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NEWSLETTER JULY/ AUGUST 2021

Gosport Museum and Art Gallery

Friday 4th June to 28th August
Gosport Past and Present Exhibition
Local Artists
Neil Marshall and David Whitson
Thursday to Saturday each week.

Free admission,
www.hampshireculture.org.uk
or Tel: 023 9387 7840

For more information see the Venue
Manager's report.

Makers Market

Gosport Gallery 4th September 2021

For a table
Email: search@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk
showcasing the talents of local crafters,
makers, and artists.

There will be a wide range of goods on offer,
including jewellery, ceramics, paintings,
bags, jams, chutneys, cakes, pies, fabric
garlands, fused glass, and a variety of
handmade gifts.

Report from Chair

Welcome to our mid-summer newsletter, though the current weather when writing this report is not like it should be! We are still awaiting contact with the person who will be arranging a meeting to discuss with us the planning of the new museum. Meanwhile there is a need to review our Association Constitution. Now that the museum is operated by a charitable trust, I have been advised that our fund-raising role could become more of a supporting role for the Trust's applications for grants. We could help in advertising the plans for our local venue, such as the current fund-raiser 'Tag a Tile'. If you have any comments to make about our future, please don't hesitate to contact Ian Jeffery our secretary.

Volunteering is underway in the museum stores and in the room-sets at Search. The artefacts, which were used for social history at Search, are mostly being sorted into groups of objects according to origin – that is from other museums, HQ at Chilcomb or Gosport Museum itself. There are some complications to be dealt with when accession numbers on the objects have worn off over the 30 years of objects being handled by schoolchildren or gifts kindly donated have not been worth accessioning!

I hope you are all well and will be available when the date of our meeting is known, which we hope to be in July when the results of the Planning Application should be known.

Maggie Ventham 22 June 2021

Venue Manager's Report

It has been great to open the building again. In May we welcomed back Both GVA and U3A who hire spaces in the building. In June Gemma the Schools Manager delivered the first school session of the year. We also welcomed a school group into the Gallery for a self-led visit. The end of May saw the long awaited Makers Market, originally programmed for Nov 2020. The event took place over 2 days and was an opportunity for local makers, crafters, and artists to showcase their work and sell unique items. This was our opening event after the Lockdown period and attracted thirty seven stalls and over 600 visitors. It was lovely to see the building busy again. Building on the success of the event another one is planned for September.

At the beginning of June 'Gosport Past and Present' opened in the Gallery. The exhibition showcases the work of 2 local artists, Neil Marshall and David Whitson. Neil paints scenes from Gosport's past with each painting taking up to 40 hours of research. David paints scenes of Gosport today with the town's waterscape featuring in many of them. Objects from the Gosport Museum collection also feature in the displays in the exhibition. For three days during the first week we had a Memory Booth in the Gallery and visitors were able to recount their memories of growing up in the town. The memories will be used to help shape the content of the new museum. The exhibition is popular and attracting good visitor numbers. Due to fantastic support from the volunteers we have been able to open the gallery more days than were originally anticipated and are currently open Tuesday to Saturday.

The plans for the building redevelopment are continuing at pace. The outcome of the planning permission is expected in July and then the building works will be going out to tender. Work on shaping the museum has started. A consultancy company Harra Clark are leading on this. Community groups are starting to get involved in gathering stories and selecting objects. The first ideas for the look of the museum are now being formed. We are hoping to have some artists impressions to share with you all soon. We will be launching the exciting individual giving campaign, 'Tag-a-Tile' at the end of this week in the Gallery. This campaign will give individuals the opportunity to give a minimum donation of £30 and in return they will have a tile inscribed and placed in the new outdoor courtyard as part of the redevelopment. Once building works are completed they will be invited to Private View to see their tile and the building before it re-opens to the public. All monies donated through this campaign will go towards the refurbishment of the building. The donations for tiles can be made online and in person and there is more information on our website about this. They will be similar to the ones along the Millennium walkway at the ferry. Wendy Redman Venue Manager

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Here is the link for the Tag-a-Tile campaign should the Friends members wish to donate for an inscribed tile <https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/tag-a-tile> .

