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NEWSLETTER

MAY/ JUNE 2012

AGM 17th May 2012

7:15pm for 7:30pm

Studio Discovery Centre

Followed by a talk by

Tom de 'Wit Area Curator

Bursledon Windmill

Talk 10th October 2012

7:15pm for 7:30pm

Studio Discovery Centre

Ray Harding Lee-on-the-Solent Front

Booking Essential at DC Reception

Friends of Gosport Museum

Informal Coffee Meeting

in the Discovery Centre 10:30am
every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Meetings before next Newsletter

Thursday 10th May

Thursday 14th June

Thursday 12th July

Thursday 9th August

For around 1 hour

meet at Readers' Rest Café

PLEASE BRING THIS TO THE AGM

AGM 17th May 2012

Agenda

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Minutes of AGM 12th May 2011
3. Matters Arising from Minutes of AGM 12th May 2011
4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report (Subscriptions)
7. Membership Secretary's Report
8. Newsletter Editor's Report
9. Project Report
10. Election of Officers & Committee Membership
11. Manager's Report
12. AOB

Minutes of the 21st AGM held on Thursday 12th May 2011

- 1) Apologies - Joan Russell, Joan Symonds, May Bumford.
- 2) Minutes of 10th May 2010 - Proposed Margaret Ventham, 2nd Heather Leal, Agreed.
- 3) Matters Arising - FGM picture now hanging in the entrance of the Town Hall.
- 4) Chairman's Report - in detail in the July/ August 2011 Newsletter. Reorganisation of Museum Services, Briony Hatton Living History. All visitor number up on last year. Gallery exhibitions Sand Sculptures, Lawrence Photos, Local Heroes. Two talks organised by FGM with Discovery Centre assistance. Thanks to Joan and Michael Adams, also Joan Symonds who have retired from the Committee. All the membership to support the Museum Services at this difficult time.
- 5) Secretary's Report - taking on the minutes. Also details BAFM conferences given out.
- 6) Treasurer's Report - Accounts supplied to members copy held with secretary records. Proposed by Mary Duly 2nd by Jack Poole, Agreed.
- 7) Membership Secretary's Report - Members advised if subscription not paid in six months of the due date 1st April each year, that person will no longer considered to be a member. 5 new members.
- 8) Newsletter Editor's Report - Next newsletter due early July, if any members are happy to received the newsletter by email, currently sent in 3 formats, let Newsletter Editor know.
- 9) Project Director's Report - Not available at the meeting.
- 10) Elections - Chairman passed the meeting to the President who introduced and welcomed the Mayor Councillor Roger Allen then passed the meeting to him. The Mayor introduced the candidates for election, as there was no competition for posts all were proposed Jack Poole 2nd Brenda Whiteley - duly elected.
Meeting back to the Chairman who proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor - Agreed.
- 11) Museum Manager's Report - Full report held by secretary, details of new list of Museum staff. Gosport Museum Services in top 10 of School visits. {Number of between}. Saturday 11th June start of, 'Celebrate Gosport Fortnight'. July Photographic Exhibition. Display of art held in the Town Hall. Thanks to FGM regarding donation for Geology 3D interactive.
- 12) (i) Margaret Ventham - proposed thanks to Alison Firth and Erica Munro, who will be leaving Gosport Museum from 30th June for all their work in the last few years.
(ii) Question about how funds collected and dealt with, Treasurer explained funds from membership though in same bank account, shown separately to that raised in the Gallery from donations from members of the public for the Geology Interactive.
Dr Sidney Aynsworth
Ian Jeffery

Committee Officer and Members Nominations 2012/13

Chairman	Sydney Aynsworth
Vice Chairman	Margaret Ventham
Treasurer	David Moore
Secretary	Ian Jeffery
Membership Secretary	Linda Hedley
Newsletter Editor	Ian Jeffery
Other committee members:	Mary Duly, Joan Russell, David Taylor, Jack Poole,

All nominees have agreed to stand and have been proposed and seconded by members, details held by the secretary.

There are vacancies for Officers and Committee members, so if you are interested in joining us mention it to and, even if after the AGM as the committee can co-opt members, so please ask.

Meetings of the Gosport Museum Joint Management Committee

The full committee comprises 3 HCC and 3 GBC councillors, the Museum Area Curator, the Manager of the Discovery Centre, relevant officials from GBC and the HCC County Museum Service, plus the chairman, secretary and one other committee member from the "Friends" committee. Since the time change, Ian Jeffery is unable to attend. There is rarely a meeting at which all members are present, due to other commitments. The current JMC chairman is Councillor Edgar. I did not attend the meeting in January but the agenda was similar to that in April.

