FRIENDS OF GOSPORT MUSEUM

www.friendsofgosportmuseum.org.uk

NEWSLETTER

MAY/ JUNE 2010

AGM 10th May 2010 7:15pm For 7:30pm Start Followed by Ruth Warren Talk "Childhood Memories" <u>Summer Outing</u> Saturday 10th July to Russell-Cotes Museum Bournemouth £15.50 Booking Form Enclosed

<u>Friends of Gosport Museum</u> <u>Informal Coffee Meeting</u> in the Discovery Centre 10:30pm Every 2nd Thursday of the month. Meetings before next Newsletter Thursday 13th May Thursday 10th June Thursday 8th July For around 1 hour meet at Readers' Rest Café

Please Bring This Newsletter to the AGM Thank you

Chairman's Report

It has been a quiet 3 months. The Art Exhibition in the Gallery was a great success; the Friends Prize was awarded to Margaret Cleveland for her water colour of "Chalk Quarries at Amberly". At the end of the exhibition I presented the Visitor's Prize to Daniel Williams for his oil "Gosport Festival 2004". With a grant from Cllr Peter Edgar (and Cllr Chris Carter), the Friends have purchased a painting entitled "Gosport High Street 1947 (though now believed to be from late 50's) by a local artist Monty Toms; this painting is on permanent loan to Gosport for display in the Civic Collection in the Town Hall. I am pleased to see that there are 12 volunteers working behind the scene in the Museum.

The Gosport Museum Joint Management Committee was held last month, Janet Wildman reported an increase in museum visitors together with more exhibitions. She was pleased to announce that the Museum has received an award from the Arts Council for an exhibition of sand-sculptures by internationally known sand-artists; this will be held in the Gallery in August in conjunction with other activities in and around the Discovery Centre and Museum. After the meeting above those attending were invited to the Gallery to see a display by pupils of Wildern School about the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's as part of their Creative & Media Studies Diploma course. There was a large explanation board which also acknowledged the help of several members of the Friends had given earlier in the year.

There are many more activities in the pipe-line at SEARCH and the Museum and I am sure that any assistance we can give will be appreciated. I am glad that the Friends are becoming more involved again and this was acknowledged at the Joint Management Committee. Sydney Aynsworth.

1

<u>AGM</u>

As above this years AGM will be at the Gosport Discovery Centre in The Studio up on the Mezzanine floor where the Museum is. As there will be a talk afterwards. The start of the AGM will be at 7:30pm so you can be there from 7:15pm.

No new nominations have been received for Officers or Committee Members, Joan Russell no longer wishes to be Project Director, though would like to continue on the committee, so the following will be put up for election: Chairman Dr Sidney Aynsworth Treasurer David Moore Secretary Ian Jeffery **Committee Secretary Joan Symonds** Membership Secretary Linda Hedley Newsletter Editor Ian Jeffery Committee: Joan Adams Michael Adams Giselle Aynsworth Mary Colyer Mary Duly Michael Leoplold Margaret Ventham Joan Russell

Though it is too late to add nominations for the AGM, the committee can co-opt up to 3 members to the committee. There are vacancies for Vice-Chairman and Project Director and if it was not for all the minutes and agendas done by Joan Symonds (thank you Joan) I would not be able to keep up, so if you may be interested in one of the posts, why not have a chat with a committee member or even the person who currently holds the post that you are interested in. Perhaps you could be co-opted to the committee or the post if currently vacant. Please note I am taking this a bit on myself, but I am sure if you are interested something can be done.

Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday April 22nd. 2009

1 The Chairman, Sydney Aynsworth, took the chair and welcomed the members present, about 20,

2 There were 2 apologies - from Mary Colyer and Jack Poole.

3 The minutes of the AGM held on April 22nd. 2008 were circulated and approved., proposed by Bob Whiteley and seconded by Joan Symonds.

4 There were no matters arising.

5 Chairman's Report - A quiet year: with a good attendance at the lectures. Brenda Gilbert spoke and showed a DVD on "Vic Hutfield - Gosport's Aeroplane Pioneer"; Bob Harrop showed slides on "Old Gosport", and Joan Russell gave talks on "The Thorngate Halls". In the summer Mary Duly and Joan Russell ran a Local History quiz in the Mezzanine, which was very well supported; all the children received a certificate. Mary Duly once again organised a coach trip, this time to Bournemouth. Unfortunately, there was torrential rain on the previous day, forcing closure of the Russell-Coates Museum, but we enjoyed a pleasant day.

The Christmas Party was held in the Mezzanine, and the gifts collected were much appreciated by the patients in the War Memorial Hospital. Farther afield, Gisela and I attended the Open Day at the Harold Hillier Gardens, marking the retirement of Caroline Dudley, Head of Hampshire Museums and Archives. We were also at the openings of "The Titanic" and "Myths and Legends" exhibitions

Friends of Gosport Museum Newsletter 2

in the Gallery. What for the future? The Museum Services are in the process of re-organisation, with Janet Wildman as Manager of Museum Services. It is planned that the Museum will be integrated with, but separate from, the Discovery Centre. I have been in discussion with Alistair Penfold, Director of Museum Services, about how the Friends could become involved. It is hoped that we will be able to take part on public days, and also help by fund raising.

