a lot to look forward to enjoy.
Maggie Ventham Chairman

GDPR General Data Protection Regulations from 25th May 2018

Maggie has made a quick mention of this. I have carried out the self assessment on the Information Commissioners website and we (FoGM) do not need to register, but do need to follow the regulations.

For the main points we are fine with how we deal with personal data. Only FoGM Committee members have the data and it can only be used for membership purposes. In practise this means it is held by the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Newsletter Editor apart from occasional projects carried by other committee members. Nothing can be passed on to others including Hampshire Cultural Trust or Discovery Centre staff without your express permission.

We have carried out a system of deleting old membership lists including in back-ups, as records from past members can not be held. You can have your records removed just by asking. We just hold names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses provided by you. Ian Jeffery

The Diary of Martha Georgiana Loftus Tottenham 1883

Monday May 28th

Put out my things when Mama came in with a telegram to say Aunt Kate was dangerously ill, so we could not go to the ball. I silently pined all day; we had to go to see Sara and Charles at Sandown. I let my face burn any amount because I thought we were not going. However Mama found Aunt Kate much better and said we could go, My dress did not come till about 10 minutes before we had to start so I "cussed and swore" at Miss Wink in my secret heart and had to say my prayers an awful lot or else I do not suppose it would have come at all. It was very nice and Mama made me wear my hair on the top of my head, so that I looked like an infuriated Choctaw maniac after I had a few wild dances. Messrs Eyers and Pollen made me career round the room like a young gazelle; they do dance jollily. Mr McCaul was there and said I was a very apt pupil. I like him. I gave him his character, but I think he found some of it rather too blunt. I like dancing with him. Key heaped coals of fire on my head, and was very affable. Capt. Hassard and D'Aubrey did not dance with me. It was a very pretty ball altogether. One of my partners said he would describe me in one word' if I would describe him in one; after having spelt Darling on his fingers, he was much disgusted when I spelt Duffer on mine; I chuckled both inwardly and outwardly. I have not enough self-assurance to practise properly still I dare say it will come in time. It was perfectly lovely crossing the harbour; the sun was just rising, about 3.30. We had to wait an awful long time in the Hotel, and also outside the Hall before the doors were opened; there was a regular crowd of people waiting. I only cut one man out.

Mr White's letter came on Monday morning. Mama like him all the better for his confession, but π had not seen it I think – wiser not.

Tuesday 29th

Lily, Louisa and Spencer came in the morning and Miss O, Anne and Alick after dinner. People to tennis awfully slow; I took flowers to Miss Webber in the morning.

Wednesday 30th

Went to the Webber's dance – no go in it – and it was no fun as I was positively abject with fatigue. Theodore was an ape – I gave him the piece of Lily's hair I had in my locket for years, for which he was very grateful. Lily, Louisa and Spencer went early, dressed and crossed over to go to the ball at Newport. Spencer did not go after all we heard afterwards. They enjoyed it.

Thursday 31st

Fowls came. I had a sore throat from fatigue.

Friday June 1st

Theodore came to say 'good-bye': so we thought we would hoax him a little. It was a lovely joke. Spencer was put up to tell him I had given him a piece of my own instead of Lily's hair. His indignation was excessive at my treachery so that he threw it away with disgust. How I did laugh when Spence told me; it was too lovely for anything. Spencer and I went to look for it afterwards but could not find it.

Friday June 1st

~~Lily and Louisa and Spencer dine out.~~ I had not intended to go to the dance at Monckton, but Spencer entreated me, and I thought I must see the end of the joke about the hair, so about an hour before tea I decided to go. It was very jolly – Theo and I picked our bone and made it up; he was most abject after I had withered him with remarks about his daring to doubt my word and so on. Mr Platt to my great surprise invited me to a dance he was going to give – as I had only dance with him once before this surprised me – however I introduced him to Mama. He seemed very anxious we should come as he asked me several time during the evening if it was all right.

Saturday

Directly we came home from the dance Lily and I dressed and went for a walk 4.30. We had to walk home from the dance because there was a mistake about the cabs. ~~Lily and The de.~~ Horseys came in the afternoon and stayed in the bay all the night. Tennis.

Sunday June 3rd

E and I went to the little church I like it much better. Mr McCaul and Dr Coates (R.A.) came. The former I riled very much because I do dislike him so now, and he was not particularly polite. Theo and Mr Larkin stayed to tea. Lily and the De Horseys went away before church.

Monday June 4th

E and I went to the 66th tennis, rather slow. I had to talk to old Arthy and Dr Marlow for about an hour all by myself – went calling before we went there but I.D.L. nobody in.

Tuesday June 5th

Went to Mr Platt's dance at Coute's. He did not look after us at all properly. I should scarcely have danced at all but for Mr Larking who, though I cut him out the other day, nobly asked me for four dances. Met a nice old man Mr Warren. {xx} who danced the last two with me – D'Aubrey asked me for one, and sat out another one with me. Dr Donovan asked me for two – They were the only men there I knew. Still the floor was lovely and the ices so I did not regret going at all.

Wednesday June 6th

E and Mama and Miss O went to the cooking class. I stayed at home and received Mr and Maud Webber and Katie Marlow.

Transcribed by Yvonne Riddell

Legacy Made to Friends of Gosport Museum

Thank you to the Executors and Solicitors for dealing with the legacy in the Will of Margaret Roberts, who was a founder member of the Friends and was the first member to pay her subscription in 1991 with number 9101. Thank you to Margaret for remembering the Friends of Gosport Museum in her Will.

Subscription Reminder Due from 1st April 2018

See the What's On Guide – May - August

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Joined since 1st November 2017 your subscription lasts to 1st April 2019.

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 you would like to volunteer for the remainder of the Discovery Centre it would be Mark Collyer mark.collyer@hants.gov.uk. At the moment there is no one to deal with volunteers in the Gosport Gallery or Museum. I will put the information here when new people are in post.

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 22nd June or as soon as you can to: Ian Jeffery 11 Harcourt Rd, Gosport, Hants PO12 3NR ian@gosport.info

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