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COUNTDOWN TO GOSPORT HERITAGE OPEN DAYS (HODs)

Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th September 2015

2015 PRINTED PROGRAMME - is now at the printers and is due to be distributed around Gosport and surrounding areas from 31st July. We have attached PDF soft copies of the programme for you to have a sneak preview :)

With a couple of late entries just sneaking in at the last minute, we are amazed to be presenting a record breaking 66 events in Gosport this year! Whilst many of these are ever popular returning events, we also have 17 brand new events plus architect-led tours or talks.

LOVE ARCHITECTURE – Gosport is one of the two towns in the south east to receive concentrated support from the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) during Heritage Open Days. Architects and specialist historians will lead tours and provide architectural background. The RIBA's public engagement programme, Love Architecture is partnering nationally with Heritage Open Days for the first time this year, with the theme **Engaging people with the story of buildings – past, present and future**. In Gosport 5 events will be led by architects and architectural historians. Watch out for news stories due out now or read more about it on our website this week.

REGISTRATION – We have now registered nationally all of the events for which we were sent information. We are aware of a couple still to register independently by 1st August deadline. If you are unsure whether your event has been registered by us or not, please check our website or email us.

BOOKING OPENS – from Saturday 15th August for those events being dealt with by the Tourist Information Centre (TIC). As with last year, the first day of booking will be held at The Discovery Centre from 9am. Please make sure that the TIC have all info they may need to advise visitors about. If you'd like to help on Sat 15th then please let us know.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL – We have received in the first of the new stock of bunting, stickers, balloons and pink "H" posters. You may have indicated on your

registration form what you feel would be useful for your event, in which case we will deliver to you a bit closer to the time. If not, do let us know if you'd like bunting etc, and we'll see what we can do.

BANNERS – We only have 9 dated banners this year and they will be displayed at key locations to cover main roads into town or where there is a good throughput of people. We also have some pink "H" welcome banners that can be put out just before your event to help direct people to your venue. Please let us know if you need one of these.

SOCIAL MEDIA – Our Facebook page has gained a good following so will be a great way to get messages and updates out to people. If you/your organisation use Facebook then please visit us and 'Like' us.

We are also about to take our first flight into the fun frenzy of Twitter. If you use Twitter then you might like to help us out by following us @gosportheritage.

If you have any local heritage ditties that you'd like us to post for you, just let us know.

EVALUATION – Visitor feedback forms will available on our website soon so that you can download and print what you need for your event. We will also send you soft copies of these forms in the next Newsletter which will come out at the start of September. During and immediately after HODs there will also be an online survey that visitors can complete. Once again, we will need any hard copy feedback from your visitors and your own Organiser Evaluation sent to us or dropped at the TIC soon after the events. We thank you so much for doing this as it gives us the information we need to gain funding for future years.

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Best wishes from your Gosport Heritage Open Days Committee ☺