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THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER

DIARY

The Mary Rose

Our Speaker David Childs is a retired Royal Navy commander and an acknowledged expert on Tudor naval history: he has written several books on the subject, including "The Warship Mary Rose".

He is the former Development Director of the Mary Rose Trust and helped to establish the new Museum. He is also an instigator of the National Memorial Arboretum.

8pm in the CANADA ROOM—MILLENNIUM CENTRE

As usual, the Heritage Centre will be open before the meeting, from 7pm o'clock.

FERNHURST FURNACE OPEN WEEKEND

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th—for those of you who see this in time: a great event with lots going on and featuring the Northpark iron furnace site.

Details at http://www.fernhurstfurnace.co.uk/events.html

We have been asked to publicise the

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATION

a programme of light classical music to be held at St. Mary's Church. Bramshott, on

Saturday, 22nd September, at 7.30 pm.

Tickets £15 (to include light refreshments) can be purchased on the door, and the concert is dedicated to Tony and Brenda Halsey.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Two Preservation Society committee members—Peter Harris and Adrian Bird—have joined NDP Steering Group member Roger Miller to work with him on the Heritage and Design Working Party.



OLD ANCHOR GARAGE

There is currently a planning application with East Hampshire for the former Garage which involves making it into a small cinema and restaurant with two small houses at the back. The site is bigger than you'd thing from looking at it; the original 2-storey building (the most interesting bit of architecture) would stay relatively unchanged from the street elevation, and the less beautiful bit to the right might be made to look a bit more 'in keeping'. This sort of use might enliven the Conservation Area a bit: the applicants apparently are experienced in running cinemas, so this seems to an application with some substance. Interesting!

HERITAGE CENTRE NEWS

We had a steady flow of visitors, with our Saturday openings proving the most popular.

Currently we are working on an exhibition based on the Women's Royal Army Corps and Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps after World War 2, when Huron Camp (on Bramshott common the Hewshott side of the A3) became the WRAC's School of instruction (1947-1966) and Ontario Camp (near the Wagonners Wells carpark and renamed Queen Alexandra's) which was occupied by the Depot and Training Establishment QARANC from 1949-1966.

This exhibition will in due course replace the Berg Estate display, which will remain 'on file' for anyone to access. Matthew Goodwin from the Hampshire Records Office has contacted us to see if we would contribute to their WW1 exhibition in the Records Office; and Matthew Treacy from BBC South Today has contacted us asking for information on the Spanish Flu Epidemic and other aspects of the area WW1 in the area, for a possible interview.

We have received the late Terry Smithers' Archive, which includes a copy of the circa 1620 map. Terry passed away recently, having moved to the south coast a while back: he worked closely with Laurence Giles and undertook a lot of photography for him. Working with other similarly purposed individuals and nearby organisations is an important part of our task and we are meeting Katherine Mills, Curator and



Manager of the Petersfield Museum to discuss her proposals on working together with them in preserving the area's history.

Current affairs! - 2 of our Volunteers attended a Fire Training Day at the Millennium Centre. We are always on the lookout for more committed Volunteers—there is more to it than just Fire Training (essential as that is)!