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I look back today, the first day of 2015 and compile my thoughts of 2014. Reviewing all the Management Meetings, the events, the communications between the Golf club, and the project.

This year has seen the website take off with a complete overhaul and complete new and different look to the previous site I had constructed. When I think back to when the site was launched, I had never in my life ever constructed a webpage let alone create a website. The site over the years has had a number of different looks, all which took such a lot of time and energy to complete. As the project grew and the research element expanded the emphasis was to upload, upload, and upload the research and the essays which Hilary Greenwood and other researchers were completing. No sooner had I uploaded one piece, another piece was coming forth. I must say that I am so excited and proud of the research Volunteers and also in particular Bill Dalson for the commitment and thoroughness of the quality of information that they have produced.

There will always be more information to come through the research, every month or two, a new picture will appear of the Facebook flashback site, when people are going through lofts, or clearing houses and come across the old family pictures. My dream picture which I'm still awaiting to discover is one of the inside of the Fort, or a picture of family member standing next to the Fort, a good quality close up. I know these pictures are out there somewhere, I just hope they come out soon and not get lost with the clear-outs. I know the Golf club had quite a few pictures of the Fort, but sadly all were lost in the club house fire.

In 2013 there were some links discovered in relation to the Fort and the 30th Commando Unit, I would really like this year for this to be explored and a document produced. This would also nice to be able to link in with the Littlehampton Museum and maybe be able to submit a piece of work to them, for inclusion in the museum somewhere.

This year I would like also to have some research completed on the material makeup of the structures with the Fort. Specifically, the makeup of mortar, brickwork/stonework and the makeup of the Magazines and gun emplacements. This will assist us, when we come to the repair of any structures we uncover which need repairs taking place.

We have been looking into the possibility of the project becoming a charity, I feel that this is something which we can now accomplish and look forward to being able to update you later

The Golf Club members received with their annual renewal during December 2014. Information on the 2 year conservation project was included, in addition to voting slip which is to be returned with their renewals. There will be a meeting in January with the Golf Club

members to discuss the results, and to then give us an updated on what the members has decided.

This is an exciting time for our project, after four years' worth of work and negotiations we could be potentially on the Fort starting the work in the next two months. Once we have the official confirmation, I will of course be updating you, and letting you know the first batch of induction training dates. It will be really important that you attend one of these dates, if you would like to come and help clear the site and work on the Fort. Without the induction input, you will unfortunately not be allowed to come onto the Fort.

A list of dates will be arranged for working on the Fort, and this will be limited to 6 people per working day. So to avoid disappointment, please book early.

On all of the working days, I will be requiring one person who will be the evidence/event logger. This person would be responsible for photographing or videoing the work as it happens showing before during and after photos. There will also need to be one first aid trained person on site at the time as well. So if any of these are of interest to you, please let me know. Priority places will be reserved to fill these two roles on the working days.

As I am sure you know, we ran our first event in August of 2014, this was a lot of hard work but was a complete success. We again will be organising an event for 2015. The location may not be the same as last year, and the date may differ but you will see a "Community and Family Fun Day 2". If were able to come to last year's one and would like to make some suggestions to how this year's one will look, please feel free to drop and email to the management team.

Towards the end of last year I made a start on conducting Webcam Diaries. This was a video which people could watch instead of having to read about what's happening with the Fort and the project. The Management team have been tasked to completing their own personal web diaries which you should hopefully see within the next couple of months.





AIMS

- 1 To Commence work on the Fort

Target: **May 2015**

- 2 To register as a charity

Target: **September 2015**

- 3 To run another Community Family Fun Day

Target: **September 2015**

- 4 To research fully the involvement of the 30th Commando Assault Unit during the 2nd World War.

Target: **June 2015**