



# FRIENDS OF GOSPORT MUSEUM

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## ***NEWSLETTER***

***JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2018***

### Friends of Gosport Museum

#### Informal Coffee Meeting

in the Discovery Centre 10:30am  
every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

#### Dates of Next Few Meetings

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Gosport Gallery

Southern Shores

13<sup>th</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup> March – FREE

Marine-themed works from the Southampton  
City Art Gallery Collection

### SEARCH, Local & Naval Studies Centre

Old and New – Market Day Drop-in

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 10:30am to 12 noon

No need to book, just drop-in

### Report from the Chair

Welcome to 2018, I hope you had an enjoyable Xmas and will have a peaceful New Year. Our Xmas 'Coffee Meeting' was well supported with eleven of our 35 members and it was a pleasure to see Vice Chairman Paul back with us. Thanks to all of you for coming.

The D.C. 'Spring Programme' has some interesting talks and details of HCT events - the Gallery exhibition 'Southern Shores', featuring rarely seen pictures from Southampton City Art Gallery, should be popular and an enterprising new venture for young people will be available in the room off the Gallery. For two months contemporary art and opportunities to explore their own ideas about ART will be on offer to youngsters along with a Family Workshop at half-term (see p.15 'Spring Programme')

Our volunteers helped Wendy at Search, when it opened to the public for three hours at 2pm on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, About 500 adults and children came upstairs to the room sets, then through the Craft Fair and the Star Wars Toy exhibition on the ground floor before the Xmas lights were turned on in the town, it was very busy. I must have repeated my presentation about the History of the Xmas Cake every 15 minutes! There was no chance to see what the others were doing.

Volunteers are always welcome, if you know anyone with time to spare - see the last page of the newsletter for details. The early January 'Market Day Old and New' drop-in opening compares domestic appliances from the past with what we use now – which do we prefer? Maybe you managed to get there to find out.

As Central Government Funding to Local Authorities continues to be reduced, the HCT's funding is also being reduced until 2020. For the Year '18 – '19 the Trust has decided to re-structure how it manages the venues in its charge. There will be changes affecting our area but as yet we have no details of the changes. A further application to the Heritage Lottery Fund may be successful this time. Our committee meets January 18<sup>th</sup> unfortunately the Director of the Trust Dr Janet Owen has another meeting that day but our local staff may have more information they are able to report by that date. Maggie Ventham 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

## The Diary of Martha Georgiana Loftus Tottenham 1883

### Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>

Church. Mr Durst preached to our great joy, Te Deum laudamus, the Percevals did not come – nobody called except Wills – I daubed a picture called "A view of Death". Walked round the garden with Mama and Wills – I wish Wills would come and take me for a walk, I shall be all alone on Monday when Maude goes. Wrote another chapter of my story – not a bit nice even to my own mind – I don't see my way clearly – Papa went to see Freddy.

### Monday

Maude went after dinner and Papa and Mama accompanied her into Southsea. Henry Webber brought me six racquets to choose from. I chose a very nice one 14 ½ oz – price 15 shillings – it is very sweet of him to have taken the trouble to write for me – Alick and I took the kitten down but the man was out; then we went down to the pier and back and watched a whirlpool with interest. Bezique.

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Rained nearly all day – painted. "5" Miss Wood, thanking me and Papa – Mended my dress. Mama went over to see Mrs Marlow who is going away tomorrow so I asked her to take the skull over to Wills. She managed to do it without Papa observing it. Bezique. "6" Emily. β

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Took the kitten down and gave it to the painter's wife Mrs Castle, who was very pleased with it. Went to the cooking class in the morning which was very good fun; Gertie Cobb and I made a Vennoise Pudding which Mama bought.

Freddy came over to play at Forton and was to have come back to tea so Papa invited Henry Webber also – Freddy did not come so we had only Henry; however he is very easily amused and is a charming boy so I did not mind.

My Bessie asked me to tea, but I refused because of Freddy.  
Bezique.

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

Fowls came and I had more than an hour's lesson; then E. L. and Miss O arrived – Fowls gave me a song called "In a Boat at Sea", which is very pretty, but appalled me very much. She was very affable. Lily had a song also: "The Old Harpsichord". Miss O took Alick with her. Mr Larking called and stayed to tea, nasty little snob. Played "Nap-B".

