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*NEWSLETTER SPRING 2022*

## Gosport Museum and Art Gallery

Now closed but you can find them on the High Street  
Gosport in 'One of a Kind' next door to Ladbrokes.  
Walking to the Ferry its on the right side

This spring, local makers from Gosport will be showcasing their work at a new pop-up shop, One of a Kind, on Gosport High Street.

The shop has been created to continue the presence of Gosport Gallery, operated by Hampshire Cultural Trust, in the community while its home at the Old Grammar School is refurbished.

124 High Street, Gosport, Hants PO12 1DU



One of a Kind (Gosport Museum and Art Gallery presence in the High Street)

## Report from the Chair

Welcome to our Spring newsletter, as an association we are keeping going and will support the Hampshire Cultural Trust's re-development of the Museum and Art Gallery – Gmag for short! You will read our Venue Manager's contribution in this newsletter, Wendy Redman and her team have done a very good job providing another shop in the High St to replace the previous rental which was not usable. Please visit "One of a Kind" next door to Ladbrokes, it's a much better bet! The Makers and Crafters, who showed their work at the 'Festive Fair at the Fort' in 2021, are using the shop to sell their work. There is a meeting space at the rear which is for hire.

The importance of income and maintaining contact with local people cannot be over-emphasised. Current delays with materials and labour have hopefully been solved. As the work progresses, we hope more local funds can be given for the Tag-a Tile effort. These are tiles, similar to the Millennium Walkway bricks, with people's names etc. They are £30 each and donation leaflets are available in the shop. We have given from FoGMs and hope as individual members you also will. Our subscriptions are due, these cover the cost of printing and postage and have not risen for years. When everything re-opens the committee will meet you all and plan the future of our association. Meanwhile, probably later this year, the Gosport Society will be publishing a book about the Heritage of Gosport which includes a chapter on the history of our museum. Maggie Ventham 28/03/22

## Venue Managers News

The venue team have had a busy time preparing the building for the redevelopment works to begin and moving to temporary locations for service delivery. Unfortunately building work was unable to begin on 31 Jan as planned however has now started. The later than planned start will have an effect on the completion date pushing it into the autumn.

Plans for the new museum display are progressing well. Consultants from Hara Clark have completed the community engagement element of the process to select objects and write the text to accompany them. The plans for the main displays and the interpretation for them are in the final stages. Some items for future display have been transported to Winchester for conservation work over the next few months. Collection lead for Culture Hubs, Jenny Stevens, has been working in the stores to update the location of items and add this information to Modes, the digital system used to record HCT museum collections. Volunteers have sorted and grouped the handling collections at SEARCH. Items from the education collection have been selected for Reminiscence boxes, new Schools Loans Boxes, displays in the Curiosity Cabinets in the new café area, and for display in the rest of the venue following the redevelopment.

Any education items not part of the Gosport collection that are no longer required were offered to HCT Venues, museums outside of our organisation, and other heritage associated learning providers. The items linked to washing have been relocated to Milestones Museum to create a Washday display with demonstrations planned. The remaining Royal themed items were taken by Westbury Manor Museum for use in a display to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Other organisations who rehomed items include The New Forest Museum, The Memory Box Project (Wessex Heritage Trust), Pedlars and Petticoats, Museums and More, Creative History, and The Army Flying Museum.

A conscious effort has been made to ensure that any furniture and resources that are now surplus to requirement were either rehomed or recycled. Ninety plastic chairs were donated to be sent to a school in Africa. Over 100 stools and 12 large tables were given to St John's Primary School. Two tables were rehomed by the Elson Hub. Workbenches, a till, and a retail unit are being put to good use by a new charity shop opening on Stoke Road. The glass panels from display units have been recycled by Gosport and Fareham Glass. Other items have been taken by local individuals.

