



BRAMSHOTT AND LIPHOOK HERITAGE SOCIETY

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More sad news In our last newsletter we reported our Vice Chairman, Ian Baker, was in very poor health. Ian died last Autumn and was fondly remembered in the Community Magazine in an article compiled by Jenny Croucher.

You can read the article here, if you are willing to watch the adverts!
<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/67437387/liphook-community-magazine-winter-2022>

The Heritage Centre prepared a tribute to Ian at his funeral and provided photographs for the montage at the ceremony. Ian's contributions to the Heritage Centre continue as all of his personal archives have been donated to the Heritage Centre and work has commenced on recording it all.

Dates for your Diary

AGM 12th April 2023 at 7 pm

Visit to Petersfield Museum- Wednesday 3rd May

[more details on both events below]

Liphook Now and Then

You might find the narrated slide show of 'Liphook then and now 1980 ' interesting. It records the changes to the Parish up to 1980, but of course since then the Parish has developed even further!

<http://bit.ly/3XzQZPU> [copy this link into your web browser]

It was created by Richard King and the late Adrian Bird for the Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society [Now the Bramshott and Liphook Heritage Society]

Heritage Centre News

Since The last report our volunteers in the Heritage Centre have been continuing the work of recording the memories of local residents for an Oral History Project.

Sales of books has increased with the introduction of a Souvenir book on the Development of Liphook, which proved extremely popular during the Christmas Period. We have a few copies left and they are available from the Heritage Centre during opening hours, or order via email.

Two new 'displays' have been introduced recently.

1. Bramshott & Liphook in Pictures. For this Display we have brought out of storage all our framed pictures. They are now on show in the Heritage Centre and there is a brief catalogue for reference.
2. The History of the Liphook Carnival. This display covers the area across the landing just outside the Centre. . Two Display boards show a random selection of photographs of some of the Carnival floats over the years and we will also be adding our digital photographs to a laptop to play on a continuous loop. A section on Fundraising events and a display of original programmes over the years provides a very colourful display. We are hoping that the Carnival Committee will contribute with photos of Carnival 2022 and information on how the Carnival will progress in the future and have offered them one of our display boards for this purpose.
3. With original correspondence , Minutes Books, Accounts and documents of the founding of the Carnival, and programmes going back to 1924, there is far more information than we have room to show. However, we intend to make all of the Carnival Archive available on request and offer assistance to anyone who would like to see rarer items such as minute books, letters etc.

We continue to upgrade our records as new material is donated. We are currently preparing the recently acquired Ian Baker archive in order to store it digitally.

Work to upgrade the storage boxes continues slowly but surely!

Visit to the Old Post Office 23/11/22



At the end of last year Damien Blower, of Steadman Blower, welcomed members of the Society for a tour of the Old Post Office and gave us a talk on the work that has been completed to conserve the building.

Many of you may have noticed the amazing restoration of The Old Post Office, No.6 The Square, Liphook. This building is one of a cluster around the square that are some of the oldest buildings in the parish. During the renovation several fascinating features were unearthed and have been beautifully restored.

Damien firmly believes that as the property owner he has a responsibility to conserve the building for future generations. Although the work has been extensive they have taken every care to preserve the features of the building. He does, however, believe that the building should evolve and today's building has been transformed from a 17th Century cottage by a series of extensions and alterations, over a 400 year period, and evidence can be found throughout the building .

There are now two flats on the upper floor, a basement beneath and an open space office area. The original basement was excavated to allow sufficient headroom which was only just possible as they hit bedrock at the finished level.

A steel frame has been installed to form the ceiling of the basement and support the floor of the office area. Further steel framing supports the upper floor and helps retain the front wall which had previously started to lean outwards. The framing is all concealed mostly by the use of the original wooden beams which have been used to hide the steel above.

Later in 2023 we have been invited to return to see the progress in the work which will include a new studio for the Architects and repurposing of the current office space. We will keep you informed once we have a date.

Don Eades Photographic Collection



On Wednesday 3rd May at 17.00 We have been invited to visit Petersfield Museum to learn more about the Don Eades photographic collection.

Don was the 'go to' photographer for all the local newspapers. He photographed every kind of occasion, from major news stories to community events. In 2015 Don donated his collection of over 100,000 photographic negatives to the Museum.

The whole collection is being digitised and archived. We will meet some of the team of volunteers who are undertaking this huge project and they will talk us through the whole story so far and their future intentions.

The entry fee to the museum is £6 per head. As spaces will be limited we are only opening the event to members of the Society. However, if you know somebody who wishes to attend they can become a member of the Society for only £10 which will give them access to all events and visits for 12 months! Please contact Michael Croucher michaelcroucher@hotmail.co.uk to be included

AGM 12th April 2023, 7.00pm

The meeting will be held in the Canada Room at the Liphook Millennium Hall. After the formal business is complete we will have the opportunity to visit the Heritage Centre and catch up on the latest exhibitions on Liphook Carnival and Bramshott & Liphook in pictures.