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Mama, E and I went over to Redferns to get me a dress. It began to hail and rain while we were on the road to the pier, and when we got on it, a regular hurricane came on. I never felt anything like the force of the wind. I could not manage to get to the railings which were only about two yards from me and it was all I could do to prevent myself being blown into the railway. E. who was behind me simply could not get on at all and a porter had to rush to the rescue and drag her under cover. It only lasted about a quarter of an hour. Ordered a dress of electric blue, trimmed with silver braid which will be very pretty I think. Met Mrs Knight's sister with her husband and little boy on board. I think he must have taken nitrate of silver.

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Rained and blew very hard. Copied music nearly all day. E and L went to see the Grants, Stewarts and Meryons.

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Whitsunday**

Mr Durst preached; E and L went to the other church. Percivals did not come, thank goodness Wills and Katie Marlow, Capt. Hassard, and Mr M'caul called, also Henry Webber came. Papa went to see Freddy.

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

E and L went to the Meryons and Mansells and Miss Scoffins in the morning. Also I took a note to the Marlows and saw Wills and Poppy promenading with a young man. After dinner Lily and I went to the Sanders, Papa forgetting it was Whit Monday allowing us to go. We left notes at various houses and took the pleasure of seeing Miss House. The villain and his wife who were gardening in a most horrible state of dirt. Mrs Cobb and Gertie found the Sanders in, they showed us what were doing for the bazaar.

### **May Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

I find I have mixed up yesterday with to-day. It was Tuesday morning that E and I went to the Meryons etc. After dinner E and I went to the Salmons; that youngest one quite appals me. After tea Lily and I went to the Rebie's to set the photos of all the officers who died in the Afghan war. They lent us two books. L and I went down on the pier and read.

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Cooking class – Mama and E and I went. Mrs Caillard lent us her ticket as Mr Garthorne is so ill that she stays with his wife nearly all day.

Dr Vasey called and brought three tickets for a ball at Cawtts given by the Naval Bachelors so Mama, E and L went – I rather wished I had gone after all as Dr Seymour and Mr White were there. E is horrid; she calls him Fitz Seymour.

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Had some people to tennis: the Mansells, Cobbs, Marlows, Loui Salmon, Mr M'caul, Mr Larking, Henry Webber.

Fowls came in the morning – finished the Golden Horn for Henry to take away.

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

E, L and I went to Southsea in the morning. Brought a pair of gloves and some lace. Had our capes tried on at Wink's. Mama, E and L went to a grand affair at the Grants after dinner: music and tennis.

### **Saturday 19<sup>th,β</sup>**

"4" "John Inglesant". I like it immensely and must get it to read over again. The G.M, accompanied by Miss Sadler and Miss O came. People to tennis. Mama insisted upon my singing to the G.M and Miss S. but I would not, so she sent me to bed. It was an exhibition of temper on Mama's part which she had better have suppressed. Here is another trait in common with her and "the Govnor". It does not touch me in any way as I am only too happy not to have to appear.

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Went to church. Mr McCaul, Wills, Mr Larking and other called in the afternoon. Theodore stayed to tea and he, Emily and Lily wrote sonnets to each other in the most ridiculous way. Transposed "Gates of the West" for Emily.

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Transcribed by Yvonne Riddell

## Gosport Record Fair – On the Mezzanine Floor ( Museum Floor)

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 11am to 3pm

Gosport Record Fair will host over 15 tables of fantastic albums from the very rare to the very popular, along with CDs Cassette Tapes and concert DVDs. A must for any record collector.

FREE Entry

## See the What's On Guide – Spring January to April 2018

For the many other events held at all of the Discovery Centre sites.

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### 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) you need to contact. If it is for the Gosport Museum Collection then it would be Jacqui Ready [jacqui.ready@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:mark.collyer@hants.gov.uk) . Gosport Gallery volunteering contact: Jef Whitcher [enquiries@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](mailto: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 March Newsletter by 17<sup>th</sup> February 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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