

FRIENDS OF GOSPORT MUSEUM

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NEWSLETTER

MAY/ JUNE 2011

AGM 12th May 2011

7:30pm Studio Discovery Centre

Followed by a talk by

Mary Duly *on*

Gosport's Italian Count

George Des Geneys 1848-91

22nd September Talk

7:30pm Studio Discovery Centre

'Alverstoke Charter of Liberty'

Joan Russell, Maggie Ventham

Friends of Gosport Museum

Informal Coffee Meeting

in the Discovery Centre 10:30pm
every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Meetings before next Newsletter

Thursday 14th April

Thursday 12th May

Thursday 9th June

For around 1 hour

meet at Readers' Rest Café

PLEASE BRING THIS TO THE AGM

AGM 12th May 2011

Agenda

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Minutes of AGM 10th May 2010
3. Matters Arising from Minutes of AGM 10th May 2010
4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Membership Secretary's Report
8. Newsletter Editor's Report
9. Project Director's Report
10. Election of Officers & Committee Membership
11. Manager's Report
12. AOB

Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 10th May 2010

1 The Chairman, Sydney Aynsworth, took the chair and welcomed the members present, about 20,

2. There were apologies from Bob and Brenda Whiteley, Joyce Upperton, Linda Hedley and Mary Duly.

3 The minutes of the AGM held on April 27th. 2009 were circulated and approved., proposed by Mary Colyer and seconded by Joan Symonds.

4 There were no matters arising.

5 Chairman's Report - (a summary- full report in the Newsletter) A good year, including a Martin Snape exhibition, another by Colin Baxter, and recently an excellent Open Art Competition, all in the Gallery. There was a good attendance at the lectures, on Martin Snape and later by Gill Arnott on "Old Maps of Hampshire". We had a happy Christmas Party, and small gifts were then taken to the War Memorial Hospital.

Some of the Friends have been working regularly in the sorting and cataloguing of material in the museum. Friends also helped with a school group with their memories of the 30's, 40's, 50's, and 60's, and also with a Geology workshop and lecture.

In the summer Mary Duly ran a very good visit to Portsmouth Cathedral and the Royal Marine Museum. We have also made possible the purchase of a most interesting painting of Gosport High Street about 1948, to be hung in the Town Hall.

Lastly, we must thank Joan Russell who is retiring as Project Director for all her inspiration and solid hard work, without which the Friends, and perhaps the Museum, would not exist.

6 Secretary's Report - We receive regularly booklets from the BAFM and from Gosport Voluntary Action: an Email version may be available. Please let me know if you are happy to receive information. by Email, as this greatly lessens our expenses. . I have at present forms for the outing on July 10th. to the Russell-Cotes Museum, and for the BAFM conference at Selborne on Monday September 6th.

7 Treasurer's Report - summary

Balance 1/04/09	£1804.29
Income	£1083.50
Expenditure	£1177.56
Balance C/F 31/3/10.	£1710.23

Income was from membership fees £253.50, the visit £130 and a special grant of £700 from the Council for the purchase of the Gosport picture mentioned above. Main expenditure items were BAFM membership £50, Newsletters £165, R.M. museum visit £62, Speakers £60, donation to SEARCH for display boards £500, and the Art Competition prizes £100.

We are not now paying Public Liability insurance.

8 Membership Secretary's Report - The secretary gave the report, sent by Linda Hedley - summary - We have 57 paid up members, and probably there will be a few more. We welcome as new members Mrs. J. Carr and Mrs. D. Robinson. Also 4 of the Discovery Centre staff who have been working in the museum as volunteers on their days off: the Committee has agreed to give them free membership this year. Erica Munro has designed an excellent new membership form, with more all round information. The challenge is now for everyone to sign up 2 new member each. The Chairman then thanked all the Museum staff for all their very good work.

9 Newsletter Editor's Report - We are now producing 6 newsletters a year. Any items are welcome - halfway through the preceding month. If you can receive them by Email, please let me know. Copies are sent to all members, with some to other organizations, the Town Hall and the Joint Management Committee. The next edition will have notice of the talk on September 23rd..