In February we opened our pop-up venue on Gosport High Street. 'One of a Kind', at 124 High Street, will be featuring the work of local creatives and giving them an outlet to sell the items they make. Each month a maximum of 6 makers will be given the opportunity to sell their items in the shop unit. In Feb we began with 4 makers and we have received positive feedback from both visitors and makers. The space is also being used for groups to meet and a base from which to operate the Schools Loans Box service. Mini exhibitions are planned for April and May linked to Falklands 40 and the Platinum Jubilee. We were approached by Michelle Lees from the Heritage Action Zone to co-author a proposal for presentations at the upcoming Social History Curator's Group conference in June. A joint submission was put in sharing all about the innovative co-curation approach used to develop the GMAG museum, and was successful. This will be an amazing opportunity to share more about the fantastic work happening in Gosport with colleagues at the conference.

The Tag-a-Tile fundraising campaign has continued and will do so until the end of Easter. Over 200 of the tiles have been taken and over £9000 raised which is amazing. Thank you to those members that have donated. To find out more or donate please follow this link. <https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/event/tag-tile> Wendy Redman



Museum Display Image

Website – fogm.org.uk (www.friendsofgosportmuseum.org.uk can also be used)

If you have tried to use the website over the last few months you may have seen some strange things, starting with a website for boutique clothing (what ever that is), I wonder if a clothing manufacture hacked or arranged for the hacking of the site to publicize their clothing. It was a problem sorting it out but it could have been worse. While in contact with the company that host the site, it seemed as if it was an opportunity for them to sell a number of services, when I was wanting their help. When the site was sorted out I realized that the Friends of Gosport Museum would not in future be able to afford these items so looked at moving it to another hosting company. I asked David Moore about the one he uses and he said has not had any problems in the years he has used them. So made the move. It also allowed me to separate the site account from the other two that I look after. They are cheaper for some items and include features in the annual fee that the other charges for. They did help with the move but it took longer (6 weeks) to move and setup. I should be back to normal now though I know there are items to update. If you do go on the site and come across a problem please let me know. Ian

### First Visit to the Town Centre since early March 2020 (except a walk to the Ferry Gdns)

I was invited to meet Paul Sapwell of the Hampshire Cultural and we met in the afternoon of 12<sup>th</sup> April. The meeting was due for 2:30pm but as I was a bit early and it was drizzling, I spent a short amount of time under the entrance of the old Clarks shop. While I was outside the shop, Wendy Redman came past, she had been looking at a possible item for the foyer of the new Gosport Museum and Art Gallery (Gmag). Wendy said, that the work is going very well on the refurbishment, with the car park stripped out as well as the main rooms which has shown the space in the rooms that is available.

After Wendy went to the shop I walked to Costa Coffee as about the time, popped in and saw a few people, I had thought before how will I know who he is, but now in the coffee shop, this became more obvious, so I went to the One of a Kind shop to see if I could ask Wendy what Paul looked like. Not only was Wendy there, the back room so was Paul who she said had also asked what I looked like. I will go back to take a proper look around the shop as it seems there are some very interesting items there.

I must say meeting with Paul who is very enthusiastic about all the sites that are looked after by the Hampshire Cultural Trust and pleased that the work has started on 'Gmag', he also appreciates the support of Gosport Borough Council, both Councillors and Officers. I am pleased to hear the corridor from the front to the Gallery has been reinstated, I suppose the more money they have the more they can put in. Ian

## Subscriptions for Friends of Gosport Museum 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

The subscriptions for 2022/23 are due, there should be enclosed or attached a subscription reminder. If you do not have one please let me know or download from the website [fogm.org.uk](http://fogm.org.uk) the 'Join the Friends of Gosport Museum' page.

Still £6 for an individual and £9 for a couple at the same address.

If you joined from November 2021 your membership is paid to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

If you have already paid or have a standing order thank you.

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Joined since 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 your subscription lasts to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

### 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) or for the Museum and Gallery Katie Andrews VSA [katie.andrews@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](mailto:katie.andrews@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk) as Katie Andrews is part-time please allow her time to get back to you as she is not in every day. New Schools Manager Alex Bogard [Alex.Bogard@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](mailto:Alex.Bogard@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk) Thank you.

If you have information, articles, events or photos that may be of interest to Friends of Gosport Museum for the May (though probably 'late spring or early summer' Newsletter when you can, if you do plan to send something please let me know so I know I have something for the newsletter, to: Ian Jeffery 11 Harcourt Rd, Gosport, Hants PO12 3NR [ian@gosport.info](mailto:ian@gosport.info)

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