6. Treasurer's Rep)ort - balance B	£1847-96		
income			648-00	
	expenditure		691-67	
	Balance	31-3-09	£1804-29	
Income Expenditure				
membership fees	£271-00	BAFM membership and insurance newsletters coach trip balance of hire		£134-00
donations	32-00			147-31
coach trip	315-00			220-00
Christmas Party	5-00	quiz		180-00
-		postage	e	10-36
Total	£648-00	Total		£691-67

7. **Membership Secretary's Report** - 49 members have paid for this coming year. A Membership Desk, on the Mezzanine , is a new initiative to encourage more members.. Janet and Erica are sending out forms and letters in response.

8. Newsletters - the number produced has been reduced; as well as members, they are sent to councillors and some people in the town. A larger print version can be produced for anyone who needs it. .We receive newsletters from the BAFM and Portsmouth Galleries. The next Newsletter will be at the beginning of May.

9. Project Director's Report - the Local History Quiz, funded by the Friends, was a set of questions on "Look at Gosport Town" booklets, with answers to be seen on the Mezzanine displays. About 350 entry forms were taken, and about 50 completed. On September 15th. Angela Gill and Sydney Aynsworth welcomed the finalists, and David Maber presented their certificates. Thanks to the D.C. staff for administering the quiz.

10. **Election of Committee** - Bob Whiteley took the chair for this, and said he was honoured to be asked to be President, having enjoyed 4 years as Chairman He hopes to give support; we are all glad to welcome him to this position.

The existing Committee was then elected en bloc, with general support. There were no votes against, and no abstentions. This was proposed by Mary Tyrrell and seconded by Joan Smith.

11. **Manager's Report** - Janet Wildman then explained the new organisation of the Museum and Search within the Discovery Centre. She is now the Manager of Museum Services. Erica Munro, who has a strong background in Museum work, is looking after the local museum items and is hoping to increase public access.

Janet and Erica are keen to get the Friends involved, as stewards o help the public and in helping at open days and family art activities. She also gave a "wish list" of items Friends might be able to donate for children's sessions.

Janet gave details of an exciting programme for 2009 "Changing Rooms" on reminiscences of the 50's a major Martin Snape exhibition an art exhibition from Hampshire schools, following a visit to Milan Colin Baxter's drawings exhibition a 70's fashion exhibition

Janet's full report was in May's Newsletter, which all Friends had.

12. AOB Mary Duly outlined the coach outing she is planning for September 25th. to Portsmouth, for the Marines Museum and the Cathedral, with a chance to see the houses of Conan Doyle and William Wyllie.

After the business meeting, we enjoyed a fascinating and very clear talk from Mary Tyrrell on the story of the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. Thank you , Mary

Agenda AGM 10th May 2010 The Studio GDC

- 1. Welcome & Apologises
- 2. Minutes of AGM 22nd April 2009 (above)
- 3. Matters Arising from Minutes of AGM 22nd April 2009

Friends of Gosport Museum President Bob Whiteley

Committee Chairman Sidney Aynsworth 023 9258 0544

> Hon. Treasurer *David Moore* 023 9258 6575

> Hon. Secretary Ian Jeffery 023 9252 3358

Committee Secretary Joan Symonds 023 9258 3759

Membership Secretary Linda Hedley

> Project Director Joan Russell 023 9258 0072

Committee Members Joan Adams Michael Adams Giselle Aynsworth Mary Colyer Mary Duly Michael Leopold Margaret Ventham 5. Secretary's Report

4. Chairman's Report

- 6. Treasurer's Report
- 7. Membership Secretary's Report
- 8. Newsletter Editor's Report
- 9. Project Director's Report
- 10. Election of Officers & Committee Membership
- 11. Manager's Report

12. AoB

Subscription Reminder 2010/11

Thank you to everyone who has paid their subscriptions for the year from 1^{st} April, I understand over half the membership already. I know many of you pay at the AGM which will be on the 10^{th} May and David Moore will be able to collect your payment. It is the same as last year, £5 for a single and £7.50 for a joint membership. Please send your payment to Linda Hedley, or if you wish to pay by standing order contact David Moore, full details on the form with the last newsletter.

If you have any information or photos that you think may be of interest to members of the Friends of Gosport Museum or others, please let me have them by post or email, details below, by 18th June for the July/August Newsletter, please include details for events in early July 2010.

The Newsletters are also being put on the Friends of Gosport Museum web site after they have been delivered, so you will be able to look back at them. Past Newsletters are being added.

Friends of Gosport Museum web site at www.friendsofgosportmuseum.org.uk

Please send contributions for the Newsletter to lan Jeffery, FGM Newsletter Editor
11 Harcourt Road, PO12 3NR ian@gosport.info If you would be happy to receive this Newsletter by email, please let me know.
The views expressed are not necessarily those of Hampshire CC Museums Service or its staff. Membership of Friends of Gosport Museum is open to all - Please contact any Committee member. Annual Subscription Individuals £5 Families £7.50. Due 1st April Each Year. This Newsletter was printed and produced with the help of the Discovery Centre.