10 Project Director's Report - the Thorngate booklet is not quite complete, due to some typing problems, but hopefully will soon be finished. Joan said this would be her last report for this position - and was again heartily thanked by everyone.

11 Robert Gasser was welcomed to the Friends.

Election of Committee - Janet Wildman took the chair for this, as the President was unwell. . The existing Committee was then elected en bloc, with general support. There were no votes against, and no abstentions. The Chairman said there are vacancies for Vice- Chairman and Project Director, and encouraged anyone interested to speak to one of the Committee.

12 Manager's Report - (Summary - full report in the Newsletter)

Janet Wildman explained the new organisation of the Museum and SEARCH within the Discovery Centre - now much more integrated. She is now the Manager of Museum Services, and there are 6 other staff members. There was an improvement in marketing thanks to both Erica Munro and Sarah Greenaway. Dr. Janet Owen is the new Head of Museum Services for Hampshire.

Visitor figures for the last year are up considerably, with increased variety of clients and programmes. Gosport is in the Top Ten in S.E. England for children's visits. The Gallery had 8 different exhibitions, some locally organised and some put on by the County, all supported by lively events .This year had a great start, with a Planetarium Dome display and lecture. More volunteers are coming forward, tackling a variety of jobs.

Future plans are exciting. The Gallery has a special summer programme, with music events and sand sculpture, and later in the year an exhibition of children's book illustrations and another of Local Heroes. Also in the spring will be the first showing of .photos from the important Lawrence collection - this will have great future possibilities.

It is hoped that a new interactive display in the Geology Gallery to replace the Time Machine may be possible - we hope that Friends will fundraise for this. Overall, a very positive and encouraging year. Janet gave details of an exciting programme for 2010

13 Reminder - coach outing on July 10th to Russell-Cotes Museum

Joan Russell gave a special vote of thanks to all the staff for their exceptional efforts this year.

After the business meeting, we enjoyed a fascinating and very amusing talk from Ruth Warren on her very varied memories of travelling as it used to be. Thank you , Ruth.

Committee Officer and Members Nominations 2011/12

Chairman	Sydney Aynsworth
Vice Chairman	Margaret Ventham
Treasurer	David Moore
Secretary	Ian Jeffery
Membership Secretary	Linda Hedley
Newsletter Editor	Ian Jeffery
Project Director	Joan Russell

Other committee members: Mary Duly, Mary Colyer, Mike Leopold

All nominees have agreed to stand and have been proposed and seconded by members, details held by the secretary.

There are vacancies for Officers and Committee members, so if you are interested in joining us mention it to us and, even if after the AGM as the committee can co-opt members, so please ask.

Summer Outings

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Museum

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Committee Members
Mary Colyer
Mary Duly
Michael Leopold
Margaret Ventham

Mary Duly has been running the summer outings for many years now, but has noticed with concern that the numbers choosing to book have steadily gone down requiring a lot of effort, and causing a certain amount of worry on her part, to fill even a small coach. She also finds it is difficult to decide on a suitable destination when there is this uncertainty about the success of the venture. So at our last Committee meeting we decided to raise the question as to whether we should continue with this activity. Mary feels perhaps that many FGM members are the sort of active people who are either very busy and involved locally or going on holiday, also that our small membership base does make the organising of outings problematical.

It is important that you let us know your opinion – the AGM would be a good opportunity. Or can you suggest any other welcome activity.

To be honest, Mary feels she has done this long enough ...is there a volunteer out there? MD

Subscriptions

The subscription for the year 2011/12 is due from 1st April 2011, £5 for a single and £7.50 for a joint membership. Please send your payment to Linda Hedley, you could pay at the AGM on the 12th May. If you wish to pay by standing order, contact David Moore. Ian

If you have any information or photos that you think may be of interest to members of the Friends of Gosport Museum or others, please let me have them by post or email, details below, by 17th June for the July/ August Newsletter, include details for events in early September 2011. In the last couple of years I have not had enough items to prepare a July/ August Newsletter, so if you have something please let me have your item as soon as you can, thank you. Ian

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