

FELLOWSHIP

At our Communion Service Rev. John Illsley had noted we were having hot cross buns with our cup of tea and said he had researched the history of the hot cross bun discovering it had been started in the 14th century by the monks and then the buns were only allowed to be eaten at certain times of the year, now of course they are available soon after Christmas. Lesley had also brought from her garden Camellia and Hellebore blooms one for each of us to take home a very kind thought much appreciated by our members.



At our first meeting after Easter Jean reminded us of how photographs gave us pictures of our ancestors and highlighted the part the Aborigines and the Indians had played in their countries in the distant past. Photographs of our Christmas creations were also passed round another reminder of a more recent past. Another meeting of memories.

When Val Gaskin from the Liphook Heritage Centre was our speaker we heard about the beginnings of the Centre before the upstairs home at the Millennium Centre. It was all started by Laurence Giles who had come to our village with his wife and joined the preservation society. All his research moved from his home to Adrian Bird's office and when built into the Millennium Centre where we have a wonderful record beautifully displayed in cabinets and a counter all donated. Val referred to other gifts that had been given to the Heritage Centre and a display that had been at the Rural Life Museum . She also mentioned the visit from the Junior School each year when they do research on the WW1 soldiers

Rev. Dave Faulkner opened our first meeting in May quoting some encouraging news from various churches across the country who had had large congregation over the holiday weekend. Many of them were young people looking for Christianity and quoting numbers who had become members.

Dave reflected on what were our thoughts on the Ascension and many of us remember we had the day off after we had gone to church. The afternoon closed with a Communion Service.



At our second meeting in May Jean announced that the Hydrangea had now been planted in memory of Joan Hall who had been a very loyal member of our Fellowship. We then heard from Catherine Oldham a village resident who had done meticulous research into the life of

Flora Thompson who had spent some time in Liphook before the first world war. On the screen we saw pictures of her birthplace, her earlier life in Oxfordshire with the post office and moving away to Dartmouth. Catherine also mentioned the trilogy published in 1945 that led to Lark Rise to Candleford, the many blue plaques around the area and of course the bust we have on display in the Liphook Library.

We had a bring and buy in May and will have another at the meeting on the 18th June. A cheque will be presented to Mission Aviation Fellowship on their return visit to us on the 2nd July.

The other meeting dates are 4th June and 16th and 30th July. No meetings in August and back on the 10th September. There will also be a committee meeting to plan the programme until Christmas.