



# NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2016

Bramshott and Liphook Preservation  
Society

REGISTERED AS A CHARITY NO. 281559  
PRESIDENT: TONY RUDGARD MBE

**THE HERITAGE CENTRE** WILL BE OPEN FROM  
7PM ON THE EVENING OF THE AGM (UNTIL  
7-55PM) WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND  
TALK TO OUR VOLUNTEERS BEFORE THE START OF  
THE AGM

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's AGM will be held on **Thursday 31st March** at 8PM in  
the CANADA ROOM at the LIPHOOK MILLENNIUM CENTRE

#### AGENDA

1. **President's opening remarks**
2. **Apologies** for absence
3. **Minutes of last AGM** and matters arising
4. **Officers' reports** for the past year:
  - (i) Chairman's report
  - (ii) Honorary Treasurer's report
  - (iii) Honorary Secretary's report

*QUESTIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THE OFFICERS' REPORTS*

5. **Election of Officers and Committee**
6. **Any other business**

#### after the formal business of the evening ...

There will be another of Ian Baker's challenging photo-quizzes

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

**Nominations** (in writing, proposed and seconded by fellow-Members and with the candidate's agreement) **should reach the Society at Mallards, Bramshott** (see below) **no later than Friday 18th March**

The usual appeal for new faces to stand for election to the Society's Committee: please talk to a serving committee member for more details about what is involved.

At risk of tedious repetition over the years, the office of Honorary Secretary remains vacant, so if anyone is interested in taking on this job—or part of it—we are especially keen to hear from them!

The terms of the Society's constitution allow up to 12 Committee members, including Officers.

### OFFICERS and COMMITTEE standing for re-election

<b>Adrian Bird</b>	CHAIRMAN	
<b>Ian Baker</b>	VICE-CHAIRMAN	
<b>David Barfield</b>	TREASURER	<b>Michael Croucher</b>
<b>Still vacant!</b>	SECRETARY	<b>Kay Murray</b>
		<b>Philip Jordan</b>
<b>Peter Harris</b>	(distribution)	<b>Paul Robinson</b>
<b>Janet Marr</b>	(publications)	
<b>John Hilder</b>	(membership)	



## ARIANE GILES

We are very sad to have to report Laurence Giles' widow, Ariane, died last month at the very respectable age of 99. She was a lady of great enthusiasm and contributed greatly to the success of Laurence's studies into our history, in particular by both driving him on and by telling him when to take a break! We reproduce here the picture taken of her at the opening of the Heritage Centre, an occasion on which Ariane thoroughly enjoyed herself. Our sympathies go to their daughter Monica and son Jacques: the Society was represented at her funeral by two committee members.

Edward Roberts (mentioned in our last Newsletter in the context of his expert analyses of Bramshott Manor and other historic Hampshire houses) observes

"What a remarkably clever and energetic couple they were. Both great walkers into late life: I recall Laurence saying to me that when he first went to visit Ariane's family in Switzerland he asked how long it would take to climb a mountain and was told 'two and a half hours; or if you go with Ariane, two hours!'



**Liphook  
Heritage  
Centre**  
the Laurence Giles  
local archive

*Normal opening times  
are 10am - 12 noon on  
Mondays and Fridays  
and from 2pm - 4pm on  
Wednesdays.*

## NEWS FROM THE HERITAGE CENTRE

The Heritage Centre continues to be a valued attraction for residents and visitors to Liphook, attracting many through its doors every week. As reported in the last Newsletter, there are currently three displays: The Seven Thorns (The Spaniard), Moss Edge Tools and the Rex Cinema. These displays are proving very popular and there is a very nice article on them in the latest Liphook Community Magazine.

Never standing still, our volunteers are currently working on a display which will be available for viewing later in the year. This year is the anniversary of the arrival of one of Liphook's most famous residents - Flora Thompson. Coincidentally it is 500 years since the start of Royal Mail. We will have an update at our AGM as to the progress of these two displays. If anyone is interested in helping our volunteers (even on a casual basis), they would be very pleased to hear from you. For an informal chat, you can pop along to the Heritage Centre.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

There are still a few of our valued Members who haven't renewed their subscriptions (£5) yet:

if you know who you are, please help us by sending it (with your details) to our Membership Secretary JOHN HILDER

at THE OLD STORES, CONFORD, LIPHOOK GU30 7QN 01428 751898

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The River Wey Trust can also be contacted there.



## PLANNING

We have objected to the application at **Lowsley Farm** which—in its original form, at least—proposed radical alterations in The Square to speed up traffic flow: this would have been a leap back to the dark days of the late 1970s and 1980s when the centre of the village was a 'failing' environment. There are usually two main traffic peaks—school time—and for a bit of inconvenience it seems ridiculous to turn the clock back with such disastrous results: we should be looking at making the area even more enjoyable, not less so.

We are uncomfortable with the thought of relief roads, as these seem to bring excessive development with them, which in the longer term (apart from the highly improbable—and impractical—event of a complete inner bypass) becomes self-defeating; on the other hand, it does seem to be missing opportunities if the road layouts of new developments have been designed

with no thought of one day connecting through with (possible future) adjacent developments.

Subsequently—in response to objections from all sorts of local voices—the proposals for any work in The Square appear to have been dropped: these were, it seems, largely driven by the county council and, instead, a sum of money will go into their pot for (unspecified?, local?) highways 'improvements' - less worse, hopefully, than wrecking The Square all over again.

Part of the problem has been a lack of overview (and consensus) as to where a reasonable scale and sequence of developments might be located. The Parish's **Neighbourhood Development Plan** has at last found a chairman to lead this vital exercise: she is Susan Garnett, newish Parish Councilor and retired Barrister, who lives on the northern fringes of the Parish (and is therefore perfectly placed in terms of—on the one hand—detachment and—on the other—local involvement). It will be good to see some action on this process that promises so much and—like it or not—is a vital part of mapping out the future of (in particular) Liphook.



REMEMBER THIS ? THE SQUARE IN 1977 .... NOT SURE WHERE ALL THE TRAFFIC HAS GONE (EVEN THEN)!