Chairman's Reports review what has happened locally, highlighting successes and noting improvements which could be taken forward. Raising awareness of planning for future civic events is an essential part of this report. Currently, remembering the Falklands Conflict and the vital part Gosport and its people played in the preparations for both the departure and support of the Forces, will involve maybe a thousand visitors to the town in May. There are events at Explosion!, the DC, SEARCH, HMS Sultan and in the town centre – it's 30 years since the conflict.

The Community Room at the rebuilt Railway Station is now in use. The Theatre Royal is running a one year project with 10 primary schools – inc. Gosport, supported jointly by HCC and community funds.

Area Curator, Tom de Wit, reports each quarter's visitor statistics for the events and activities which happened in the Gosport Gallery, Local Studies and Geology Gallery, and in SEARCH. Exhibitions and out-reach sessions in the DC, at Juniper Court etc have continued. Other activities include conservation tasks, auditing of art work, visits each month to the museum stores by Gill Arnott from HQ. The important collection of visitor statistics and postcodes provides evidence of the success of different kinds of publicity, the quality and popularity of the offer, the geographical area reached and ultimately affects the future and funding of our building in Walpole Road. (I urge you, regularly go in, whenever you're in town) The following illustrations of Museum Service work would not have happened without the co-operation of all the staff – seen and unseen.

- The Edge Project run by Charlie Fletcher, involving local young people, held an art exhibition In the Gallery.
- The biennial Open Art Exhibition in the Gallery sponsored by Rotary and the Co-operative Soc.- which has forged links with the Rotarians and business.
- The Woolly Mammoth has been installed, with associated collections and interpretation, in the Geology Gallery – specialist conservation work on specimens in the collections was carried out in preparation for this project.

The Learning and Engagement team at SEARCH have run an impressive programme of innovative work with schools – local, area and even a video lesson with a British Forces school in Germany! The Service Plan for Gosport aims to provide a more diverse programme to appeal to a wider audience. You may well have discovered for yourself the interesting variety of offerings in the two "What's On" booklets. These programmes are published 3 or four times a year, one for Gosport and the DC, the other (available in Local Studies) for **all** the Hampshire Museums and Archives. As I have explained in an earlier Newsletter, the Hampshire-Solent Alliance of museum sites has now been formed and a new "Enjoy Hampshire' Museums and Archives" leaflet is available – 40,000 copies printed – detailing and mapping a selection of sites in Hants, Portsmouth, Southampton and I.O.W. to encourage visitors to come here, spend their money, use hotels and so on. We need

footfall in order to support bidding for funds, not only from the Arts Council Renaissance Fund but also from sponsors and business.

Our Discovery Centre is a model for other Local Authorities in the UK and abroad. The DC Manager, Angela Gill, has given very full reports of the work done by her team. The cuts to Library Services have hit hard on her budgets and staffing. Despite the tough climate, the exemplary co-operation and commitment of her team has enabled the DC to serve the Borough very well. Much of her effort has been directed to seeking funding for Business and Learning Courses at the DC, to attract people who would not otherwise afford or want to take part, whilst maintaining the traditional role of the library. The DC is always evolving to reach all members of our community. The refurbished building, Studio floor and café are proof of the value HCC places on our world class facility and the people who work there.

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Gosport Museum Services Outline Draft Service Plan 2012 – 2013 was presented by Assistant Museum Service Manager Sue Wright at the April meeting. This document details the corporate and departmental priorities of HCC & GBC. It is set out in tabulated form, correlating objectives with the actions to be taken. (11 pages) This is the route-map for developments and planned activities.

I replaced Joan Russell on the JMC 3 or 4 years ago, it's taken that long to understand the workings of this kind of committee. **M. Ventham**

I expect you have heard, but in case not, of the sad news of the death of Gisela Aynsworth. Margaret Ventham sent a letter on behalf of the Friends of Gosport Museum

Discovery Centre What's On booklet May to August now available, look out for history talks there are a number in May.

There is a new FREE on-line History Magazine, if you maybe interested in having this sent to you by email see: www.bygonetimes.org.uk

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 17th June for the July/ August Newsletter, include details for events in early September 2012. if you have something please let me have your item as soon as you can, thank you. Ian

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