



# NEWSLETTER

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Society

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# DIARY

THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TREE OFFICER

8pm in the CANADA ROOM—LIPHOOK MILLENNIUM CENTRE

**ADELE POULTON** is the Arboricultural Officer at East Hampshire District Council who for many years has had the responsibility for our half of the District.

She will tell us about her role in the planning process, about Tree Preservation Orders and trees in Conservation Areas and how urgent issues are handled ... and something about the trees themselves.

AS IS NOW THE 'CUSTOM', THE HERITAGE CENTRE WILL BE OPEN FROM 7.30 PM ON THIS EVENING—A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR A SLIGHTLY PRIVATE VIEWING OF THE CURRENT EXHIBITIONS (SEE REPORT OVERLEAF)

## BRAMSHOTT LANES

We are planning another session early in the new year (late January/early February), with possibly a slightly different one—not involving significant work to trees—in December. We will be emailing our regular volunteers with details in advance of either session but anyone not on our regular list who'd like to join in (always on a Saturday morning) please drop us an email, and we will keep you informed.

BRAMSHOTT LANES PROJECT

## The River Wey Trust's Annual Public Meeting

is on Wednesday,  
16th November:  
8pm at Conford  
Village Hall

Annual reports will be presented and the speaker will be  
RWT Trustee  
**LYN HEIGL**  
**THE SELBORNE RAM**

## bringing water to the village

we take a healthy water supply for granted— but initially this was a local enterprise using available technology and only gradually turned into the network that we rely on today

All welcome!



# Liphook Heritage Centre

the Laurence Giles local archive

The Centre's two main exhibitions are continuing for a little longer—so do go and see them if you haven't visited recently: they are the **Flora Thompson 100th** anniversary of her coming to Liphook, and (not unrelated!) **500 Years of Royal Mail** which charts its progress in general, and the Liphook area in

particular. The first World War display can still be seen (with memories from Liphook and District during WWI) as well as the unique collection of hand made Moss edge tools. The postal exhibition, in particular, has attracted several additional contributions over the past few weeks—fulfilling a key purpose of the Heritage Centre.

The Centre continues to evolve—more display panels are coming (thanks to two substantial recent donations); and our archiving standards are progressively being upgraded with more and more documents being kept in professional archive-standard 'pouches' (prioritising most-viewed and most delicate documents). Our Volunteers continue to do a fantastic job, with unfailing enthusiasm and mounting knowledge: they are still keen to share these attributes with more volunteers as the workload grows at the Centre, and new themes such the Oral History project evolve. If anyone reading this is interested in becoming involved, do contact the Centre [www.liphookheritage.org.uk/](http://www.liphookheritage.org.uk/)

.... talking of anniversaries, whilst we can't match Flora's one-hundredth, Autumn 2017 will be your Society's fiftieth—we are planning to celebrate this achievement: more details in forthcoming Newsletters (and we are open to ideas!)

Short of Christmas present ideas? Don't forget our range of publications—very readable, even for those who don't live here! On sale in the HERITAGE CENTRE and some local shops including Gables Newsagents in the Square



The biennial Bramshott Open Gardens last June – as well as offering a fantastic local weekend – gave the Preservation Society, along with the other recipients, a fantastic £2800 each: as usual a share (£800 this time) is being passed on to the River Wey Trust for projects on its Bramshott stretch of the Wey; the balance goes towards our Bramshott Lanes

Project's tree work but we expect to involve ourselves with the wider Bramshott project of maintaining the stone-faced banks that line many of our sunken lanes, and which take a battering these days from oversize vehicles and overfast driving – if nothing is done we will lose these distinctive bits of ancient street furnishing.



THE CHURCH TRIANGLE—PROBABLY THE TRIGGER FOR THE NEW PROJECT—MAINLY DAMAGE BY LARGE VEHICLES

Lanes project: to keep trees and banks in equilibrium), with this particularly evident in Church Lane where wear and tear on the roadway has cut down to the Bargate stone, which forms a 'natural' kerb to the carriageway.

These walls are particularly evident where the banks are less high—the deeper the lane, the more it relies on the geology to hold things together (hence the origin of our



WHERE'S THE WALL? MORE HEAVY VEHICLE DAMAGE—JUNCTION OF CHURCH LANE AND TUBRIDGE LANE (NOT HELPED BY BT HAVING DUG, A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, A TRENCH SO CLOSE TO THE WALL THAT IT MAY HAVE UNDERMINED IT)



WALLS IN RECTORY LANE DISPLAYING TYPICAL ISSUES — LEFT PROGRESSIVE EROSION AND INSTABILITY DUE TO TREE ROOTS AND WEIGHT; CENTRE PROBABLY DAMAGE BY A LARGE VEHICLE PULLING OVER TOO FAR; RIGHT PROBABLY A MIXTURE OF ADDED OVERBURDEN, RAISED WALL (IN A 'HARD' MORTAR) AND SHRUB GROWTH

