



# FRIENDS OF GOSPORT MUSEUM

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## ***NEWSLETTER***

***NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER 2018***

### Friends of Gosport Museum

#### Informal Coffee Meeting

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November

No January Meeting

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Gosport Discovery Centre

The Community Table or Other Table

10:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month

Please check newsletters in case of changes  
due to the alterations to the DC

### Gosport Gallery

#### Portraits of Unsung Heroes

by Gosport Artist Dan Williams

20<sup>th</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

#### Friends Christmas Coffee Morning

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am

Old building Walpole Road (no charge)

Chance for members to meet the Committee

Tea/ coffee/ mince pies and stollen

### Report from the Chair

Welcome to the Winter Newsletter. At present we may no longer have a proper museum, but I can assure you that plans are being discussed to give Gosport Museum a new start. The result of the HLF grant application is not yet known. Plans to re-develop the old building continue to evolve alongside consultation with our committee, other user groups, GBC and the general public. There are interesting ideas being suggested using modern ways to communicate and create an atmosphere in which people would want to understand and learn about the past.

Funding from HCC and GBC will probably be swallowed up in renovation and making physical changes to the old building. As it is a Grade 2 Listed structure, changes have to be carefully considered before applying for permission to make alterations.

The new CEO for Hampshire Cultural Trust – Paul Sapwell has appeared in a short video in the Trust's Monthly On-Line Newsletter. The message he delivers is about 'culture' and the ways in which the HCT is engaging everyone taking part in activities at the county's venues. Gosport is not mentioned due to the situation here, but I hope that the end result of all the planning and hard work by the staff will result in a place we'll all want to use, support and volunteer for - a place in which every visitor will feel welcome and want to engage in the cultural experiences provided.

Our Friends Christmas Coffee Morning Meeting at 10.30am on Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> will be in one of the rooms in the old building. We'll make sure someone is at the front door to guide you in. Mince pies and Stollen plus tea and coffee will be provided. The committee look forward to welcoming the members. Maggie Ventham

## Joan Russell

There are plans to set a part or possibly a whole newsletter to items with links to Joan Russell. If you have items to add to such an issue, please let me or Maggie Ventham know. Ian Jeffery

## My Gosport Project

I just wanted to say a huge thanks to you and the friends for volunteering at the pop up exhibition - I know how cold it is in the draught of the door so thank you for doing this and yet again helping out the project.

Kind regards

Helen Ellis

My Gosport Project Manager

<https://www.facebook.com/mygosport2018/>

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## Rosemary Marsh

It is with the greatest sadness that we announce the death of our Vice President, Rosemary Marsh, while on holiday in Portugal. Rosemary was a former Chair and was deeply committed to BAfM. She was an outstanding ambassador for the Friends movement and was well known to members all over the UK and world-wide. She regularly attended the international meetings representing UK members including in Madeira earlier this year where she was able to catch up with many old friends from around the world. She was planning to attend the conference of the World Federation of Friends of Museums in Montreal next year.

Rosemary remained very involved with BAfM and attended our conference in Newcastle only two weeks ago. Those of us who were there will have seen that she was on good form and enjoying the day.

We send our deepest sympathies to her family.

A fuller appreciation of Rosemary will appear in the next issue of the BAfM Journal.

I am a local artist with a passion for the history of Gosport. 10 years ago I authored a book "Gosport Reflections" which was all about then and now photos and stories.

## Neil Marshall Art

I now work on recreating Gosport historic scenes that are not from photographs using a technique that allows me to paint with accuracy, areas of our town that have gone or changed significantly. To give you an idea of the work I do please take a look at my Facebook page "Neil Marshall Art" [www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=neil marshall art](https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=neil%20marshall%20art) .

I am currently working on a large canvas of the Trinity Green Area set in 1904. My work is also on display at Stoke Gallery and Richard Martin Gallery.

