



# Gosport Society

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## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023



### Gosport Society's Gazebo at 'The Michaelmas Fayre' 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### Chairmans Report.

My thanks must go to our members who have been able to attend our Speakers Meeting and Events over the previous 12 months, our visits to local places of interest, such as UK Docks and, The 16<sup>th</sup> Century Village have been well attended.

#### Michaelmas Fayre 2023

We are pleased to report that we were successful in selling Gosport Society publications and promoting new membership. Our thanks to Jude Feeney, John Hoar, Julie Westerby, Diane Furlong for staffing the Gosport Society Gazebo.

We were also pleased to see our members who called by to visit to stand during the day, Sue Coutney, Veronica Moore, Veronica Giles and Sue Blower. (I hope I have not missed anyone).

Our efforts resulted in 7 new members signing up on the day.

Total Takings on the day.	£170.50
Less Float	<u>£7.00</u>
	£163.50
Less 7 new members at £6.00 (half year rate) -	£42.00
<u>Therefore, sale of publications amount to</u>	<u>£121.50</u>

A resounding good effort!

**Publication Sales**

Fortunately, we have taken advantage of the Tourist Information Office opening again, our publications are on sale again. This took longer to arrange due to the lack of a Publicity Supervisor.

**Gosport Society Archives**

We previously reported that our archives had been better organised and a telephone survey from Alister Dougall (HAT's - Hampshire Archives Trust ) had been received regarding digital recording of historical listings of print, we subsequently contacted David Livermore (HAT.s) on the 20<sup>th</sup> September to express our interest in seeking advice. We are currently awaiting a response.

**Speakers Meetings and Events**

For those who do not regularly visit our Gosport Society Web page ([www.gosportsociety.co.uk](http://www.gosportsociety.co.uk)), I list the following details of our remaining Speakers Meetings at The Maritime Centre, Bay House School and Events for the 2023/24 season.

**30<sup>th</sup> September 2023** – Gosport Society's attendance at The Michaelmas Fayre. (Selling Gosport Society Publications).

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2023** – Speaker -Mike Williams – Working in the Portsmouth Royal Dockyard.

**27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**– Visit to QinetiQ Research Establishment Haslar Road Gosport.

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2023** –Speaker - Colin van Geffen – The story of Lucy Houston, an amazing lady who was a forward-thinking activist, campaigner and philanthropist, who supported amongst many other things, the Britain's Schneider Trophy entry, and subsequently the 'Spitfire' development that saved the nation.

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2023** – Gosport Society Gazebo at High Street Gosport, helping promote HAZ and selling Gosport Society Publications.

**There are no meetings in December or January 2024.**

**14<sup>th</sup> February 2024** – Speaker - John Hoar – The Story of Peter Calloghan 1894. – 'A Son of Hardway.'

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.** – Speaker -Richard Jones – Ship Wrecks of the Solent / Isle of Wight.  
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**April 2024** – Gosport Society visit to Grange Airfield Museum. Courtesy of The Commanding Officer HMS Sultan. DATE TO BE CONFIRMED.

**8<sup>th</sup> May 2024** – Portsmouth Royal Dockyard Trust – Women at Work WW1 – 'The Triangle Girls'

**12<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – Gosport Society AGM.

**Members News.**

Joyce Upperton (Hon. Vice President) has continued to recover from her fall, with great help from Harry. It was especially pleasing to see Joyce and Harry at our Speakers Meeting this month and visiting us at The Michaelmas Fayre.

Meg Hutton Dunton. Unfortunately, Meg became unwell abroad, whilst on holiday with her family, returning to England recovering in Gosport War Memorial Hospital. We wish Meg a speedy recovery and all wish her well.

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Mary King It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Mary, who was a loyal supporter of Gosport Society, attending many Speakers Meetings and Events with Doreen Pladdys, her best friend. Gosport Society was represented at her funeral. Our thoughts are with her family and also with Doreen who will greatly miss her.

**Current Administration of Gosport Society.**

The demands on the current Executive Committee regrettably are not sustainable.

I remind member of the list of the current officers as follows.

Chairman.....Richard Cook  
Vice Chairman..... Vacant  
Honorary Treasurer..... Vacant  
Honorary Secretary..... Vacant  
Planning Committee..... Richard Harrison, Jeff Knott, Brian Mansbridge.  
Sea Defence Sub-Committee..... Richard Harrison, Jeff Knott, Jude Feeney.  
Web Page review Sub – Committee... Richard Harrison, Jude Feeney, Chris Kerrison.  
Sea Defence Sub – Committee..... Richard Harrison, Jude Feeney, Jeff Knott.  
Membership Secretary..... Sue Cook  
Executive Minute Secretary..... Diane Furlong  
Social Secretary..... Vacant  
Publications Supervisor..... Vacant  
Web Master. (Note, our current web master is stepping down this year).

The Executive Committee will be discussing the situation at our January 2024 meeting to agree a way forward.

We look forward to your continuing support, and look forward to seeing you at our future Speakers Meetings and Events.

Kind regards,

Richard Cook.  
Chairman  
Gosport Society.  
30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.