Hampshire Archives Trust (HAT) Local and Community History Month

May was declared the occasion to focus on local history across the nation, spearheaded by the British Association for Local History. I believe that many of us consider that such an initiative is long overdue. There is a growing interest everywhere in family and local history and countless local initiatives are constantly emerging. There are now well over 100 history societies registered in Hampshire. All of these could benefit from greater co-ordination and cooperation with the sharing of experience, research sources and practical advice on how to get started and on-going access to a panel of experts.

We have historically been fortunate in Hampshire that our local authorities have been very supportive of local history. Sadly, this support has now become severely restricted because of the pressure on local government finances. Therefore the Board of the Hampshire Archives Trust has decided that we must step up to the challenge of filling this gap and to preserve and further the cause of historical research in our county. We are committed to a number of initiatives to achieve this objective:-

1. To improve our communication throughout the County with a major investment in our new website, articles in the county journals and a series of webinars.
2. To provide more direct support to societies, we have introduced a programme of grants and over the last two years have provided over £60,000 to enable a wide variety of projects.
3. To support local events, we have created a Calendar facility on our website, so that our Group and Corporate members can use it to post and promote their own events. We, of course, will continue to organise our usual programme of visits to places of Interest for both Individual and Group Members.
4. It is our intention to establish a panel of experts, who will be available for all our Members to consult on a wide range of topics.

We are confident that this programme can prove of real benefit to all the history societies of Hampshire. However we do need your help please to continue and to expand our activities and ask you please to join us by becoming Group Members. We have been funding the entire programme out of Membership fees and from our reserves. Any future growth is dependent upon growth of the Membership. Details of the costs and benefits can be found on our website. www.hampshirearchivestrust.co.uk Do please join us. David Livermore OBE (Chairman HAT)

Rev John Clifford

I'm researching a few generations of the Clifford family of clergymen in Wiltshire, Dorset, Devon and Hampshire before and after the 1662 Act of Uniformity. They were baptised, married, buried or served many places and Alverstoke. They were descended from the estate-owning family at Frampton in Gloucestershire, which originated at Clifford Castle in Herefordshire in the C13th.

I am a member of the Clifford Association 'one name study' group. The founder, Dick Clifford of Hereford, researched the Clifford clergymen in the 1980s, I believe. I have a mostly readable 'copy of a copy' of Dick's hand-written family tree notes. The clergyman, John Clifford. He was baptised at East Knoyle by his father, Samuel, on 11 Nov 1659. Samuel became a Presbyterian during the English Civil War and was 'ejected' from the parish after 1662. He continued to preach around East Knoyle and was succeeded by his son, also Samuel. John certainly served as a minister at the Independent Congregational Church on High Street Gosport, also know as North Quay chapel from 1701 until 1731/32, which was bombed in 1941. Was there a non-conformist burial ground or could he have been buried in St Mary's Alverstok cemetery?
John Clifford Norfolk

History Requests

I am trying to find out when the building which used to be Brockhurst/ Southwells Brewery / Mineral Water Company was built. Also, any information or associated photographs that could save it from the planning application to demolish it.

I am also looking for old photographs of my house Thistleboon House 112 Brockhurst Road and any information to help me date when it was built. Thank you Naomi Walton

We recently acquired the chapel at 102 Grove Road from Gosport Family Church. We are trying to trace the history of the building that dates back to the late 1800s and is a significant by virtue of its age, and significant within Hardway district. Could you see if your archives contain any pictures/postcards. or written references to that chapel, or any map showing the Baptist chapel and would you be so kind as to communicate them to me. I thank you in advance for your search on our behalf. For Gosport Waterfront Baptist Church leadership team. Pierre Robinson, deacon pierre@gosportwaterfrontbaptistchurch.org

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Joined since 1st November 2020 your subscription lasts to 1st April 2022.

Would You Like to Volunteer?

If you would like to volunteer for SEARCH it would be Wendy at wendy.redman@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk or for the Museum and Gallery Katie Andrews VSA katie.andrews@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk as Katie is part-time please allow her time to get back to you as not in every day. Thank you

If you have information, articles, events or photos that may be of interest to Friends of Gosport Museum for the September Newsletter by 21st August or earlier if you can to: Ian Jeffery 11 Harcourt Rd, Gosport, Hants PO12 3NR ian@gosport.info

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