## The Diary of Martha Georgiana Loftus Tottenham 1883

A request has been made to provide an index as it can be difficult to follow the diary entries as Martha was writing for herself so knew all the background information. I have used Yvonne Riddell's list and added a few items where I believe I know the correct details. If you have any corrections or additions, please let me know. Ian Jeffery

Martha Georgiana Loftus Tottenham	Civilian – diary writer 18 year old
Emily Tottenham	Civilian – writer's sister
Lily Tottenham	Civilian – writer's sister
Hilda Tottenham	Civilian – writer's sister
Dr. Martin	Civilian
Fowls	Civilian female – writer's singing teacher
Rashleighs	Civilian
Mr & Mrs Poulter	Civilian
Snape	Civilian – male - writer's drawing teacher
Wills	Civilian
D'Aubrey	Civilian
Adder	Civilian
Jezebel	Civilian
Alick Tottenham	Civilian
Mr Taylor	Civilian
L Scott	Civilian – overseas?
Mr Moule	Civilian - the Marlow's cousin
Dr Lewis	Civilian
Dr Dobson	Civilian
Mr Schenley	Civilian
Henry	Civilian
Mr Arthy	Civilian – Vicar?
Freddy	Civilian
Mary Parton	Civilian
Jim	Civilian
Mrs Paddon	Civilian
Mrs Marlow	Civilian
Edith Thornton	Civilian
Louisa	Civilian
The Goldies	Civilian
Lady Florence Dicee	Civilian
Mr Carpenter	Civilian
Frank	Civilian
Mrs Field	Civilian
The Grants - Mrs, Allen	Civilian
Miss Stewart	Civilian
Mr Durst, Mrs Durst	Civilian – Mrs Durst writer's cooking teacher
Mrs Webber	Civilian
Mrs Thompson	Civilian
Mrs Platt	Civilian
Lionel Tottenham (?)	Civilian
Dr Woods	Civilian
L Barrett	Civilian
Captain Hassard	Military
Admiral M'Crae	Military - died March 19th 1883
Captain Field	Military
Captain Knight - Mrs Knight	Military
Major Mansell	Military
Major Strong	Military - dead - lectern dedicated to him
Mrs Strong	Military
Colonel Meader	Military
Ajax -	Ship – writer's father's boat in Russian War
Dockyard	Place – Portsmouth Dockyard
Gomer	Place – Area between Brockhurst & Stokes Bay
Browndown	Place – Area between Privett & Lee-on-the-Solent
Chark Common	Place – Near Lee-on-the-Solent- plants found spurge (Euphorbia Portlandica), Asphodel (Sundew), Silene nutans
Hamble	Place – Between Fareham and Southampton
Salterns	Place – West of Lee-on-the-Solent - moonwort grows here
Gatcombe	Place – On the Isle of Wight towards the centre
Carisbrooke	Place – On the Isle of Wight towards the North
Deadman's Lane	Place -
Dark Lane	Place -
Brighton	Place – City in East Sussex
The Reading Room	Place -
subscription to the music-library	Past-times -
drawing	Past-times – With Mr Snape
singing	Past-times - With M/s Fowls
cooking class	Past-times - With Mrs Durst
tennis	Past-times -
White's Selbourne	Books – Gilbert White Parson-naturalist 1720 to 1793
Mendells Briefe	Books – Gregor Mendels 1866-1873
Darwin's Earthworms	Books – Charles Darwin published 1881
Comin thro the Rye	Books – Robert Burns written 1782
M'Gillivry (book on plants?)	Books -
March 16th 1883	Event - explosion in Parliament St- an attempt to blow up The Times Office

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Events at local Libraries Bridgemaury, Elson, Lee-on-the-Solent [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk)

### Subscription Reminder Due from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

If you have not yet renewed your membership and do not wish to continue to receive the newsletter (posted ones), I am sorry that you have received this one but has been sent as the Christmas card enclosed had been prepared, so I thought best to send both. You will not receive the January newsletter unless wish to renew you membership. Thank you

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Joined since 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 your subscription lasts to 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:wendy.redman@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk)

There are changes at the Museum and Gallery.

I will advise when changes are made. Ian

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 January Newsletter by 21<sup>st</sup> December or as soon as you can to: Ian Jeffery 11 Harcourt Rd, Gosport, Hants PO12 3NR [ian@gosport.info](mailto:ian@gosport.info)

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